

ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

All Souls' Day

St. Gerard's Catholic Church 8944 Elbow Drive SW Calgary, AB, T2V 1L2 403-253-2251 Website: stgerards.ca



On All Souls' Day
November 2, we
remember and pray for
the faithful departed,
aiding their souls to
heaven's glory.

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

Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Tran

fr.tran@stgerards.ca

Gay Abuan-Summers

Pastoral Program Coordinator

Pastoral Related Inquiries:

pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca

Caroline Conley

Administrative Assistant

General Inquiries:

frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca

David Mu, Book Keeper

david.mu@calgarydiocese.ca

Gordon Skaluba, Maintenance

WEBSITE: www.stgerards.ca

PHONE: 403-253-2251

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

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

- Nov 1** COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM Conference Room
- Nov 2** Turn Your Clocks Back @ 2:00AM to MST - Extra Sleep!
- Nov 5** Card Party 9:30 AM South Hall
Knights of Columbus General Meeting 7:00 PM South Hall
- Nov 7** First Friday Muffin Social 10:15 AM - 12 Noon
- Nov 8** First Reconciliation Gathering #2 8:30 AM South Hall
Confirmation Gathering #2 10:30 - 12:00 Noon South Hall
- Nov 9** Twinkle and Prime Duet - Free music after both Sunday masses
- Nov 11** **Remembrance Day - Office Closed**
- Nov 11** CWL General Meeting 7:00 - 9:00 PM
- Nov 12** Card Party 9:30 AM South Hall
Bible Study 9:45 AM and 7:00 PM
- Nov 13** Liturgy Meeting 7:00 PM North Hall
- Nov 15** First Reconciliation Gathering #3 8:30 AM South Hall
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM Conference Room
- Nov 16** Knights of Columbus - Grey Cup Party 3:00 PM Tickets Available
after Masses in the Narthex
- Nov 22/23** CWL Bazaar Saturday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM Sunday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Nov 23** Recyclables Drop-Off in Alley 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
- Nov 27** PPC Meeting 7:00 PM South Hall
- Nov 28** Birthday Celebrations 9:30 AM South Hall
- Nov 29** Crafts and Fun Fellowship 10:00 AM - 12 Noon North Hall
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM Conference Room



Weekly Financial Pulse 2025

Rolling Financial Pulse	
Surplus / -Loss to September 30, 2025	\$14,924
Weekly Collections	
05-Oct	\$ 11,429.00
12-Oct	\$ 8,237.00
19-Oct	\$ 9,504.00
26-Oct	\$ 7,801.00
Total October 2025	\$ 36,971.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 40,444.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	-\$ 3,473.00



Important Announcement for All Parishioners

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
We thank you for your support for the parish. Any TIA surplus in 2025 will help cover upcoming capital expenditures.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping to achieve our parish's contribution to the diocesan goal of \$2 million.

St. Gerard's Recycle Fundraiser

Turn Cans Into Blessings

4th Sunday of the Month
This month: **NOVEMBER 23**

Money raised will go to Coffee Fellowship and Altar Flowers

Drop off in the St. Gerard's overflow parking
10 AM - 12:30 PM
Due to limited space, **please do not drop off early.**

Thank you to Tim and Kam Renfrow (T & K Curbside Recyclers) for their logistical support!

\$799
RAISED IN THE LAST 6 MONTHS

Thank you for your support!

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



Help Fund our Sunday Coffee Fellowship

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

Financial Update and comparative for the 9-month period ending September 30, 2025:

	Sept 30, 2025	Sept 30, 2024	Year over year Change
Revenue/Expenses (note 1)			\$ %
Parishioner Donations/Regular	\$300,593	\$280,198	
Misc Revenue	\$17,592	\$22,576	
Bequests	\$36,582	\$.00	
TIA Surplus	\$12,083	\$.00	
Total All Revenue	\$366,850	\$302,574	+64,276 (+21%)
(LESS) Total All Expenses	\$351,926	335,047	+\$16,879 (+5%)
Net: Surplus (Deficit)	\$14,924	(32,473)	+\$47,397 (+143%)
Donation to TIA (Note 2)	\$48,277	\$31,926	\$16,351 (+50%)
Donations to Mission Mexico	\$4,200	\$5,398	-\$1098 (-29%)
Donations to St Vincent de Paul	\$50,754	\$25,103	+\$25,651 (+100%)
Bank Balance Sept 30 2025	\$30,564		
Discretionary cash position (Note 3)	\$167,265	\$125, 888	+41,377 (+33%)

Note (1)

Total Gross revenues of \$366,850 for the 9-month period ending Sept 30, 2025 represented a \$64,276 increase or 21% over gross revenues recorded to the same period in fiscal 2024. In addition to a \$20,400 increase in general parishioner donations, the parish has also benefited from Bequests totalling \$36,582 and a TIA surplus of 12,083 recorded for the period.

Note: Of the \$36,582 in Bequests, \$10,000 has been patriated to computer upgrades, while the TIA surplus will be apportioned for capital improvements and building repairs as per pre-established arrangement with the Calgary Diocese.

Note (2) – As at September 30, 2025, the parish had collected \$48,277 in TIA donations, exceeding its 2025 target of \$36,194 by \$12,083. Please see note 1 above regarding disposition of this surplus.

Note (3) -The parish's discretionary cash position is as follows:

Bank Accounts-	\$141,602
Deposited at Diocese	<u>\$56,640</u>
Total Cash	\$198,242
Less:	
Current Liabilities	
Net of TIA Surplus	<u>(\$30,977)</u>
Discretionary cash Position	\$167,265

Murray A. Gartner, Chair Finance Council
Oct. 22, 2025

Ministry Updates

Sacramental Preparation

2025 - 2026 Sacramental Preparation:
Registration Closed. Sacramental Preparation Schedule view online. Click [here](#).

Gathering #2 - Saturday, Nov 8

- 8:30 am First Reconciliation
- 10:30 am Confirmation



Volunteer Screening

*Huge Thank you to Michele Lynn for facilitating the C.A.S.E. training workshops. The Safety of Everyone is our number #1 priority. **Special THANK YOU! to volunteers who have attended the training.*** Missed the workshop? Contact Marcia to ensure your volunteer screening requirements are up to date or have been received.

Living Faith Publication

To receive an **e-copy** of the **Living Faith** for October, November, and December, please email the parish office at Frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca. Free will donations to cover material costs . **For e-transfers, please include your email address in the e-transfer memo section.**



Join Us For Little Rock Scripture Bible Study Nov '25

Spirituality of the Gospels begins Nov. 12
Click [here](#) for the schedule and to sign up.

Knights of Columbus

Next meeting November 5, 7:00 PM



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy Nov. 2 at 11:00 am.

Please bear with us as we screen our volunteers to serve you better. Catechists please connect with Marcia to complete requirements needed. **Registration required.** Parents please leave signed waiver at the Office mailbox by the hall. See website for forms.

Parish Renewal Team News

We are sharing the Year III Renewal video: "[Lighting the fire of Renewal.](#)" In it, Bishop McGrattan calls each of us to deeper conversion to Christ and urges us forward in mission at this crucial moment, reminding us: "The night is far gone, the day is near." (Romans 13:12).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA) 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](#).



Mass Intentions

Tues. Nov 4 @ 6:30PM	William Baldwin	SI
Wed. Nov 5 @ 9:00AM	Camden Pfeifer	RIP
Thurs. Nov 6 @ 9:00AM	Josephine Purcell	RIP
Fri. Nov 7 @ 9:00AM	Alex Segura	RIP
Sat. Nov 8 @ 5:00PM	Pro Populo	
Sun. Nov 9 @ 9:00AM	Lorraine & William Baldwin	RIP
Sun. Nov 9 @ 11:00AM	Levstik Family	RIP

Continued Prayers for Fr. Ignatius' Fast Recovery

Thank you Fr. Bill Stephenson for assisting us until Nov. 5, Wednesday.

Note: Nov. 4th, NO 5:00 pm Adoration, regular Tuesday mass at 6:30 PM only.



November Birthdays

Attalia Ibe	1-Nov
Hanna Winata	1-Nov
Nicolette Eden	10-Nov
Wibi Hartono	11-Nov
Anthony Rey	17-Nov
Susan Taylor	18-Nov
Joey Magayam	19-Nov
Gay Abuan-Summers	20-Nov
Abel John	20-Nov
Robert Falvi	21-Nov

November Anniversaries

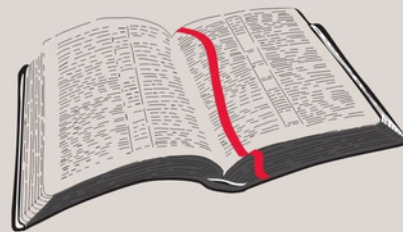
Anna & Norm Schultz	64th	11-Nov
Geraldine & Phillip Maltby	60th	20-Nov
Beth & Murray Gartner		20-Nov



Monthly Birthday Celebrations

Last Friday of the month after Mass
Come celebrate with us.
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Spirituality of the Gospels



Little Rock Bible Study

Join us Wednesdays in the Parish Hall for two options: mornings with Roy and Carol (9:45–11:30 am) or evenings with John S (7–8:30 pm). Schedule:

- Nov 12, 19, 26; Dec 3, 2025
- Jan 14, 21, 2026

We look forward to exploring the Gospels together! Sign up [online](#).

St. Gerard's 65th Anniversary Marian Pilgrimage



What is the Marian Pilgrimage?

It is a devotional program centered on Our Lady to foster prayer and spiritual growth.

To participate, host one of the Marian statues as a family or individual for one week in your home and pray the Rosary daily. To increase participation, sign up sheets for the Marian statue are now available at the gathering area, please pick a statue and date of preference.



As we celebrate our 65th Anniversary, our Jubilee Marian Pilgrimage begins this October—the month of the Rosary—and continues through June 2026. Each week, one family or individual from every weekend Mass (5PM, 9AM, and 11AM) is invited to host a Marian statue and pray the Rosary daily at home throughout the week.

Hosting Procedure:

- Due to a poor response for the online sign-up, **please use the paper sign-up sheet in the church entrance.** Leave your name and phone number.
- Pick up a statue at the Hospitality Table in the church entrance right after Mass.
- Welcome the statue into your home for a week of prayer and reflection.
- Jot down your personal prayer intentions in the included booklet. If it's full, contact the office at 403-253-2251 ext. 3 for a new one.
- Commit to praying the Rosary together as a family each day.
- Before your next Mass, return the statue to the Hospitality Table in the complete prayer bag, which should include: the statue, prayer booklet with intentions, rosary, and pen.
- Share the invitation—encourage your friends to sign up and join in!



What's Happening

ST GERARD'S CWL BAZAAR

SATURDAY NOV 22, 9-3
SUNDAY NOV 23, 9-1

ST GERARD'S PARISH
8944 ELBOW DRIVE SW



STGERARDS.CA

CRAFTS

BAKING

BOOKS

CHRISTMAS

HOT FOOD

& MORE!

ST GERARD'S CWL BAZAAR

WISH LIST

HELP MAKE THE CWL
BAZAAR A SUCCESS.

We are looking for donations of

- CRAFTS
- BAKED GOODS
- CHRISTMAS ITEMS
- BOOKS (No textbooks)



Drop off is November 20 and 21
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!



Don't forget

Turn your clocks back
one hour, Sunday Nov 2

Knights of Columbus Fall 'Meat' Sale Fundraiser



Order by Nov 17
Pick up Nov 25



Click here
to order.

Beef
Chicken
Salmon
and more!

Thank you! to
everyone who
contributed to the

FALL FOOD DRIVE



What's Happening

FUN FOR ALL GREY CUP



PARTY



SUN, NOV 16

JOIN IN THE FUN!

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Grey Cup party on **November 16** in the church hall. Come and cheer your favorite team or just show up for the fun! **Tickets available after masses in the Narthex.**

Doors open at 3 PM and the game starts at 4 PM.

Tickets are \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

Hot dogs and chili will be available for purchase and light snacks will be provided.

Beer, wine, pop and other drinks will also be available for purchase.

Sales will be cash only.



AFTER MASS FELLOWSHIP Free LIVE MUSIC

PARISH FELLOWSHIP HALL

November 9, 2025

10:00 am and 12:00 noon



Twinkle Villanueva-Ng

of DAUGHTERS 5 BAND

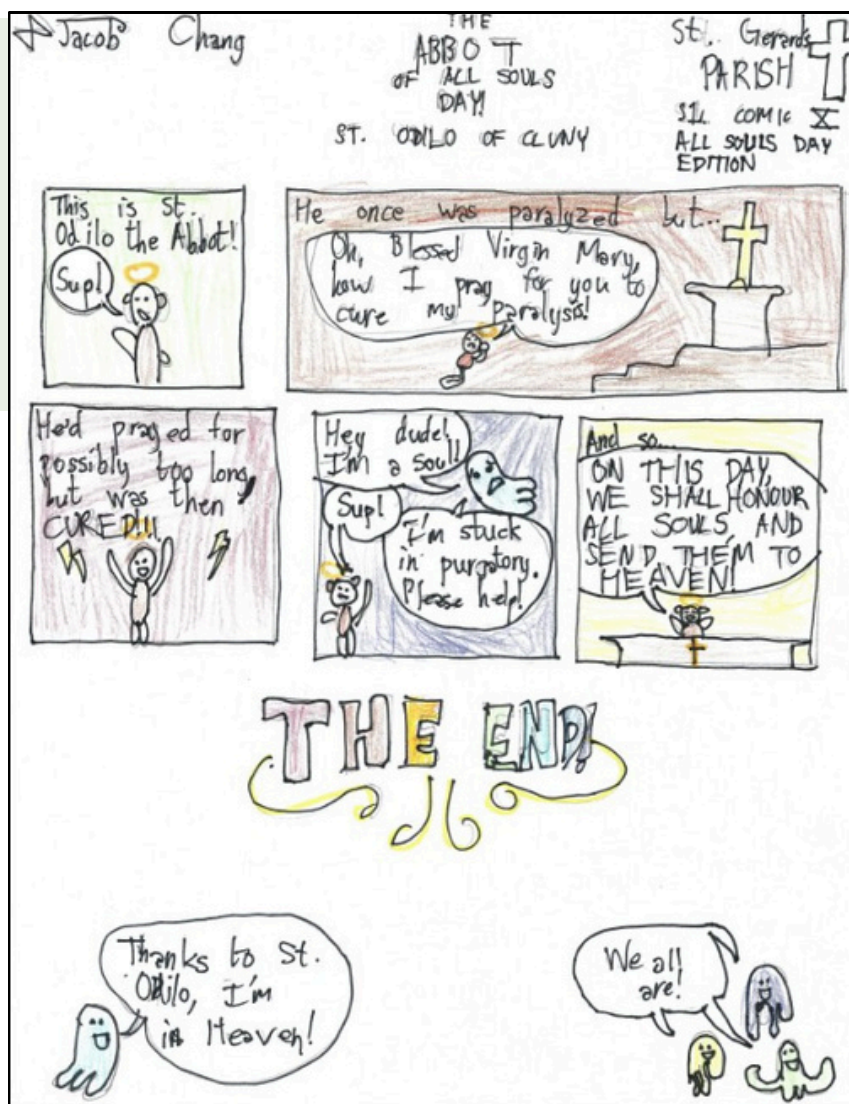
Featured Performer: Twinkle Villanueva-Ng

Sunday, November 9, 2025

After 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass

Twinkle Villanueva-Ng is a violinist/vocalist sharing her personal smooth musical renditions, while her stage presence and captivating smile give warmth to every song performance. She is also a member of the popular local Calgary Filipino band The Daughters 5. She's been playing vocals and violin touches with The Daughters 5 band since 1997 to date and has been in numerous gigs and events in the Philippines, in Dubai, South Korea, and Nova Scotia. She is also currently a part-time violin teacher at Music Works in Coventry Hills.

Join us for this joyful musical treat!



Saints Comic Strip

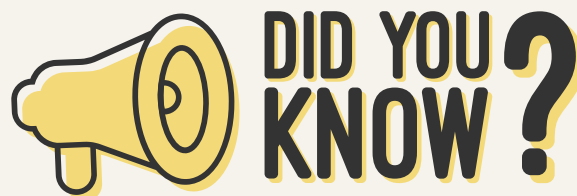
by Jacob Chang

Do you have a saint in mind for a comic strip? **Connect with the office** to Help Jacob Chang create awareness about Saints. Let us continue this Jubilee Year of Hope by walking with the Saints.

[Diocesan Sunday Updates](#)

[Kid's Bulletin this Sunday](#)

[Colouring Page this Sunday](#)



The Catholic Church has canonized over 10,000 saints since the time of the apostles, with many serving as patrons for specific causes—like St. Anthony of Padua for lost or stolen items, whose intercession inspires countless "found" stories; St. Jude Thaddeus for hopeless causes and desperate situations; St. Rita of Cascia for difficult marriages and impossible causes; St. Dymphna for anxiety and mental health; and St. Gerard for expectant mothers.

Bulletin Deadline



Noon on
Wednesdays

FOR ALL SUBMISSIONS

Become a Member of St. Gerard's Parish

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

SIGN UP TODAY!

 [Click Here](#)



November 1
All Saints' Day

St. Gerard, pray for us