

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Bulletin

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12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Bishop Emeritus Henry update

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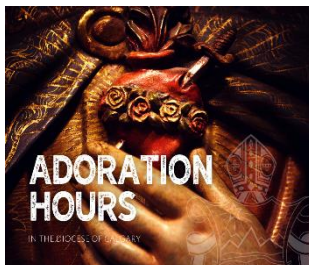
## Summer Adoration update:

Effective June 20, Tuesday adoration time will start at 5:00 pm. ***Tuesday regular mass at 6:30 pm remains the same for the months of July and August.***

Fr. Ignatius is away on vacation in July. ***NO Adoration in JULY. Adoration resumes on AUGUST 1 @ 5 pm.***

**Jesus invites us:** Come sit and stay with me for a while? **Learn more about adoration, visit:**  
<https://stgerards.ca/adoration>

\* Read Angela's article "[Let the children come to me](#)" (article followed by the Adoration hours).



## MASS TIMES

Tuesday 6:30 pm

Wednesday - Friday 9:00 am

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am

## ADORATION

Tuesday 5:00 - 6:00 pm

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

## PARISH TEAM

**Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Tran**

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**Gay Abuan-Summers**

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**WEBSITE:** [www.stgerards.ca](http://www.stgerards.ca)

## 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

## An update from Bishop Emeritus Henry



We are happy to hear that Bishop Emeritus Henry is in good spirits! Please take a moment to read the Bishop's update on his health condition:

"Thanks to everyone for all the prayer. It is great to be home at the Dorchester. Still in considerable pain in the back but taking Tylenol 3 which helps. Solid sleep for the first time since release.

I am thinking about writing a paper on "How to get discharged from an acute care hospital" - central idea is to sing at the top of your voice in your room "Happy Birthday" to at least three people who are not present. The authorities either send you to a more secure facility or home. Glad that they choose the latter – saying "we tried but can't do anything more for this guy!" I can relate somewhat to what Lazarus must have felt when restored to health by Jesus. Alleluia!

Spent 11 days in Rockyview General Hospital, which I have affectionately named the "The SPA", and was discharged late Thursday. Grateful for all the prayers, and special thanks to the medical professionals who cared for me with gentleness, patience, skill and compassion. I am sure that I have not always been the best of patients! In addition to my breathing and mobility issues, which are well known, I fell twice which led to my hospitalization – without going into all the procedures, scopes, scans, etc. the final summary on my discharge documentation reads as follows: "Syncope from severe anemia due to bleeding DU resolved after blood transfusions. No principal problem identified."

In short, I may be dizzy but no more than usual. No stairs or driving without OK from family physician for a while. Peace."

## Clergy Pastoral Assignments, effective August 1,2023:

- Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 15, 2023)
- Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 20, 2023)

## CWL - Father's Day Thank you!

Thank you to all families and the CWL for hosting our Father's day event last weekend. Congratulations to our Father's day winners! You are loved by your family! Thank you to the children and your family for entering your name for the draw.

## Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of Jun 23, 2023:

**Collections Last Week – \$7,162.05**

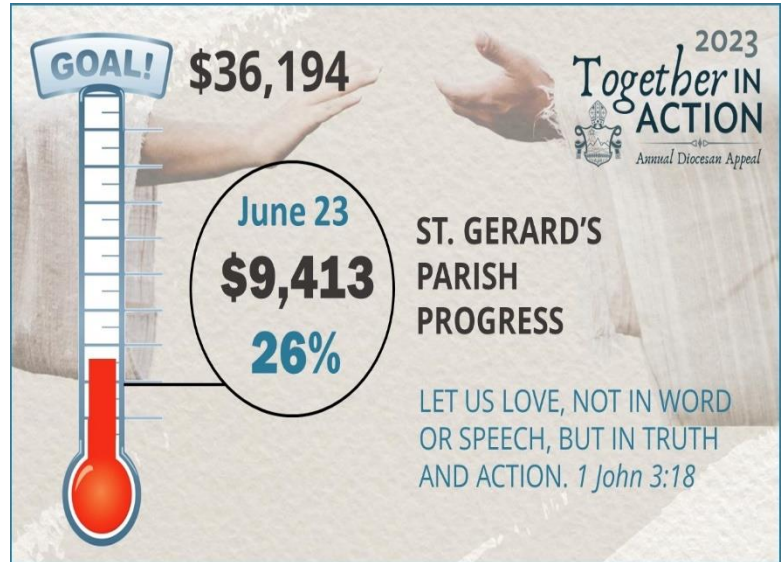
(= the sum of TIA Donations plus General donations)

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

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

**SHORT - \$1,021.95**

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



## Chalice Update – Thank you St. Gerard's

*Chalice extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Tran and St. Gerard parish for hosting a Child Sponsorship Weekend on June 3-4.*

*Chalice envisions a world where all children and families have the means to overcome the cycle of poverty; and thanks to the parish's generosity six (6) children are closer to that reality. On behalf of these children, we give thanks to God that you have revealed His love to them.*



*Consider the call to sponsorship, a unique way to live out your faith by providing hope for a child in need. Please visit [chalice.ca](http://chalice.ca) or call 1-800-776-6855 for more information on our mission and to sponsor a child today.*

## Knights of Columbus Announcement:

St Gerard's Knights of Columbus Council 6488 is very pleased to announce **Bro. Greg Bertsch** was elected as our new Grand Knight effective July 1, 2023. Greg and family are regular attendees at our 9:00 am Sunday mass (wife Danielle is a proclaimer) and have been parishioners for several years. Greg was our Deputy Grand Knight for the past two years. **Congratulations Bro. Greg on your new assignment!**



## 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/>

## 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.



**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)

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries



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

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 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 27 @ 6:30 pm	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP
Wednesday, June 28 @ 9:00 am	Chaouki (Chow-Ki) Nicolas	SI
Thursday, June 29 @ 9:00 am	Christina Hepburn	RIP
Friday, June 30 @ 9:00 am	Jarom Van Berkal	SI
Saturday, July 1 @ 5:00 pm	Jay - J & Hope Abuan-Summers	RIP
Sunday, July 2 @ 9:00 am	Joan Watier	RIP
Sunday, July 2 @ 11:00 am	Orest Fedkiw	SI

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

**NOW Accepting On-Line Registration** for all SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS:

**First Reconciliation** (Grade 2 and up),

**First Eucharist**, (Grade 2 and up) and **Confirmation** (Grade 6 and up).

### **Parent Information session begins in September 2023**

Visit our website: <https://stgerards.ca/sacrament-registration-for-children>

### **Calling all unbaptized School-Aged children (ages 7 – 17 years old):**

Let the children come! Has your child expressed interest in becoming Catholic? Inquire today to become part of God's family here at St. Gerard's.

Visit our website to download registration form for School- Aged Baptism under sacraments for Children 7-17 years.

### **Apply to receive FREE Spiritual Direction (FCJ Centre)**

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 please apply soon. To apply, email Sr. Ann Marie at [samwfcj@aol.com](mailto:samwfcj@aol.com) by July 15.

## 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

## An Evening with Mary - June 27 Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (@St. Luke's )

St. Luke's Parish invites you to an evening of prayer and song with singer Eswina Ngai and a talk by Fr. Troy Nguyen, taking a look at the life and death of Jesus through the eyes of His Mother. Cost: Love offering, proceeds to St. Luke's Feed the Hungry Ministry. When: **Tuesday, June 27 after 7 pm Mass** at St. Luke's (1566 Northmount Dr. NW, Calgary). [More info](#)



## 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.

## Live Your Life to the Fullest - July 8

Divine Mercy Sisters invite you to a day of conference outdoors! There will be Mass, talks, opportunity for confession, and candlelight Adoration with inspirational hymns. When: **Sat, July 8 from 10:30 am to 4 pm, Divine Mercy Centre** | [Register now](#)

## Always Our Children

The Courage & Encourage Apostolate of the Diocese will be hosting a camping retreat entitled: "Always Our Children" for parents, friends or anyone journeying with children or someone they know, experiencing their sexuality as same gender attraction. This weekend retreat is meant to provide a safe space for prayer, reflection, mediation and dialogue surrounded by the natural beauty and tranquillity of the eastern slopes of the Rockies, just over an hour north of Calgary.

When: **Fri, Aug. 18 to 20** - at Aspen Ranch Outdoor Education Centre. Register by July 15 to [info@aspenranchcanada.com](mailto:info@aspenranchcanada.com) or call +1 403-772-4041

## 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](#)
- [Sacrament Preparation Coordinator \(Full-time\) - St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary](#)
- [Volunteer Screening Coordinator/Office Assistant \(Part-time\) - St. James, Calgary](#)
- [Assistant Coordinator \(Casual\) - Feed the Hungry](#)
- [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](#)
- [Campus Ministry Coordinator \(Full-time\) - St. Mary's University, Calgary](#)

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

## Many Opportunities to help Elizabeth House

Elizabeth House is a life skills program and family-oriented home which welcomes at-risk pregnant and parenting women who need a safe place to live. Help Elizabeth House as volunteers in the following positions: Child care team; Fundraising Lead; Facility Maintenance (carpentry, handyfolks, renovation); and Marketing & Communications lead. More information at [elizabethhousecalgary.ca](http://elizabethhousecalgary.ca)

## Wanted: Treasurer position for St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is currently seeking a dedicated individual to fill a volunteer position as Treasurer for their organization in Calgary. This role is essential in assisting with the governance of St. Vincent de Paul and ensuring its continued success. [Click here for more information about the position](#) or email [evanjstrong@shaw.ca](mailto:evanjstrong@shaw.ca) for more information.

## 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

## The Great Big Beautiful World - Vacation Bible School - Aug 22-25

Four-day, half-day Vacation Bible School for ages 7-11 with the theme "Great Big Beautiful World: Creation Care Kids - Living Laudato Si'." Through five Bible stories, children will be led on an awesome adventure through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Each day starts with relationship-building, joint worship, music, prayer, and a dramatic presentation of the Bible story. This program is enthusiastically Catholic and grounded in the Catholic teachings on creation and the Holy Father's encyclical. When: **Aug 22-25, 2023** at FCJ Centre. [Register here](#)

## KIDS Bulletin – 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Kid's challenge this week:** Try count the number of hairs on your head, and you can quit when you reach 100. How much of your head do the 100 strands cover? Jesus tells us that the Father knows the number of hairs on our heads. What does that mean to you? Jesus tells us to not be afraid to proclaim the kingdom of heaven. Write in a paper what make you afraid, or for other things you need God's help with. After each need is read, pray together, "God, we trust you because you know us so well." Conclude by praying the [Glory Be to the Father](#). (Loyola Press)

- [Colouring page this Sunday](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)