

ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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October 8, 2023



27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Key events Coming Soon:

- Welcome Deacon Rob McLean **October 7/8**
- Office Closed Thanksgiving **October 9**
- Bible Study- Lesson 2, **October 11**
- Rosary Coast to Coast- **Oct. 13** (zoom only)
- Stewardship Weekend **October 14-15**
- Session One Reconciliation Class **October 14**
- The Chosen series - Season 2 **October 15**
- Feast of St Gerard's **October 16**
- Session Two Reconciliation Class **October 21**
- Birthday Fellowship after mass **October 27**
- All schools Faith Day mass **November 1**

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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Gordon Skaluba, Maintenance

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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



Happy Thanksgiving 2023

Dear Friends,

Thanksgiving Day is almost upon us and it's a reminder for us to take stock of all our blessings. I want to start by telling you how very grateful I am for YOU!

Thank you for your prayers and all the support you have given me over the years.

Thank you for your self-less volunteering in our parish. You have worked to meet all the needs at St. Gerard's so others may come and worship.

Thank you for not forgetting about the financial needs of our parish. Your financial support is greatly needed at this time to keep the doors of St. Gerard's Parish open, so it can continue to be a beacon of welcoming spiritual solace to all the faithful in our community.

When we are grateful, our focus is on what we have and can appreciate. That's how we cultivate thankfulness.

The Bible says, *"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful"* (Colossians 3:15)

We need to open our eyes to the blessings we have all around us in our lives: our God, our families, our friends. We need to acknowledge them for the gifts that they are and hold them close to our hearts.

Let's make it a practice at the end of each day to look back at all that transpired. Look for at least three things that you are grateful for and thank God for them.

God's Word points to the great importance of gratitude in life: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

In Christ, **Fr. Ignatius Tran**

Visit <https://stgerards.ca/catholic-content> on the 12 promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join us every First Friday of the month for Adoration, Prayer and Fellowship.



Pastoral Renewal – You are called. You Matter. You Belong

These simple yet profound words capture the essence of our Pastoral Renewal. Jesus personally calls each one of us to follow Him and to remain by His side, for He deeply loves us.

And it is not merely a call; it is a profound affirmation that we truly matter. Every aspect of our lives - our dreams, our struggles, our joys - carries immense significance, for we are integral parts of God's divine plan. Each one of us, in our uniqueness, contributes to the beauty and unfolding of God's gift of salvation in the world.

In this pilgrim journey of faith, let us be reminded that we belong to the Body of Christ, a community of disciples united in the one mission, and bound together by the love of our Lord.

We invite you to join our diocesan Church and begin a journey of renewal together!

More information here: <https://catholiccyyc.ca/renewal>

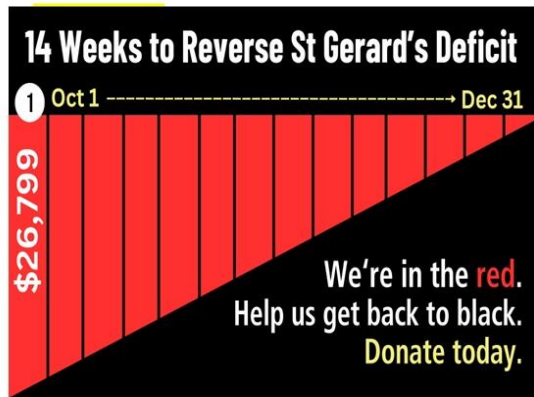


Join us to study the Gospel according to John, Part I. Participate in an engaging discussion in this ten-week course where you can explore the Gospel of John with fellow parishioners. Every Wednesday:

9:45 -11:30 am. Lesson 2 - **Oct. 11**

Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of October 5, 2023:

Our Financial Picture General and TIA Collections



This Month – Weekly Combined Target - \$8,184 vs weekly collections

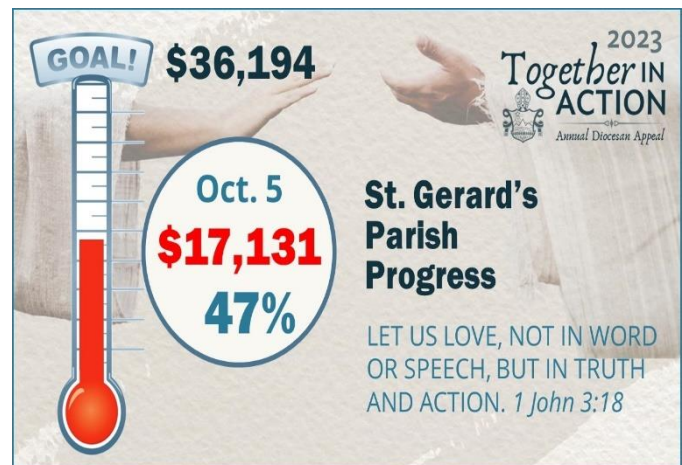
October 1 - \$11,492-(over - \$3,308)

Have you officially registered to become a member of our parish?

Make your donation count!

Sign up today!

<https://stgerards.ca/becoming-a-registered-member>



Thank you for your support! For on-line giving, visit <https://stgerards.ca/donate>

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

2023- 2024 Sacramental Preparation Schedule now available using link

<https://stgerards.ca/childrens-sacraments>

Session One Reconciliation class 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM October 14

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) and Children

Are you someone, or do you know someone who: *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Was baptized as a child but not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation or Eucharist?* For more information, please contact our [parish office](#)

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.

Fill out our on-line registration by visiting: <https://stgerards.ca/sacraments-1>

FORMED feature: Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit

THE WILD GOOSE with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR. "Wild Goose" was a term that the ancient Celts had for the Holy Spirit. This 14-part series invites viewers to an encounter, or a renewed encounter with the Holy Spirit. Filmed on a variety of geographical locations from Niagara Falls to the California desert.

To watch the whole series, visit <https://watch.formed.org/the-wild-goose-with-fr-dave-pivonka>

CWL Meeting October 10th at 7:00 pm

Please join us after Mass for a scriptural rosary. Bring your stories and research regarding long-term care facilities. We will also be planning the bazaar.

CWL Christmas dinner is December 12. **Tickets available this weekend - \$20.** Dinner commences immediately after the 6:30 pm mass.

Coats for Kids- Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



The Knights of Columbus are offering children's winter coats for young families who cannot afford to purchase any for their children.

Please contact Gay at the office. We will try to accommodate you the best we can.

Encountering Mary through the Mysteries of the Rosary

October is dedicated month of the Holy Rosary. Join us every Thursday, starting **October 12 after the 9:00 am mass.** Each week, October 12, 19 and 26: we will take a closer look at Mary's journey in the life of Jesus through the mystery of the Holy Rosary.

Stewardship Weekend, October 14-15



Let us continue to break bread and be disciples of Christ! Let the Holy Spirit do His work in our hearts and our actions! More hands make light work possible! So, start thinking about how your "Time" and "Talent" can help us at St. Gerards.

Rosary Coast to Coast (Zoom Event)



The **Rosary Coast to Coast** will be held at 3100 Weston Road on the field behind Carmen Stefano Community Centre at 8:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023

Time: 8:00 p.m. EST
5:00 p.m. Pacific
7:00 p.m. Central
9:00 p.m. Atlantic
9:30 p.m. Newfoundland
6:00 p.m. Mountain

Location: All provinces of Canada



Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3731333108>
Meeting ID: 373 133 3108
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+13126266799,,3731333108# US (Chicago)

www.rosarycoasttocoast.ca

Light a candle, pray with your family and friends, or join an online livestream event at 3100 Weston Road, Toronto, Ontario. Recitation of the holy Rosary, chaplet of the Divine Mercy, consecration to Mary in song, and a brief reflection. There is no better time to be on our knees and implore God for mercy on our families and country!

CONTACT: Angie Carboni | 416-871-3908 | parishionerh@gmail.com

Ms. Angie Carboni will lead the prayers. She is the director of Children of the Eucharist Canada and coordinator of Rosary Coast to Coast.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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THE CHOSEN Season 2 resumes **SUNDAY – October 15!**

ALL are **WELCOME** to watch 2 back-to-back episodes 3 & 4 at 1:30 pm (Parish Hall)
Join us for an afternoon movie, great conversations and maybe some popcorn too!

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

October 7, 2023 - Congratulations to the newly weds!

Karen Sturgeon and Brian St. Germain

Is your **Wedding Anniversary or Birthday in October/ November 2023?** Join us the last Friday at the end of the month, **October 27** after 9:00 am mass . **Sign up at the hospitality table** at the foyer of the church.



Happy Birthday to all October celebrants including...

October 8th - Peter Osiowy

October 9th - Ashley Cowan / Isaac Obrigewitsch

October 10th – Colleen Klassen

October 11th – Mike Gartner

October 12th – Veronica Clemons / Dolia Jimenez

October 13th – Eduardo Ramos

October 14th – Rose Marie Hunter / Pierre Leroux

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

Important note: 2023 Mass Intentions are full. Booking intentions for January 2024

Tuesday October 10	Chaouci Nicolas	SI
Wednesday October 11	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Thursday October 12	Judy David	RIP
Friday October 13	Mark Wiber	RIP
Saturday October 14	Trude (Trudy) Teppler	RIP
Sunday October 15	Roland Gelinas	SI
Sunday October 15	Norma Rosanes	RIP



St. Gerard's "Show Us Your Talent":

And we can prove it. We are having a fundraiser talent show - **Nov. 4th (NEW date)** at 7:00 pm. *If you have talent and want to entertain the parish you need to register today.* **Deadline to register your talent has been EXTENDED until October 8, click [here](#).** Information on ticket sales to follow.

Journeying Together (Hope and Healing)

This two-day workshop is designed for *those suffering the loss from miscarriage or still birth*. You're not alone on this journey and it is designed to find hope and healing together. The workshop will be held on **October 13 and 14**. To register <https://www.miscarriageliturgy.ca/workshop.html>

Pastoral Care Ministry Training:

The Diocese of Calgary is offering a Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those who feel called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. Register at: catholicyyca.ca/pastoralcare

- **Calgary: Saturdays (Nov 11 & 25), deadline – November 3**

RCIA Diocesan Workshop:

The Diocese of Calgary is sponsoring a workshop for parish RCIA teams, catechists, sponsors, clergy, and anyone interested in learning more about the RCIA process with speakers: Rev. Bill Corcoran and Dave & Sandy Marshall.

When: **Saturday, Oct. 21, 2023 from 9 am to 3 pm - St. Anthony's, Calgary.** To register, [complete the registration form](#) by Oct. 17 or call Monica at 403-218-5521.

KIDS Bulletin – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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