

# ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

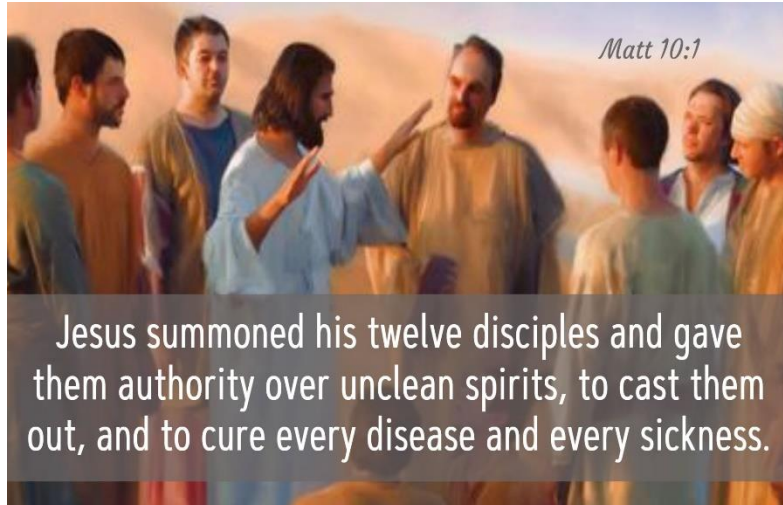
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**June 16, 2023**



Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness.

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Fr. Ignatius Message**

**Music** - See pages 2 - 3

## **Adoration time change:**



Effective June 20, due to low volume of assigned adorers. Tuesday adoration time will start at 5:00 pm instead of 3:00 pm. Regular mass at 6:30 pm remains the same.

**Jesus invites us:** Come sit and stay with me for a while? **Learn more about adoration, visit:**

<https://stgerards.ca/adoration>

## **MASS TIMES**

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am

## **ADORATION**

Tuesday 3:00 - 6:00 pm

## **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

## **PARISH TEAM**

**Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Tran**

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)

Afternoons **by appointment only:**

from 1 pm - 4:30 pm

Closed Holidays

**Deadline for Parish Newsletter**

Wednesday at 4:00 pm

## Music

Dear Friends,

God's people are a happy people. We know we are loved. We know we are saved through our Lord's death and resurrection. Our bodies should burst forth in gratitude and happiness! How can we express this?

One way is through music!

As a child, I certainly had the music in me! My mother used to say I was singing before I even learned to talk. I loved to sing along with the choir in church and everywhere else.

"He who **sings**," said St. Augustine, "prays twice."

Singing adds to our praise and worship of God. Our voices are gifts with which we can make music to the Lord. Sung prayer expresses the joy in our hearts, the happiness we can express because we have Jesus in our lives!

On my tenth birthday, my family procured for me an old guitar. While it didn't have the best sound, I treasured it and learned to play on it. I carried it everywhere and was always ready for an impromptu "jam session" with my friends.

When I was in the refugee camp in Hong Kong, things were quite desolate. I started and directed a choir there. We sang our songs of praise and gratitude to our Lord. It's certainly true that Music calms us and relieves stress. Music improves our health and emotions by making us happy. It brings us together and makes us want to dance!

Remember our first Masses on Zoom? There was no music as we were not allowed to sing. The celebration of the Mass was not the same. Music adds so much life to our worship and makes it more enjoyable.

St. Augustine had this to say about how music in worship increased his religious experience:

“The tears flowed from me when I heard your hymns and canticles, for the sweet singing of your church moved me deeply...The music surged in my ears, truth seeped into my heart, and my feelings of devotion overflowed...”

I find some hymns and songs so beautiful, so moving, that they make me feel like they were either divinely inspired or given to us as a gift straight from the angels!

So, my friends, life is short, and it doesn't always go the way *we think* it should. However, God is always with us, so let's take our cue from Psalm 33:1-3:

Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy!

And thank a choir member today!

## Fr. Ignatius Tran

### A Message from the Bishop

Bishop McGrattan speaks about the sanctification of priests and how their gift of ministry continues to bring healing, courage, and strength to those they serve. Read now at [catholiccyyc.ca/blog](http://catholiccyyc.ca/blog)

### Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of Jun 16, 2023:

**Collections Last Week – \$7,645.70**

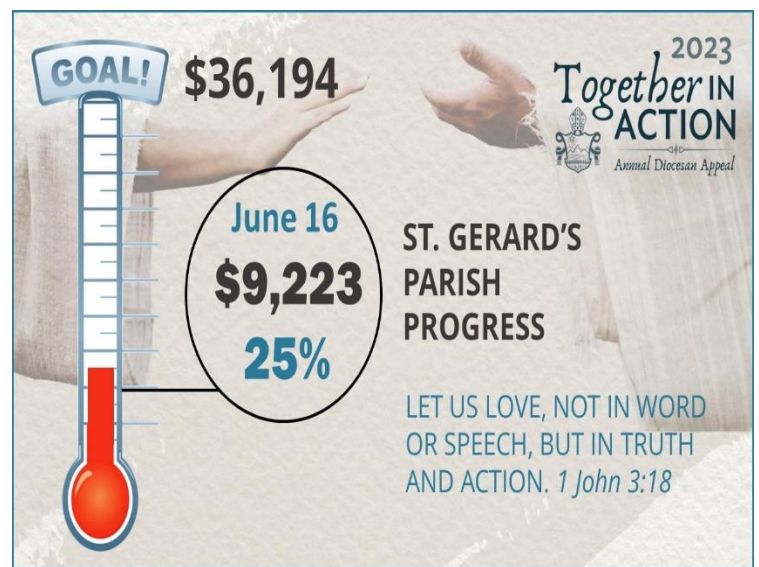
(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

**Weekly Break Even - \$8,184**

(= Budgeted Expenses -\$403,931 plus \$36,194 (TIA) / 54 weeks)

**SHORT - \$538.30**

**Welcome NEW parishioners!!** Sign up today to become a member of the parish.





# FATHER'S DAY *Event*

Sunday, June 18 after both masses

Sandwiches and Goodies  
Door Prizes

**Free will offering**

**SPONSORED BY THE CWL**



Kids are invited to enter their ***Dad's name and phone number*** for a special draw. Door prize to be announced at the Father's Day Luncheon after 11:00 am mass. Nominations slips available at the entrance door near the kids and parish bulletin.

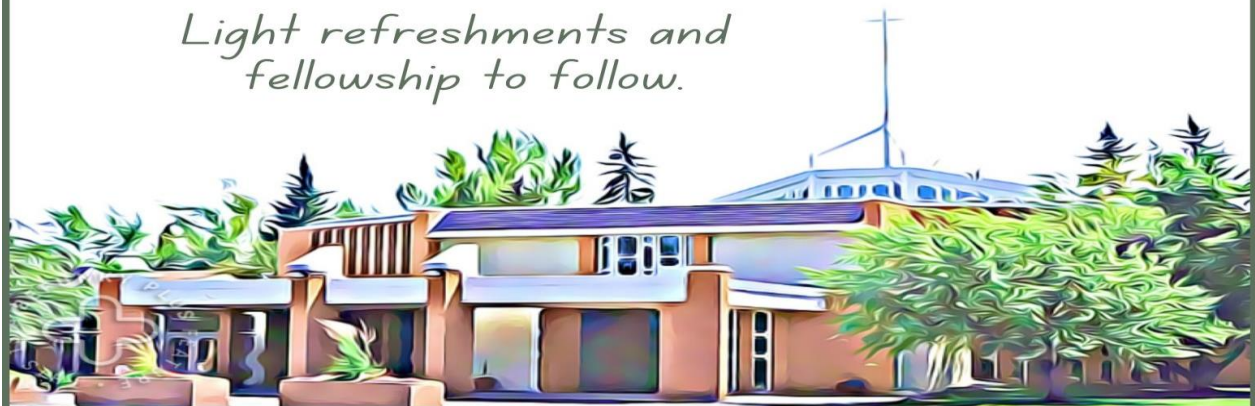
## PPC Presents:

### ST GERARD'S PPC Annual General Meeting 2023

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**DEADLINE to BUY TICKETS - JUNE 19<sup>th</sup>!**  
**TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER ALL MASSES this weekend.** Tickets are \$55 per person. Purchase the tickets through parish office (M-F). Also accepting payment by e-transfer [Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca) ; on memo - name the event: wine tasting.  
 Let's set the mood @ 6:30 pm with a Live Jazz music featuring: Queen and Aces band and very own St. Gerard's music ministry talents.

**\*Now Accepting Donations for Silent Auction** – contact the parish office. Proceed towards our Annual FORMED Subscription and Living with Christ missals.

## Celebrating our community at St. Gerard's

**Thank you to all** who attended our International Foodfest and Dance last May 27<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to the PPC Team for hosting the event! Participants are still talking about it!! Huge Thank you to the Chefs, The Queen and Aces band and St. Gerard's choir members and Hospitality team. Please send your testimony and photos of the event to [pastoral.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:pastoral.admin@stgerards.ca); Keep those dancing shoes on, Fr. Ignatius has requested to do it again sometime soon!

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Hike for Life – Accepting on-line donations until June 30

**Support Our Emmaus Team On-line** (Noreen, Geraldine, Dianne and Erika) has raised **\$1,565** (cash and \$150 on-line) from our parish!

Calgary Pro-life donations to date are **\$17,968.00** out of **\$40,000 (Goal)**.

Accepting donations until **June 30<sup>th</sup>** using link below:

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/calgary-pro-life-association/p2p/Hike-for-Life-2023/team/emmaus-team/>

## His Building - Golf Tournament - July 8 in Strathmore

Support the construction of the new Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Strathmore and enjoy a round of golf! When: **Sat, July 8 at 12:30 to 9 pm, Strathmore Golf Club.**

[More info or register](#) - or call 403-361-4214.

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

### Happy Birthday to all June celebrants including...

June 10<sup>th</sup>: Geraldine Maltby and Jim Schmit

June 11: Marilyn Smelski

June 20<sup>th</sup>: Maurice Beauregard

June 25<sup>th</sup>: Ernie Zacher

June 28<sup>th</sup>: Peter Szakony

June 29<sup>th</sup>: Andy Szakony, Eve-Marie Szakony, Lili Szakony



### Congratulations to Wedding Anniversary Celebrants

June 22: Bob and Elena Kravosky 49<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

June 26<sup>th</sup>: Eve-Marie and Andy Szakony 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

June 30<sup>th</sup>: Vivian and George Palardy 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

Is your Wedding Anniversary or Birthday in July/ August 2023? Let the parish office know and let's celebrate with you.

### MASS INTENTIONS – JUNE 2023 \*\*RIP – Rest In Peace; SI – Special Intentions

Tuesday, June 20 @ 6:30 pm	All Souls in Purgatory	RIP
Wednesday, June 21 @ 9:00 am	Salim Abi Rached	RIP
Thursday, June 22 @ 9:00 am	Miles Albrecht	RIP
Friday, June 23 @ 9:00 am	Lucia Sia Cruz	SI
Saturday, June 24 @ 5:00 pm	Rev. Dr. Frank Szakony	RIP
Sunday, June 25 @ 9:00 am	Yu Siong and Crescencia Yopez	RIP
Sunday, June 25 @ 11:00 am	Antonio/Yu Family	SI

### UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY IN OUR PARISH:

**Ask yourself -** *Where are my talents needed today? How can I help build this ministry in our community. Yes, we need YOU!* Let us build our parish together with the future generation in mind. Are you interested? Please contact [pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca](mailto:pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca)

### **Volunteer Children's Liturgy Coordinator:**

- Twice a month commitment for 9:00 am and 11:00 am mass if possible.

### **Volunteer Youth Coordinator:**

- Once a month commitment.

### **Temporary 5 pm Pianist:**

- Are you able to play the piano? The 5 pm choir is looking for a piano accompanist. Practice starts every Saturdays at 4:00 pm. Contact office for details.

### **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults RCIA Coordinator:**

RCIA Ministry is looking for an RCIA coordinator to lead the flock.

On the road to Emmaus ... Everyone one has a story and an experience.

Are you someone who enjoys journeying towards a destination of destinations?

Come share your enthusiasm, passion and engage in the journey with our new

brothers and sisters in faith. Jesus is knocking at your door today... [Will you ANSWER his call to service?](#) Please contact Gay at the office if interested.



**Your help is needed! The Usher team** is looking for new members. We have returned to the 'old' way of collections. This means we need more Ushers to assist in passing of the baskets as well as other duties.

If you think you would like to join the Usher team, please either call Randy at 587-777-8925 or email him at:

[randylangille@shaw.ca](mailto:randylangille@shaw.ca)

### **Free Spiritual Direction at the FCJ in Fall 2023**

Would you like to receive eight months of spiritual direction free of charge? The current participants in the Spiritual Direction Training Program (SDTP), having completed one year of training, will enter into their practicum in the fall. They will provide individual spiritual direction to volunteers beginning in October 2023 and concluding in May 2024. It is a wonderful spiritual growth opportunity for people desiring to deepen their relationship with God. Space is limited so volunteers, please apply soon. For more information, and to apply visit the FCJ Christian Life Centre website at [www.fcjcentre.ca](http://www.fcjcentre.ca)



## Faith Building - June 25

Half-day retreat for grand/parent and grand/child ages 7+ to spend some quality and fun time. Expect to combine a simple wood project with Lectio Divina! Building materials are provided but bring your own hammer and drill. When: **Sunday, June 25 at 1 pm to 4 pm**, FCJ Centre. Registration: [www.fjccentre.ca](http://www.fjccentre.ca) or call 403-228-4215

## Rosary of Reconciliation

On National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21<sup>st</sup>), we encourage all to join in a Rosary of Reconciliation webinar at 5:00 p.m. MDT. Poster is at the end of the bulletin.


Register for the webinar at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6782654566473493087>

## Cemetery Masses with Bishop McGrattan

Bishop McGrattan will celebrate Masses for the souls of the deceased buried at our Catholic cemeteries in Calgary and area. All are welcome!

- Thursday, June 22, 2023, 7pm at Edenbrook Funeral Chapel (indoor)
- Wednesday, August 23, 2023, 7pm at Mountain View Funeral Chapel (indoor)
- Wednesday, August 30, 2023, 7pm at Queen's Park Cemetery (outdoor)
- Thursday, August 31, 2023, 7pm at St. Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)



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## An Evening with Mary June 27

You are invitee to an evening of prayer and song with Eswina Ngai and speaker Fr. Troy Nguyen, taking a look at the life and death of Jesus through the eyes of his Mother. Cost: Love offering, processed to St. Luke's Feed the Hungry Ministry on June 27 after the 7 pm mass at St. Lukes



## Career opportunities

- Administrative Assistant (Part-time) - Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore
- Family Faith Coordinator (Full-time) - All Saints, Lethbridge
- Maintenance Worker (Part-time) - Sacred Heart, Calgary
- Parish Engagement & Volunteer Coordinator (Full-time) - St. Peter's, Calgary
- Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper (Part-time) - St. Anthony's, Drumheller
- Assistant Coordinator (Casual) - Feed the Hungry, Calgary
- Housekeeper (Temporary Full-time) - Dorchester House, Calgary
- High School Math Teacher - St. John Choir Schola, Calgary
- Retreat Leaders - FacetoFace Ministries
- Bookkeeper/Accountant (1 Year Term) - FCJ Centre, Calgary

Please visit [catholiccyyc.ca/careers](http://catholiccyyc.ca/careers) for more information and application details.

## Catholic Schools around St. Gerard's:

Click link below to find out more:

**St. Stephen School** (Southwood, k - 9)

**St. Catherine School** (Canyon Meadows, k - 6)

**Our Lady of the Rockies High School**



**St. Matthew School**

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Programs offered:**

- Regular Kindergarten—Grade 9
- Early French and Late French Immersion Grades 7–9

All families are encouraged to inquire.



CALGARY CATHOLIC  
SCHOOL DISTRICT



## KIDS Bulletin – 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- **Kid's challenge this week:** Today's Gospel reading tells the story of Jesus sending out His twelve apostles to do His work in the nearby towns... Did you know that you are also called to be a disciple of Jesus? For most of us - especially when we are young - we are called to do Jesus' work close to home. What are some of the ways you can be an apostle for Jesus? Maybe you can pray for sick or hurt people that you know of. You can tell people the stories of Jesus that you know... Can you think of more ways? (Kid's Bulletin)
- [Illustration this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)

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## PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENT

June 15, 2023

### RETIREMENT

- **Rev. Toan Francis Tran**, currently assigned to the Hospital Chaplaincy Team, Medicine Hat, will retire from his appointment August 1, 2023.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful for his many years of dedicated priestly service, and I wish him our prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

+William T. McGrattan  
Bishop of Calgary

### PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Rajesh D'Souza, OCD**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More Church, Calgary, will be moving to the Diocese of Hamilton effective July 31, 2023

### PRIESTS ARRIVING IN THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Alexander Domingos Braganza, OCD**, currently appointed to the Little Flower Monastery, India, where he has since carried out his ministry, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Thomas More Parish, Calgary, effective August 3, 2023.
- **Rev. Jose Fortunato Garces**, currently appointed to the Diocese of Cubao, Philippines, will be assisting at Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary from July 6-August 9, 2023 while the Administrator is away on vacation.

## PRIEST PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **Rev. Santiago Torres**, newly ordained, has been appointed Associate Pastor of All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, and Associate Chaplain to the St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy effective August 15, 2023.
- **Rev. Derek Remus**, currently Associate Pastor of All Saints Parish, Lethbridge, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, and Assistant Vocations Director effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Troy Nguyen**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Bonaventure Parish, Calgary, and Associate Chaplain to the St. Francis Xavier Chaplaincy effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Vincent HaTuan**, currently Pastor of St. James Parish, Okotoks, has been appointed to the Medicine Hat Hospital Chaplaincy effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Vijaya Bathineni**, currently Associate Pastor of St. James Parish, Okotoks, has been appointed Administrator of St. James Parish, Okotoks, effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Domingo Bongalos**, returning from a leave, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. James Parish, Okotoks, effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Thomas Vadassery**, who is in retirement, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Paul's Parish, Airdrie, effective July 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Brian Hubka**, who is in retirement, has been appointed Administrator of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Calgary, effective July 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Jose Bustalino**, currently in the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Calgary, effective July 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Ajeesh Komalachan (Syro-Malankara Catholic Community)**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed to the Calgary Hospital Chaplaincy and will reside at St. Patrick's Rectory effective July 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Rowel Jose (Arjay) Abanto**, currently Administrator of Sacred Heart Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Pastor effective August 1, 2023.
- **Rev. Pilmaiken Lezano**, currently Administrator of Our Lady of the Rockies Parish, Canmore, has been appointed Pastor effective August 1, 2023.

## SEMINARIAN ON PASTORAL YEAR

- **Peter An**, currently on pastoral year of internship at St. Luke's Parish, Calgary, under the supervision of Rev. Fernando Genogaling, will resume his seminary studies at St. Joseph Seminary, Edmonton effective August 31, 2023.



## DEACON

- **Deacon Michael Thompson**, who is in retirement, has been appointed to assist in Holy Trinity Parish, Siksika, effective August 1, 2023.

## NEW TO THE DIOCESE

- **Deacon Carlos Lozano**, a permanent deacon incardinated in the Diocese of Quilmes Argentina. Now residing in Calgary, has been appointed to Holy Spirit Parish, Calgary, effective August 1, 2023.