

ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

AUGUST 3, 2025

18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time



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Be on your guard
against all kinds of greed

LUKE 12:15

This Sunday's Gospel

focuses on how foolish
and vain are those who
put all their trust in their
own devices.

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

August 1 **The Boss is back!** Welcome back Fr. Ignatius

August 4 Office Closed, Heritage Day weekend

August 9/10 Children's Liturgy Recruitment

August 10 Children's Liturgy

August 23 St. Gerard's on Tour - Aloha Potluck Dinner

August 24 Fundraiser

August 29 August Birthday and Anniversary Celebration

September 7 Annual General Meeting

September 13 Relic of St. Gerard Adoration

September 14 65th Anniversary with Bishop McGrattan

September 21 Children's liturgy

October 4/5 Stewardship Weekend



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
First Fridays 9:30 - 10:10 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm

PARISH TEAM

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OFFICE HOURS

September - June

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

July - August

Closed Mondays

Tuesday through Friday:

9 am to 12 pm (noon)

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

Financial Update and comparative for the 6-month period ending June 30, 2025

	June 30, 2025	June 30, 2024	Year over year change
Revenue/Expenses (Note 1)			\$ %
Parishioner Donations	\$208,749	\$192,999	
Misc Revenue	\$11,706	\$14,064	
Bequests	\$36,582		
Total - all Revenue.	\$257,037	\$207,063	\$49,974 24%
(Less) -Total all Expenses.	(\$239,867)	(\$217,134)	\$22,773 10.5%
Net Surplus (Deficit)	\$17,170	(\$10,071)	\$27,241 270%
Donations to TIA (Note 2)	\$23,992	\$15,085	\$8,907 59%
Donations to Mission Mexico	\$2,939	\$3,494	(\$555) (16%)
St Vincent de Paul (Note 3)	\$7,140	\$16,754	(\$9,614) (67%)
Discretionary cash position (Note 4)	\$169,903	\$150,915	\$18,201 12%

Note 1 – General Parishioner donations continue to reflect growth, with the parish further benefiting from a \$10,000 Bequest directive for computer upgrades that have yet to be completed, as well as a \$26,582 Bequest that has been credited to general revenues. In due course the completed computer upgrades will be capitalized, proportionately reducing discretionary cash. The bulk of increases in expenses results from budgeted salary costs that are up \$12,000 or 13% year over year.

Note 2 – The parishes TIA goal for 2025 has remained unchanged from 2024 at \$36,194. The parish continued to receive solid collections toward achieving this goal in Q-2 cumulative to \$23,982 or 67% of target.

Note 3 – During the quarter and concomitant with the parish receiving a \$26,582 Bequest, the Society of St Vincent de Paul, ("SSVP") received a \$17,721 Bequest from the same donor. Funds were received by SSVP subsequent to Q2 period ending.

Note 4 – The parishes discretionary cash position has increased to \$169,903 from \$162,735 as at Jan 1, 2025, which is net of accumulated profits of \$17,170 and \$9,899 in capex expense YTD, represented as follows as at June 30, 2025:

Current Acct-	\$126,370
US Current Acct -	\$2,181
Held at Diocese -	\$56,640
Prepaid Expenses-	\$787.
Sub Total	\$185,978
(Less – Current Liabilities)	\$16,075

Discretionary cash Position - \$169,903

Murray A. Gartner
Chair, Finance July 24, 2025

Weekly Financial Pulse 2025

<u>Rolling Financial Pulse</u>	
Surplus /-Loss to June 30, 2025	\$ 17,170.00
<u>Weekly Collections</u>	
06-Jul	\$ 8,095.00
13-Jul	\$ 6,551.00
20-Jul	\$ 7,001.00
27-Jul	\$ 7,761.00
31-Jul	\$ 1,420.00
Total July 2025	\$ 30,828.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 40,444.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	-\$ 9,616.00



Important Announcement for All Parishioners

Did you know?

You will receive a Tax receipt for
\$20+ donations?

Can you help...

to cover our increasing operating cost?
Please consider increasing your regular
donations **10%** this year.

[CLICK TO DONATE](#)



Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,
We thank you for your support for the
parish directing any TIA surplus
in 2025 to help cover capital
expenditures in 2025 including **new
computers.**

The Together In Action 2025 Parish
goal is **\$36,194**. As of July 27th, 2025
TIA is **\$27,627. (76% of goal)**. Thank
you for your continued generosity in
helping to achieve our parish's
contribution to the diocesan goal of
\$2 million.

Help Fund our Sunday Coffee Fellowship



Free will donations
accepted.
Every dollar helps!
Thank you volunteers
and donors.

Become a Member of our Parish.

Sign up today!
Have you officially registered to
become a member of our parish?

[Click Here](#)



Ministry Needs

St. Gerard's Parish

MONEY COUNTERS Needed

Good with numbers?
Have time to spare?
Monday - Thursday during office hours



Must complete a Volunteer Form and Police Check. Contact the office if you are able to help out. Thank You!

St. Gerard's Parish

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

CATECHIST Needed

Join the Sacramental Preparation Team as a Catechist for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist



All materials provided, no experience necessary. Must complete a volunteer form and pass police check. Please contact the office.

St. Gerard's Parish

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

SMALL GROUP LEADERS Needed

Join the Sacramental Preparation Team as a Confirmation Catechist/ Small Group Leader (SGL)



All materials provided, no experience necessary. Must complete a volunteer form and pass police check. Please contact the office.

St. Gerard's Parish

USHERS Needed ALL MASSES

No experience necessary. Training provided.



Your support is vital to our parish and we are in need of Ushers now. Please contact the Parish office. Thank you!

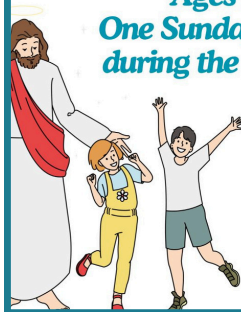
St. Gerard's Parish

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ASSISTANT Needed

Ages 12 - 17

One Sunday per month during the 11 am mass



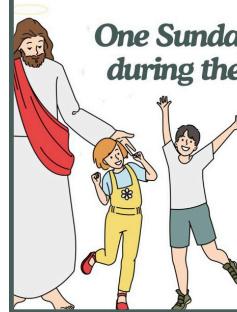
Contact the Office to sign up and complete a volunteer information package, including a signed Parent Waiver form.

St. Gerard's Parish

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

ADULT VOLUNTEERS Needed

One Sunday each month during the 11 am Mass



All materials provided, no experience necessary. Must complete a volunteer form and pass police check. Please contact the office.

St. Gerard's Parish

11 AM MASS COFFEE COORDINATOR/S Needed



Monitor coffee and condiments. Clean up and close by 1 PM. No experience necessary. Training provided.

Your support is vital to our parish fellowship. We are in need of helpers now. Please contact the Parish office. Thank you!

Click [here](#) to view other Volunteer Opportunities with our parish. Thank you for your support.

Ministry Updates



Sacramental Preparation

2025- 2026 Sacramental Preparation Schedules are now available [here](#) or pick up a schedule at the entrance of the church.

Parents/Guardians and Child Information Session - September 27, 2025:

- 10:00 am First Reconciliation (pick up books, fees)
- 11:00 am Confirmation

COR Men's Prayer Group

August 2, 2025
Sept 6, 2025



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)

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. To fill out our on-line registration click [here](#).

Program begins end of September 2025.

Join Us For Little Rock Scripture Bible Study -- Fall 2025!

Encountering the God of Faith, Hope and Love in the Bible (6 lessons), will begin on September 24th - October 29th. Offering two convenient session times on Wednesdays to fit your schedule.

- Morning Sessions: 9:45 am – 11:30 am
- **New!** Evening Sessions: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Click [here](#) to sign up online.

Find a Buddy!

While away, regular mass times stay the same. Don't forget to connect with team leads and check the Spare List. **Please ensure you have someone to cover for you.** Enjoy the rest of the summer!



Thank you to all our volunteers!

August Mass Intentions

Tue, Aug 5, 6:30PM: **Ron Misko**, SI
Wed, Aug 6, 9:00AM: **Odelie Couture**, RIP
Thu, Aug 7, 9:00AM: **Jay & Judy Westernhouse**, SI
Fri, Aug 8, 9:00AM: **Margaret Oake**, RIP
Sat, Aug 9, 5:00PM: **Pro Populo**
Sun, Aug 10, 9:00AM: **Rozi Zorko**, RIP
Sun, Aug 10, 11:00AM: **Chris Turner**, RIP

Tue, Aug 12, 6:30PM: **CWL Memorial Mass**, RIP
Wed, Aug 13, 9:00AM: **Ruth D'Silva**, RIP
Thu, Aug 14, 9:00AM: **Laurence Daignault**, RIP
Fri, Aug 15, 9:00AM: **Daniel Tomes**, SI
Sat, Aug 16, 5:00PM: **Rodeo Santos**, RIP
Sun, Aug 17, 9:00AM: **Pro Populo**
Sun, Aug 17, 11:00AM: **Allan Eden**, RIP

Tue, Aug 19, 6:30PM: **Odelie Couture**, RIP
Wed, Aug 20, 9:00AM: **Raphael Duska**, RIP
Thu, Aug 21, 9:00AM: **John Paul Salvatera**, RIP
Fri, Aug 22, 9:00AM: **Rozi Zorko**, RIP
Sat, Aug 23, 5:00PM: **Wilf Feist**, RIP
Sun, Aug 24, 9:00AM: **Deacon Rob**, SI
Sun, Aug 24, 11:00AM: **Rozi & Joe Zorko**, RIP

Tue, Aug 26, 6:30PM: **Marie Paolini**, SI
Wed, Aug 27, 9:00AM: **Serafin Sestoso**, RIP
Thu, Aug 28, 9:00AM: **Trico**
Fri, Aug 29, 9:00AM: **Galley Family**, SI
Sat, Aug 30, 5:00PM: **Tim and Kam Renfrow**, SI
Sun, Aug 31, 9:00AM: **Deacon Rob**, SI
Sun, Aug 31, 11:00AM: **Ron Bulbrook**, RIP



Birthdays

Aug 1 - Desiree Marko
Aug 6 - Marie Nesvadba
Aug 13 - Pat Blair
Aug 17 - Glynis Maguire
Aug 18 - Sheila Padley
Aug 26 - Ani Martinez
Aug 28 - Noreen Hess

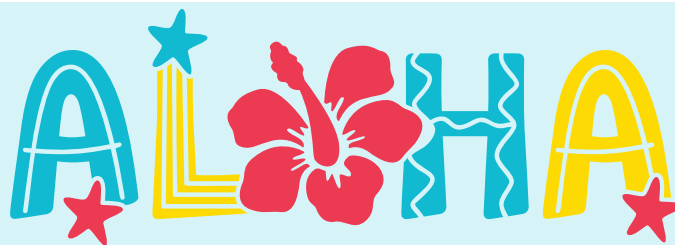


Anniversaries

Aug 2 - Deacon Rob & Anita
Aug 24 - Paul & Betty Thompson

Weddings

Aug 1 - Erick Urcia Olega and Glaine Rose Suba



Together with our families, Confirmation 2025
Graduates and their families,
we invite you to attend the first ever
St. Gerard's on Tour

Aloha Hawaiian Potluck

Come join us for Fellowship, Food,
Entertainment and Games on
August 23rd after the 5 pm mass.

Boarding time: **6:00 pm** St. Gerard's Parish hall.

DON'T FORGET TO

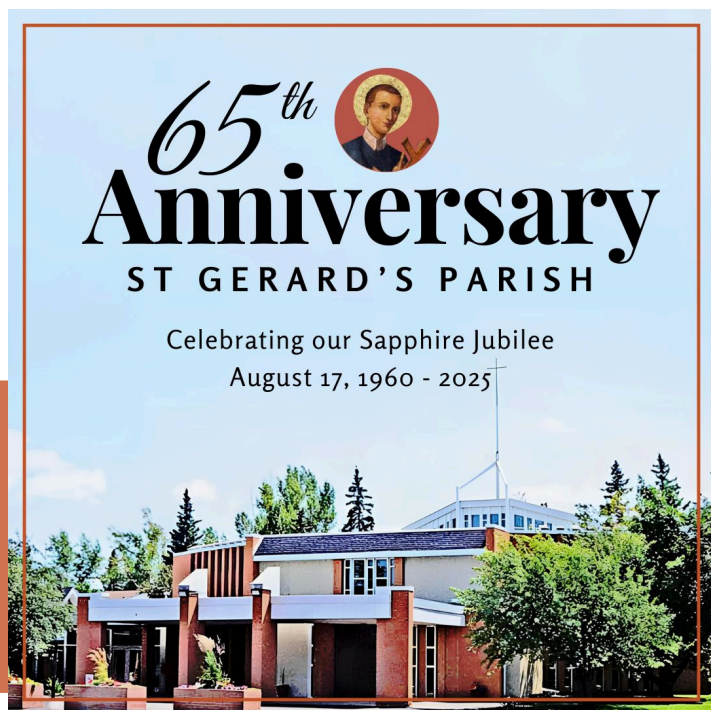
sign up for a **dish to share**
and get a ticket for admittance.

No passport needed, no hotel fees, no car
rentals are required:
just a favorite dish and a ticket.

Aloha attire: dress/ shirts/ sandals/hat optional

Any questions/concerns connect with Alejandra
Rojas at rojas.alejandra@yahoo.co.uk

Coming Events



St. Gerard's 65th Anniversary Events

Sunday, August 17

Mass followed by cake and fellowship

Saturday, September 13

Adoration 10 AM - 2 PM with a Relic of St. Gerard

Sunday, September 14

Celebration with Bishop McGrattan (details to follow)

St. Gerard's Anniversary Legacy Wall

Celebrate St. Gerard's Parish with a timeless tribute.

Purchase a stainless steel Legacy Plate to be permanently affixed to bricks behind the crucifix in Mary's Garden.

For more information and to order your plate, click [here](#).

Deadline to order is Sept 15.



Got a business? Advertise your business in the upcoming photo directory.

Rates as follows:

- Business card size \$ 50.00 - \$ 100.00
- ¼ page size \$ 250.00 - \$ 400.00
- ½ page size \$ 500.00 - \$ 750.00
- Full page size \$ 1,000.00 +

Send copy of business in jpeg format to

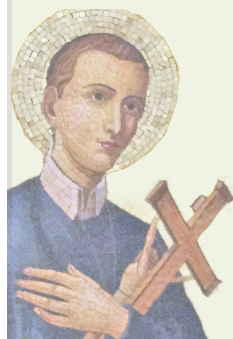
Pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca;

Payment accepted via e-transfer to

Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca or cheque to

St. Gerard's, memo: Sapphire Ads.

Deadline: September 15, 2025



SAVE THE DATE!

Saturday, September 13, 2025:

Adoration of St. Gerard's Relic

Do you have 30 minutes -1 hour

to spare? Contact office with

available time: 10 am - 2 pm.

At least two committed adorer
per hour required.

Kid's Bulletin this Sunday | For August 2025
Colouring Page this Sunday | For August 2025

Print our diocesan 'Sunday Updates'

Join Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay during the Jubilee Marian Week

Bishop Pierre-Olivier Tremblay, OMI will be the featured speaker at Jubilee Marian Week (Aug 18–22, 2025) in Canmore. A gifted preacher and Marian theologian, he will offer a 3-part evening talk series (6–7 pm) on the theme “*Mary, walk with us in this Jubilee of Hope!*”. Free admission | All are welcome!

- **Tue, Aug 19** – *The Strength of Communal Prayer: Confraternities*
- **Wed, Aug 20** – *With Mary in the Holy Places: The Shrine*
- **Thu, Aug 21** – *In Hope for a Great Mission!*

40 Hours Devotion for Vocations

Pray with us for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life in our Diocese. The next devotion:

- Shrine Church of Our Lady of the Rockies, Canmore - **Thu, July 3 at 5 pm to Sat, Jul 5 at 9:30 am**

Cemetery Masses with Bishop William T. McGrattan

- **Tue, August 19, at 7 pm** at Mountain View Cemetery Chapel;
- **Thu, August 21, at 7 pm** at Edenbrook Cemetery Chapel;
- **Tue, August 26, at 7 pm** at Queen's Park (outdoor); and
- **Thu, August 28, at 7 pm** at St Mary's Cemetery (outdoor)

Come and See - Secular Franciscan Order

For those seeking a deeper relationship with God through prayer, service, and love for creation, St. Mary's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order invites you to an

Introduction Session to learn more about this lay expression of Franciscan spirituality.

When: **Sun, Sep 21, from 1 to 1:45 pm** | St. Luke's Church (upper meeting room). Stay after for 2 pm Mass and Celebration of Profession, followed by the fraternity gathering until 4 pm. Contact Erika at bancila@telus.net | 403-835-8505.

Diocesan Worship Conference

Save the date for the upcoming Diocesan Worship Conference on Oct 3/4, 2025 - "The Church at Worship: Renewing the Heart of Liturgical Ministry." When: **Friday, October 3 and Saturday, October 4, 2025** at St. Mary's Cathedral & St. Mary's High School in Calgary.

- Keynote talks will explore the liturgy as a living encounter with the Paschal Mystery, principles of liturgical renewal, and leadership in service of the Body of Christ.
- Participants can choose workshops tailored to their current liturgical ministry.
- Workshops will cover theological and historical foundations, diocesan guidelines, and best practices.
- Emphasis on deepening a spirituality of holiness through active ministry.

More details soon!

Fiat Retreat

A day of prayer, reflection, and discovery for young women discerning God's call to Religious or Consecrated Life. Includes Mass, Adoration, talks on discernment, and fellowship. Lunch provided. Free to attend (donations welcome). When: **Sat, Sep 27, from 8:30 am to 4 pm at St. Luke's Parish, Calgary**. Register by Sep 25 at sisterdianne.turner@calgarydiocese.ca