

ST GERARD'S

CATHOLIC CHURCH

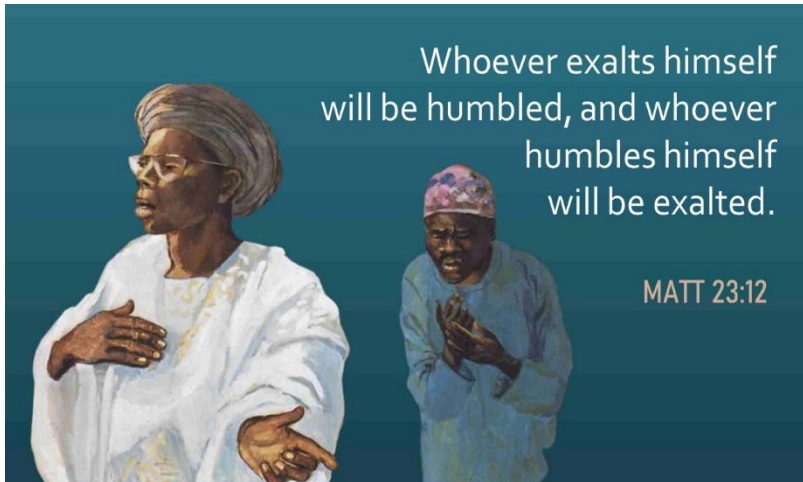
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November 5, 2023



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Key events Coming Soon:

- Session Three Reconciliation Class **November 4**
- Confirmation, Session 1, **November 4**
- Talent Show Fundraiser, **November 4**
- Daylight Savings time ends, **November 5**
- Book drop off for Fall Bazaar **November 17**
- Fall Bazaar, **November 18**
- Songs for the Faith Journey, Denis Grady, **Nov. 25**
- Session Four Reconciliation **December 2**
- Session Two Confirmation **December 2**
- Christmas Concert Cappy Smart Band **December 5**
- Simbang Gabi, **December 10**
- Parish Reconciliation **December 14**
- Children Reconciliation **December 16**

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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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

What you leave behind



Dear Friends,

I once knew a man whose motto was, "A man's worth is measured by the amount *of toys* he leaves behind!"

He often liked to tell others about his huge mansion in a prestigious part of the city, the expensive cars he and his wife drove, the expensive holidays they took, the getaway condo in the mountains, the skiddos, boat, motorcycles, designer clothing, and, of course, his half ownership of a Cessna plane.

I suppose by that standard, he accomplished quite a bit and he was worth a lot! Hopefully, his self-worth came from more than his material acquisitions.

That's not the standard by which God counts your worth.

How you live your life and how many lives you've touched is more important than how many toys you can accumulate. Your charitable contributions to the needy gives meaning to your life, work and money.

Perhaps, at times, you may think that your life doesn't matter. Don't listen to those who might have told you that you're worthless. They have their own issues and don't know what they're talking about!

You have worth because God made you and so your life matters. The soul that lives in your body is yours. It was given to you by our God for a purpose. **You were chosen to be born and to live in this world.**

Whether you're a leader or someone who prefers to work behind the scenes, everyone has the ability to influence others in a positive way. You don't always know how important the little things you do for others can be. The kind words you say always makes someone's day. The small things you do have a bigger positive effect than you may ever know. Who knows for how long the good things you do may continue to affect others???

Your life matters at every stage regardless of your age. There are things you've learned, life skills, that you need to teach others.

God has a master plan and you have a role to play in it. You have a contribution to make in the world, even if you are unsure as to what that is. The world would not be the same without you in it.

Your worth is ***not*** measured by the toys you leave behind. The toys break down, wear out and disintegrate in time as though they were never there. Your *worth* is a measure of the love you show to others, the kindness in your eyes, the warmth in your voice. It's *the people* your life touches. That's what makes our God proud as you follow Him to your journey's end. That's how *you* will be remembered.

That is the legacy you will leave behind.

In Christ,

Fr. Ignatius Tran

Little Rock Scripture, Gospel According to John, Part 2

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 1 begins – **November 8**



Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of November 3, 2023:



Have you officially registered to become a member of our parish? *Sign up today!*
<https://stgerards.ca/becoming-a-registered-member> Thank you for your support!

Make your donation count!
 Please include your address to receive tax receipt.
 For on-line giving, visit
<https://stgerards.ca/donate>

Our Financial Picture General and TIA Collections



October 2023 - Weekly Target: \$8,184 vs actual weekly collections

October 1	- \$11,492 (over - \$3,308)
October 8	- \$7,075 (Short - \$1,109)
October 15	- \$6,948 (Short - \$1,236)
October 22	- \$6,389 (Short - \$1,795)
October 29	- \$8,743 (Over - \$559)



You Asked, and We Listened!

FOR ONLINE GIVERS:

I gave online

cards now available

If you give electronically, please pick up one of these cards at the hospitality table. To be used by online givers during the offertory.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

All Candidates (1st Reconciliation and **Confirmation**) please complete and submit: *Please Pray for me Posters* (Don't forget to insert your child's 4x6 or smaller photo).
Reminder to bring something for the Veterans Food bank.



November 4, Session Three: 1st Reconciliation at 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Please pray for 37 First Reconciliation candidates and their families.

November 4, Session One: Confirmation – Chosen, Journey to Confirmation

Focus on: Lessons 1, 2, & 3 (In Class session)

Please pray for 21 Confirmation candidates and their families.

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>



THIS SUNDAY, THE CHOSEN Season 3

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

CWL Upcoming event:

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



Book Drop off for Bazaar: Friday November 17

Drop off your gently used books for the Bazaar on Friday November 17 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm. Books only please.





Are you going to the Renewal Gathering?

CALGARY

Saturday, Nov. 4 from **9 am (Mass) to 1 pm**, at Mary, Mother of the Redeemer Church in Calgary.

THIS Saturday, Nov. 4 @ 7 pm, St. Gerard's "Talent Show" FUNDRAISER

You don't want to miss this! Dinner tickets available at parish hall.



ST GERARD'S PARISH
Enjoy an evening of Fun,
Food & Entertainment!

stgerards.ca

SATURDAY, NOV 4

DINNER 5:30 PM
FULL DINNER \$12
OR A-LA-CARTE STARTING AT \$2
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

SHOWTIME 7 PM
IN THE CHURCH
OPEN SEATING
FREE WILL OFFERING

ST GERARD'S FUNDRAISER



Talent Show Food Bazaar

Hot dog and chips \$2.50
Skewered BBQ Pork \$3 or 2/\$5
Spring Rolls 3/\$2
Steamed Dumplings 3/\$3
BEVERAGES:
Bottled Water or Juice Box \$1

COMBO MEAL \$12
Hot dog and chips
2 skewered BBQ pork
3 spring rolls, 3 dumplings
1 beverage

All proceeds to St. Gerard's Parish

Cappy Smart Band (See page 9) and **Theology of the Body** (See page 12) tickets are available at the Talent Show.

Catholic Education Sunday, November 4/5 weekend



There are three ways we can show our support for publicly funded Catholic education:

1. **Donate today.** Your financial gift supports the Calgary Catholic Education Foundation which supports the Calgary Catholic School District's with equity in fundraising. Franco-Sud School Board which has Catholic francophone schools in Calgary and Cochrane. St Joseph's Seminary at Newman Theological College which helps in the formation of our seminarians and St-Mary's University offering undergraduate degrees in liberal arts, education, and science. Your financial stewardship impacts over 61,000 students right here in Calgary and area.
2. **Share your Catholic education story** with friends and family. Show how meaningful Catholic education has been for you.
3. **Pray** for our students, staff, and schools. We are grateful for your continued support of Catholic education through your prayers and donations.

Join us in celebrating Catholic Education Sunday on November 4 & 5, 2023. Let us unite with our community to support and give thanks for Catholic education in Alberta.

Your dedicated donation will provide enhanced learning opportunities for Calgary and area Catholic students. For more information, please visit <https://theccef.ca/who-we-are/news-events/catholic-education-sunday.html>

Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to all October celebrants including...



November 5 – Noli Mendoza
November 6 – Reginald David / Mel Quinto
November 8 – Simon Omana / Mandy Seto
November 9 – Glenda Castro / Mary Dudder / Olivia Froese
& Matt Sklonik
November 10 – Nicolette Eden / Lorna Stinn / Eugene Swain
November 11 – Elizabeth Leroux / Amelia Werenka

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

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

Tuesday November 7 @ 6:30 PM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Wednesday November 8 @ 9 AM	Jemmy Vi Almoros	RIP
Thursday November 9 @ 9:00 AM	Gloria Almoros	RIP
Friday November 10 @ 9:00 AM	Bai Doan	RIP
Saturday November 11 @ 5:00 PM	Bertie Summers	SI
Sunday November 12 @ 9:00 AM	Pat Blair	SI
Sunday November 12 @ 11:00 AM	Albina Augat	RIP

Cappy Smart Band, December 5

A promotional poster for the Cappy Smart Band Concert. On the left, a man with a mustache, wearing a red jacket with gold trim and a Santa hat, holds a saxophone. The background is red with white text. The text reads: "Don't miss it! Give yourself the gift of music this season!" at the top. Below that, "Cappy Smart Band" in white, and "CONCERT" in large, bold, white letters. Underneath, "New this year: Sing-along and Reading of the Christmas Story" in white. At the bottom, "Tuesday December 5, 7:30 pm" in white, followed by "\$10 person or \$25 Family (4 max)" and "Purchase tickets through the office" in white. The right side of the poster features a close-up of red holly berries.

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CONCERT

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KIDS Bulletin – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Our Parish Prayer Wheel – Visit Parish Hall to participate

Every prayer counts!
Remember to take time
to build relationship
with Jesus. **Start today!**

Select a time (i.e., 7 am),
decide on a prayer; pick
a dot to write your
initials. Post the dot!



PRAY The Living Rosary



Friday Dec 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception
St. Gerard's Parish

Participants are
needed who can pray
and lead the Rosary
in different
languages. Candle
bearers are also
needed.

REGISTER ONLINE
by November 30
[stgerards/
the-living-rosary](http://stgerards/the-living-rosary)

In honor of our Blessed Mother, help us lead the rosary in different languages.

SONGS For the Faith JOURNEY

MUSICAL REFLECTIONS
ON THE JOYFUL
MYSTERIES

WITH SINGER SONG WRITER
DENIS GRADY



In Concert

Saturday November 25, 7pm

St. Gerard's Parish 8944 Elbow Drive SW

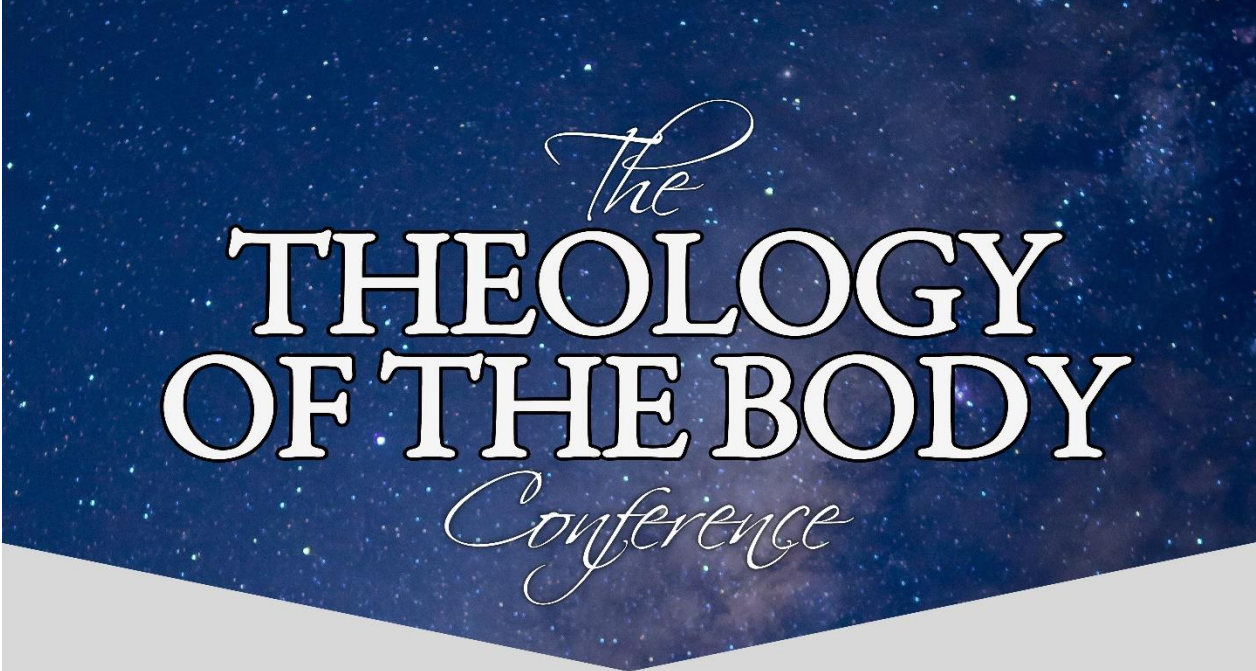


www.franciscanandfriends.ca denisgrady@gmail.com







Theology of the Body Conference, February 9, 2024

Tickets available at the parish office - \$35 (Cash only)



The
THEOLOGY
OF THE BODY
Conference



**SR. HELENA
BURNS**


**MIKE
MANGIONE**

**CHRISTOPHER
WEST**

**FR. CRISTINO
BOUVETTE**

FEBRUARY 9, 2024
6:00 PM-10:00 PM
DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM

CALGARY, ALBERTA
\$35 CAN (\$27 USD)



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