

# ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

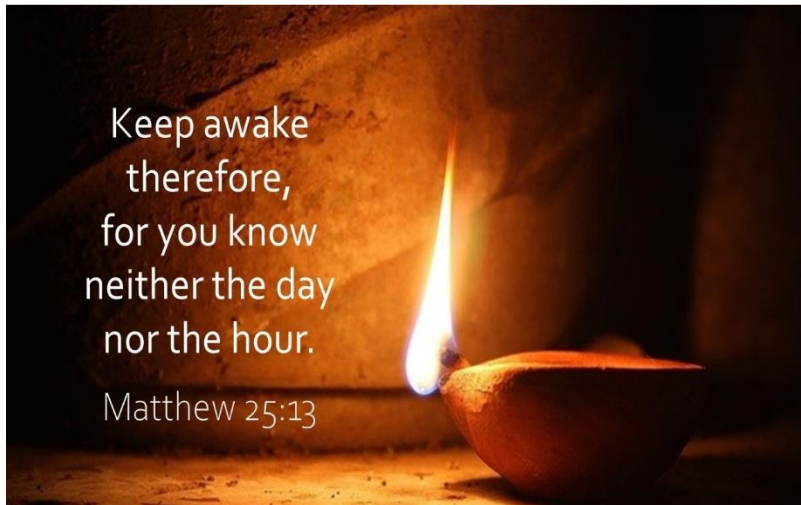
CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**November 12, 2023**



**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## **Key events Coming Soon:**

- Office Closed Monday **November 13** for **Remembrance Day**
- Book drop off for Fall Bazaar **November 17**
- Fall Bazaar, **November 18**
- Snow Shovel Fundraiser, **November 18/19**
- 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**
- Living Rosary **December 8**
- Simbang Gabi, **December 10**
- CWL Christmas Dinner, **December 12**
- St. Catherine Christmas Concert, **December 13**
- 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

## Message from Father Ignatius: Talent night



Dear Friends,

Gathering together as parishioners is so important for fostering a sense of community, spiritual growth, and mutual support. The idea of a talent show has floated around for some time. John Crerar actualized it and started with a dedicated group of hard-working parishioners to organize every part of our St. Gerard Talent Show on the evening of Saturday November 4<sup>th</sup>.

There were some families that worked behind the scenes, bought groceries and cooked the food as their love offering, and then served parishioners as they entered the hall. After enjoying a delicious meal, parishioners entered the church and got ready for another treat. There were 15 acts altogether that comprised a varied assortment of entertainment offered by our talented parishioners. They gave joy to those present, and glorified God by using their talents. We got to listen to beautiful and powerful singing voices accompanied by guitar, or keyboard, or prerecorded music. We were treated to the piano rendition of Prelude in D Major by Sergei Rachmaninoff. We were entertained by poetry reading. We got to watch different styles of dance: hip hop and folk dancing. We came together to share a delightful evening in our parish and discovered some talents we may not have known that our fellow parishioners have.

The evening ended with all performers standing together in front of the altar and singing the Our Father. What spirit! It was beautiful!





I greatly enjoyed the whole evening as I watched the show, and looked around and saw parishioners, forgetting all of their individual problems of that day, to enjoy the unified spirit surrounding the assembly.

I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to our many committed parishioners who worked in all needed areas offering their Time, Talent, and Treasure to make this evening possible. You have enhanced the spirit of our community of St. Gerard. Let's continue to bring hope and extend our welcome to all who enter our sacred place.

Yours in Faith,

**Father Ignatius Tran**

### **Talent Show update – A Word of Thanks!!!**

Lights, Camera, **ACTION!!!** The November 4<sup>th</sup> evening **raised \$1680** towards St. Gerard's programs. **You are all amazing!!!** Enjoy some photos from the event!!!



## 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 2 begins – **November 15**

## Our Weekly Financial Pulse as of November 10, 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



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

November 3 - \$9,157 (over - \$973)

**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.

You Asked, and We Listened!

YOU ARE CALLED.  
YOU MATTER.





## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

December 2, Session Four: 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation at 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

Please pray for 37 First Reconciliation candidates and their families.

**December 2, Session two: Confirmation – Chosen, Journey to Confirmation**

**Focus on: Lessons 4, 5, 8 and 10**

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>

## CWL Upcoming event:

CWL meeting on Tuesday November 14th. Come join us for bazaar planning and fellowship.

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





### Drop off Books and Bake goods for Bazaar, November 17:

Drop off your gently used books (No textbooks) and Baked good only for the Bazaar on Friday November 17 between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm.



**THE CHOSEN Season 3** resumes Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**ALL are WELCOME** to watch Season 3 for a 2 back-to-back **Episodes 5 & 6 at 1:30 pm (Parish Hall)**.

Join us for an afternoon movie, great conversations, and some popcorn too!

### Snow Shovel Fundraiser - November 18/19 weekend

The Knights of Columbus (Holy Spirit branch) are selling snow shovels as a fundraiser, this will happen next weekend.

**They are \$30 each**, which is a good value. Payment can be by cash, e-transfer, or credit/debit card. Please support this by buying one or two for yourself or a friend.

## Celebrating Life – Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries

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



November 12 – Gregory Ahearn / Lia Langille

November 13 – Alexandra Natividad

November 14 – Caleb Garcia / Jairus Pacios / Novelyn Tiosan

November 15 – John Edralin / Elena Kravosky

November 17 – Billy Sarte / Dick Schuler

November 18 – Michelle MacDonald / Don Schaef &  
Angelica Zambrano

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

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

Tuesday November 14 @ 6:30 PM	Judy David	RIP
Wednesday November 15 @ 9 AM	Telford Mark Anthony Jr.	RIP
Thursday November 16 @ 9 AM	Beverley Smith	SI
Thursday November 16@10:15AM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Friday November 17 @ 9:00 AM	Mark Wiber	RIP
Saturday November 18 @ 5:00 PM	Andy Szakony	RIP
Sunday November 19 @ 9:00 AM	Ruth D'Silva	RIP
Sunday November 19 @11:00 AM	Victor Stratychuk	RIP

## Cappy Smart Band, December 5

Don't miss it! Give yourself the gift of music this season!

**Cappy Smart Band**  
**CONCERT**

New this year: Sing-along and  
Reading of the Christmas Story

**Tuesday December 5, 7:30 pm**

\$10 person or \$25 Family (4 max)  
Tickets Sold After All Masses

Get your tickets early!

Tickets available after  
every mass on  
weekends or at the  
office during the week.



## 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!



## Book of Remembrance / Memorial Mass – November 30<sup>th</sup>

### Sign the Book of Remembrance

Click [here](#) to sign on the online Book of Remembrance, or sign in person in the church (to the right of the altar). Please do not sign both. The names of the deceased received will be read at the St. Gerard's Memorial Mass on Thursday, November 30 at 7 PM.



## Simbang Gabi 2023, Come and Join us!

**Simbang Gabi at St. Gerard's parish on Sunday, December 10.** Carolling at 6:30 pm, Mass at 7:00 pm. **Volunteers required**, please contact the office if interested.

## KIDS Bulletin – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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



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



**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](https://stgerards/the-living-rosary)

To sign-up, please visit: <https://stgerards.ca/the-living-rosary>



### Children's Christmas Eve Mass Volunteers

November is already upon us and soon we will be starting Advent. It is time to start preparing for the *Children's Christmas Eve Mass* on **December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5PM**. This year we need volunteers for the following roles:

- Children singers/musicians for a choir (*We will have a few practices before Christmas Eve*)
- Artists willing to contribute Christmas colouring to decorate our church
- Children willing to help with our live nativity as: Mary and Joseph, shepherds, angels and animals
- Children Readers

- Parents/adult volunteers willing to help organize the event

Please contact the office at [Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca](mailto:Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca) OR 403-253-2251 if you or your child is willing to help with this special mass.

### St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Event

**This Christmas**



**Adopt-a-family**

Deadline  
is Dec 15

See  
[stgerards.ca](http://stgerards.ca)  
for details

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Every Christmas they deliver approximately 140 hampers to individuals and families who are experiencing financial difficulty.

For families in need, they are once again inviting parishioners to support their **Adopt-a-Family** program.

Click [here](#) for full details to learn how you can get involved and assist those in need.

# 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](http://www.franciscanandfriends.ca) [denisgrady@gmail.com](mailto:denisgrady@gmail.com)



## Around the Diocese of Calgary:

### Memorial Liturgy

Parents grieving a loss of a child through miscarriage and stillbirth are invited to join Bishop McGrattan in an annual prayer gathering to commend their children communally into the embrace of our merciful God. We also invite family members and friends to come and support those who are grieving the loss in their midst.

When: **Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 2023, at 7 pm - St. Mary's Cathedral.** Parents are invited to [register here](#) or call 403-218-5521.

### Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate

You are invited to the upcoming ordination of [12 permanent deacons](#) in our Diocese! Doors will be opened at 10 am. Livestream information will be shared closer to the date. When: **Sat, Nov. 18 at 11 am, St. Mary's Cathedral.**

### Vatican II CCCB Webinar Series

In preparation for Jubilee 2025, the year 2023 is dedicated to Vatican II. Reflect on the meaning of the four constitutions of Vatican II for the life of the Church today.

When: **Tuesdays, Nov. 14, 21 & 28 at 11 am - Online/Zoom.** [Register](#)

## Theology of the Body Conference, February 9, 2024

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



The poster for 'The Theology of the Body Conference' features a dark blue, starry background at the top. The title 'The THEOLOGY OF THE BODY Conference' is written in a mix of serif and script fonts. Below the title are four circular portraits of the speakers: Sr. Helena Burns, Mike Mangione, Christopher West, and Fr. Cristino Bouvette. Under each portrait is their name in all caps. At the bottom, there are two grey rectangular boxes. The left box contains the date 'FEBRUARY 9, 2024', the time '6:00 PM-10:00 PM', and 'DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM'. The right box contains the location 'CALGARY, ALBERTA', the price '\$35 CAN (\$27 USD)', and a QR code. At the very bottom, the website 'TOBCALGARY.EVENTBRITE.COM' is listed in all caps.

*The*  
**THEOLOGY  
OF THE BODY**  
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