

# ST GERARD'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

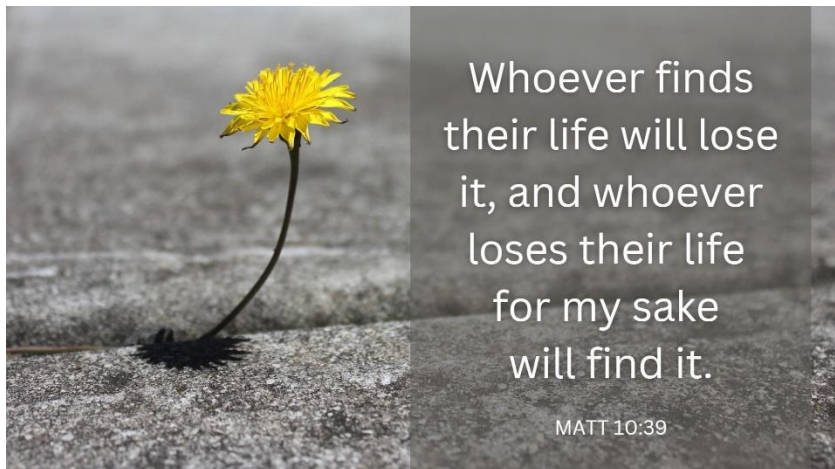
# Bulletin

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**June 30, 2023**



Whoever finds  
their life will lose  
it, and whoever  
loses their life  
for my sake  
will find it.

MATT 10:39

**13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Fr. Ignatius Message

See page 3-4

Fr. Ignatius is away this month of July.

**Please WELCOME, Fr. Cao-Nhan (Joseph Mary) Do  
and Fr. David Purcell in our parish!**

**Weekend (Sat-Sun) mass by:**

**Fr. Cao-Nhan (Joseph Mary)**

**Weekday (Tues – Fri) mass by Fr. David**

## Summer office hours:



Office closed – July 3 Canada Day Long weekend. Summer hours take effect July 4 until August 31.

**Office Closed on Mondays  
Open – 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  
(Tuesday – Friday).**

## 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

## 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

## Summer Mass times & Adoration update:

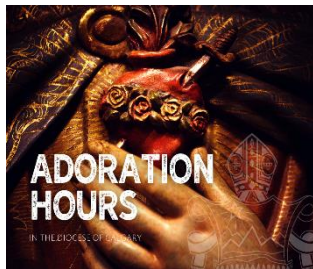
Mass Times remain the same for the month of July and August. See page 1 for details

***NO Tuesday Adoration in JULY including 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month.***

**Adoration resumes on Tues. August 1 @ 5 pm and August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri. @ 9:00 am**

**Note:** *First Friday monthly fellowship will continue over the summer. (July and August) Come join us after 9:00 am mass!*

**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).

## NO Summer bulletin:

Parish Bulletin resumes in September 2023. Safe travel to all, over the summer months! Don't forget to have fun and hydrate ☺!

## Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of June 30, 2023:

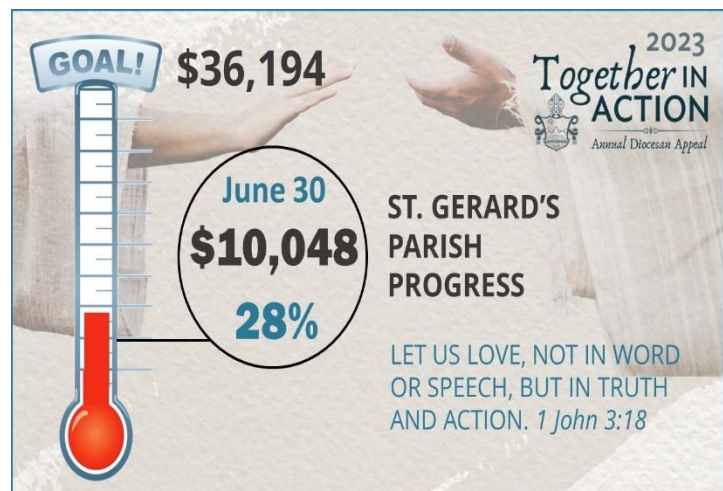
**Collections Last Week –  
\$10,096.43**

(= the sum of TIA Donations plus  
General donations)

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

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

**OVER - @1,912.43**



**Welcome NEW parishioners!!**

Sign up today to become a member of the parish. Thank you for your support!

# They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love



Dear Friends,

This is the last Friday message until we return to full-time office hours in September.

Our St. Gerard parish has had the Spirit moving all over! It's so wonderful the way our parishioners come together to do God's work! I love the happy laughter that I'm hearing in the office and in the Parish Hall. It's the sound of people working together for our God and being filled with the Spirit because of it.

Speaking of spirits, we had a fun night at the wine tasting and International Food Get-Together recently. Everyone had a great time dancing to the music of Queen and Aces band. They *volunteered* their great talent all evening for us! This was an important fundraiser for our parish, and I can attest that it was an evening enjoyed by all! Fund raising is important for us as we need to keep both our adopted Ukrainian family and our St. Gerard family afloat. Our parish is too vital for us to let it go. Summer is here and that usually means, our contributions are down as parishioners go on vacation and enjoy the much-anticipated summer weather. Unfortunately, the bills still do keep coming and they need to be paid.

I write this as I'm getting ready to go back to Houston. The last time I was there was in the week before Holy Week. I went at that time to say a final goodbye to my brother-in-law, Bai, who was quite sick and not expected to live much longer. He was very weak, unable to move and confined to bed. The doctor suggested that it was time to gather the family together to say goodbye.

Bai has always been a gentle and loving individual. He worked hard and provided well for his family and was generous and giving to anyone who needed help. I administered the Sacrament of the Sick and was delighted that he recovered enough to know who I was and take a laughing walk down Memory Lane with me! I left and his family was able to spend some quality time with him these last two months.

I'm so glad I went to see him when I did. It meant a lot to me to have this one last visit with him while he was alive and still knew me. I know it meant a lot to him as well as to my sister, nieces and nephews.

Now I go back to administer his funeral rites.

I want to say a big thank you to all who sent me condolences by email, sympathy cards and prayer intentions. You overwhelm me with your kindness- but then again, you are God's people, and you are known by your LOVE!

**Fr. Ignatius Tran**

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

Stay up to date with the latest clergy pastoral announcements from the Bishop's Office, and learn where our clergy are serving in parishes and ministries within the Diocese, effective August 1, 2023. Please join us in praying for them in their new assignments and chapters of life!

- Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 27, 2023)
- Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 15, 2023)
- Read [Pastoral Announcement](#) (June 20, 2023)



## 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!**

## 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)

## 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.

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

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



July 1 - Corinne Dilan, Patricia Scarr	July 14 – Ray Tavernier
July 3: Louise Harvey	July 17 - Noah Josefchak
July 4 - Natalie Ahearn	July 19 – Maria Tagle
July 7 - Rosalie Aguirre, Estephan Nicolas	July 22 – Javier Martinez; Arthur Sumague, Marcelle Akakpo
July 6 – Gabrielle Schlosser	July 24 – Justin Tanque, Rafael Tagle
July 8 - Cosmin Popescu	July 25 – Orla Simard, Nicholas Carruthers
July 10 - Francesca Musa	July 28 - Brian St. Germain, Greg Bertsch
July 11 – Emilio Martinez, Suzanne Ecker	July 30 – Blanche Crerar
July 12 – Joseph Lammerhirt,	July 31 – Leandra Clarke

### Congratulations to July Wedding Anniversary Celebrants!!

July 1: Agnes and Jim Bedard - 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
July 11: James & Geri Schmit - 53<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
July 13: Vital and Frieda Morrisette – 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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

August 1 – Delores Marko, James Sinnott	August 14 – Laurence Daignault, William Scarr
August 2 - Jeremie Fagnan	August 18 – Jane Appiah
August 4 – Kerry Dickson	August 21 - Daryl Josefchak, Ghecel Macabitas
August 5 – Perdo Canaveral, Athena Stewart, Carl Weinman	August 22 – Michael Macaraeg
August 6 – Gwen Lowry, Nolan McAvoy	August 23 - Donna Beauchamp
August 7 – Emily Josefchak, Ernesto Frigillana	August 24 – Rozi Zorko Yahoo - 102 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday!!!
August 11 – Lester Macabitas	August 26 – Adriana Martinez
August 13 – Pat Blair, Magdalena Townley-Smith	August 27 – Yoranna Abana

## **Congratulations to August Wedding Anniversary Celebrants!!!**

August 14: Susan & John Mader – 41<sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary

August 26: Paul and Betty Thompson - 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

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

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

Tuesday July 4 - 6:30 PM	Jemmy Vi Almoros	RIP
Wednesday July 5- 9:00AM	Gloria Almoros	RIP
Thursday July 6 - 9:00AM	Gabriel Marlon Rey	RIP
Friday July 7 - 9:00AM	Estephan Nicolas	SI
Saturday July 8 -5:00 PM	Mai O'Herlihy	RIP
Sunday July 9 - 9:00AM	Joan Garrett	RIP
Sunday July 9 - 11:00AM	Benedicto, Salvacion and Richard Rigor	RIP
Tuesday July 11- 6:30 PM	Aileen Johnston	RIP
Wednesday July 12 - 9:00AM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Thursday July 13 - 9:00AM	Colleen Monier	RIP
Friday July 14 - 9:00AM	Suzanne Robinson	RIP
Saturday July 15 -5:00 PM	Judy David	RIP
Sunday July 16- 9:00AM	Pauline and Gordon Gerrie	RIP
Sunday July 16 - 11:00AM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Tuesday July 18 -6:30 PM	Dana Lynn Dyer	RIP
Wednesday July 19 - 9:00AM	Judy David	RIP
Thursday July 20- 9:00AM	Dave Dyer	RIP
Friday July 21- 9:00AM	Ahmed Faraj	RIP
Saturday July 22 -5:00 PM	Orest Fedkin	SI
Sunday July 23 - 9:00AM	Ella Blair	SI
Sunday July 23 - 11:00AM	Maria Stella Ciocca (Chi-o-ca) Ricci	RIP
Tuesday July 25 -6:30 PM	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP

Wednesday July 26 - 9:00AM	Jonathan Huntley	SI
Thursday July 27 - 9:00AM	Marshall Smith	RIP
Friday July 28 - 9:00AM	Jo Latti	RIP
Saturday July 29 5:00 PM	Kyle Grabham	RIP
Sunday July 30 - 9:00AM	Ena Roach	RIP
Sunday July 30 - 11:00AM	Shane McReavey	SI

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

Tuesday August 1 - 6:30 PM	Charmaine Loreque	RIP
Wednesday August 2 - 9:00AM	Jemmy Vi Almoros	RIP
Thursday August 3 9:00 AM	Gloria Almoros	RIP
Thursday August 3 10:15AM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Friday August 4 - 9:00AM	Jim Sunderland	RIP
Saturday August 5 - 5:00 PM	Judy David	RIP
Sunday August 6 - 9:00AM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Sunday August 6 - 11:00AM	Dale Youngstrom	RIP
Tuesday August 8 - 6:30 PM	Candyce Loreque	RIP
Wednesday August 9 - 9:00AM	Rafael Aragon	RIP
Thursday August 10 - 9:00AM	Marilyn Smelski	SI
Friday August 11 - 9:00AM	Ted Obrigewitsch	RIP
Saturday August 12- 5:00 PM	Chris Steudler	RIP
Sunday August 13- 9:00AM	Daniel Tomes	SI
Sunday August 13 - 11:00AM	Linda Summers	SI
Tuesday August 15 - 6:30 PM	Hank Schunhage	RIP
Wednesday August 16 - 9:00AM	Shirley Valentine	SI
Thursday August 17- 9:00AM	Quinn & Haley Taylor	SI
Thursday August 17- 10:15AM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Friday August 18 - 9:00AM	Denis Kiler	RIP



Saturday August 19- 5:00PM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Sunday August 20 - 9:00AM	Ron Adamoski	SI
Sunday August 20 - 11:00AM	Judy David	RIP
Tuesday August 22 - 6:30 PM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Wednesday August 23 - 9:00AM	MT Vecchio-Romano	SI
Thursday August 24 - 9:00AM	Stephanie Nicolas	SI
Friday August 25 - 9:00AM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Saturday August 26 -5:00 PM	Lin Samson	SI
Sunday August 27 - 9:00AM	Richard Harris	RIP
Sunday August 27- 11:00AM	Bai Doan	RIP
Tuesday August 29 - 6:30 PM	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP
Wednesday August 30 - 9:00AM	Elly Jarvis	SI
Thursday August 31 - 9:00AM	Judy David	RIP
Friday September 1- 9:00AM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Saturday September 2 - 5:00 PM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Sunday September 3- 9:00AM	Staff of St. Stephen	SI
Sunday September 3- 11:00AM	Judy Millman	SI

## DO Check out @ST. GERARD LIBRARY

Just in time for the Summer! Pick up a book today before you travel.

**LOVE READING** ... Sign out a book from our book list this summer! Newly Donated books, please bring them to the office, so they can be catalogued.



## Apply to received 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.**

### **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

### **Pastoral Letter from CCCB:**

The Commission for Justice and Peace of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a Pastoral Letter titled *Living as Catholics in the Public Square: Freedom of Religion and Conscience in Canada*. This timely document emphasizes the significance of freedom of religion and conscience in our democratic society and explores the role of Catholics in courageously living out their faith in the public square.

- [Download Pastoral Letter](#) ;
- Watch for a pastoral message from Bishop McGrattan this Monday, July 3, 2023 in [Faithfully](#).

## List of Summer Retreats – Live -In:

- [Soul Care Retreat for Men](#) (July 18 - 20) - Mount St. Francis
- [Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage](#) (July 21-27) - Lac Ste Anne, AB
- [Learn to Keep Walking](#) Retreat (July 23 - 30) - Mount St. Francis
- [Soul Care Retreat for Women](#) (Aug 8 - 10) - Mount St. Francis
- [Summer Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11 - 19) - FCJ Retreat Centre
- [Women's Weekend Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - Mount St. Francis
- [Weekend Silent Directed Retreat](#) (Aug 11-13) - FCJ Centre
- [Always Our Children](#) (Aug 18-20) - Aspen Ranch Outdoor Centre, Clearwater County, AB
- [Blessing of the Good Road Week](#) Retreat (Aug 21-27) - Mount St. Francis

## SILENT AUCTION continues this July:

**Place your best offer in Blue Box!** PPC team thank you for your support! Funds **raised to date \$2,957.82** towards our annual **FORMED** Subscription and **Living with Christ** missals. Enjoy FORMED this summer!



## 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 – 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

- [Colouring pages for 13th to 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time](#)
- [Kid's Bulletin for 13th to 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time](#)