

ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

NOVEMBER 9, 2025

Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica



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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica celebrates the consecration of Rome's St. John Lateran Church (Pope's official cathedral) as the "mother church" for all Catholics. It symbolizes the universal Church as God's dwelling on earth. This ties into Jesus' body as the true Temple, destroyed and raised in three days. It calls us to renew and purify our faith in the Church today.

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

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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

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

- Nov 8** First Reconciliation Gathering #2 8:30 AM South Hall
Confirmation Gathering #2 10:30 - 12:00 Noon South Hall
- Nov 9** Twinkle will perform - 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 18** Altar Servers Fellowship (Pizza & Movie)
- Nov 20** Drop-off donations for the Bazaar from 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- 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 26** Memorial Mass at 7 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
Advent Retreat "As We Wait in Joyful Hope" 9:30 AM





Remembrance Day, 2025

Dear Friends,

On this Remembrance Day, we gather in solemn reflection to honour the sacrifices of the brave men and women who served in the pursuit of peace, justice and freedom. Their courage echoes through the generations, and today, we stand in gratitude for all they gave—and for all we have.

As people of faith, we remember not just the lives lost, but the spirit with which they lived: a selflessness rooted in love, a duty shaped by hope. Let us hold in prayer the veterans among us, their families, and all who continue to bear the weight of war, visible or unseen.

In this sacred moment, we also recommit ourselves to peace in our communities and our world. Remembrance is not passive—it calls us to action, to embody compassion, unity and reconciliation in all we do.

The words of Jesus remind us: **“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.”** Let us strive to be worthy of that blessing, living each day with reverence for those who came before us and with resolve to build a future worthy of their sacrifice.

May today be a reminder to live with purpose and love deeply. And may the memory of the fallen forever be a guiding light in our hearts.

With prayers for peace,

Fr. Ignatius

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
31-Oct	\$	4,101.00
Total October 2025		\$ 41,072.00
Monthly Breakeven		\$ 40,444.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date		\$ 628.00

Weekly Collections

02-Nov \$ 8,430.00



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.

Ministry in Action

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition

JIM EMMELKAMP



Taps leaking, furnace quit, lights out, boiler leaking, keys forgotten, strange noises, and sewer repair supervisor (just to name a few).

WHO TO CALL? (*shrug*) . . .

Well, we've got a guy for that --

A SUPER VOLUNTEER,

Jim Emmelkamp!

He's even been known to jump up to assist midway through dinner!



**Thank you Jim for your
generous giving of time,
talent, and treasure.**

St. Gerard's Parish

COOKIE BAKERS Needed

**For the Cookie Walk
Fund Raiser
Sat, Dec 13**



Drop-off is December 12
9 AM - 5 PM

[Click here to sign up.](#)
or contact the office.

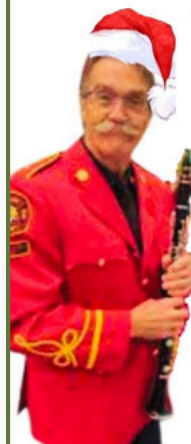
St. Gerard's Parish

CAPPY SMART BAND

TICKET SELLERS Needed

**After all
weekend masses
beginning 15/16 Nov.**

EVENT IS DECEMBER 2



[Click here to sign up.](#)

or contact the office.

Parish Updates



Sacramental Preparation

2025 - 2026 Sacramental Preparation:
Registration is now closed. To view the Sacramental Preparation Schedule online, click [here](#).

Gathering #2 - Saturday, Nov 8

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

Advent Retreat, Nov. 29

Save the date: Saturday, November 29 for our Advent Retreat. Topic: *As We Wait in Joyful Hope* with Deacon Michael Soentgerath.
Adoration 9:30 AM, Talk 10:00 AM -12:00 PM.

Cappy Smart Band Concert

Save the date: Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 PM.
All ages welcome! Tickets \$10 per person or \$30 per family of 4 (Children under 12 years old are free). [Ticket sellers required](#).

Pizza and Movie Night

Calling all Altar Servers (adult and youth)!
Join us for Mass, Fellowship and a Movie on Tuesday, November 18:

- 6:30 PM Mass
- 7:00 PM Fellowship and Movie featuring *"The Chosen Adventure"*

RSVP by November 14: contact Paula Hillman.

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.

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy Nov 9 at 11:00 AM

NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY Nov 23

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.

Patience is a Virtue

It is with regret to announce that due to the high cost of plumbing bills in the last two weeks, causing repeated sewer back-up in the rectory, **paper towels in the washrooms have been discontinued.** **Using hand air driers is highly encouraged.** Exercising patience is welcomed if someone is already using the dryer. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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](#).



Parish Life



Mass Intentions

Tues. Nov 11 @ 6:30PM	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP
Wed. Nov 12 @ 9:00AM	Josephine Purcell	RIP
Thurs. Nov 13 @ 9:00AM	Jose Abuan	RIP
Fri. Nov 14 @ 9:00AM	Michael Shields	RIP
Sat. Nov 15 @ 5:00PM	Eveline Lagace	RIP
Sun. Nov 16 @ 9:00AM	Pro Populo	
Sun. Nov 16 @ 11:00AM	Albert Hess	RIP

November Birthdays

Attalia Ibe	1-Nov
Sharyl Major	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	49th	20-Nov

Book of Remembrance for Memorial Mass

Write the names of your loved ones.
The book is in front of Mary's statue
next to the altar. Deadline is Nov 18.



The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank their members, all the parishioners and their families, Cobb's Bread, St. Stephen's school staff and students, and No Frills for their contributions to the Autumn Food for Families Food Drive 2025.

Spirituality of the Gospels

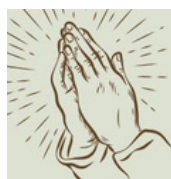


Little Rock Bible Study

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](#).



Continue to pray for
Fr. Ignatius' Recovery



NEW DATE

**Celebrate Catholic Education Sunday
November 22–23, 2025**

ANCHORED IN CHRIST, BEACON OF HOPE

Celebrating 140 Years of Catholic Education in Calgary

In this 140th year of Catholic education in Calgary, we give thanks for the gift of Catholic schools—where faith, learning, and community are nurtured.

Grounded in Christ and guided by the Gospel, Catholic education helps our students grow in truth, compassion, and purpose.

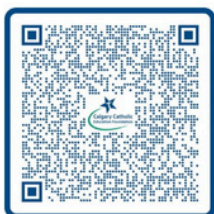
With your support, the CCEF continues to enrich learning in our schools, igniting hope for over 64,000 students.

The Calgary Catholic Education Foundation supports students in 120 schools across Calgary, Airdrie, Cochrane, and Chestermere. We fund projects in:

- Social Justice
- Leading-edge learning opportunities such as portable technology
- Stewardship and leadership development in students
- Safe and caring faith-based programs
- Playgrounds
- Campus Calgary/Open Minds®

"We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." – Hebrews 6:18–19

Show your support today



Online

Scan this QR code.

OR

Donate securely and with confidence online at: bit.ly/CCEFCES

By cheque

Mail your donation to:

Calgary Catholic Education Foundation
1000 - 5 Avenue SW
Calgary, AB T2P 4T9



At your local parish

If attending mass on

November 22 & 23, 2025

place your donation in the dedicated envelope from your pew.

All donations are 100% tax deductible.

To learn more about the CCEF, visit us at theccef.ca |    **#IGiveCatholic**

Charitable registration # 820582294RR0001

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

CRAFTS

BAKING

BOOKS

CHRISTMAS

HOT FOOD

& MORE!



STGERARDS.CA

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 Nov 21, 10am - 7pm

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE FOR VETERANS

Give Generously!
Help fill all the boxes

A list of most needed items
is beside the bins
in the church entrance.



VETERANS
FOOD BANK
of CALGARY
BY THE CALGARY VETERANS SERVICES SOCIETY

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Dry Goods

- Boxed mashed potatoes (all varieties)
- Canned fruit/fish/ham, chicken, turkey
- Cooking oils/tea (other prepared meals)
- Hamburger helper/
other dry prepared meals boxes
- Juice boxes/soda pop
- Pancake mix/syrup mix
- Saline crackers
- Vinegar
- Crackers bags
- Saltine crackers
- Vinegar crackers bags crackers

Household

- Bleach products (general)
- Cleaning/soap (general)
- Dishwashing soap/pods
- Fabric softener
- Laundry detergent/bounce sheets
- Med/large garbage bags
- Paper towels/toilet paper

ST GERARD'S PARISH

CWL Meeting

TUES NOV 11, 7 PM



Bring items for
St. Anne's Pantry

Bazaar Plans

Bring Grey Cup
Tickets

Knights of Columbus Fall 'Meat' Sale Fundraiser



Order by Nov 17
Pick up Nov 25



Click here
to order.

Beef
Chicken
Salmon
and more!

Lest we forget



Remembrance Day

OFFICE CLOSED

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

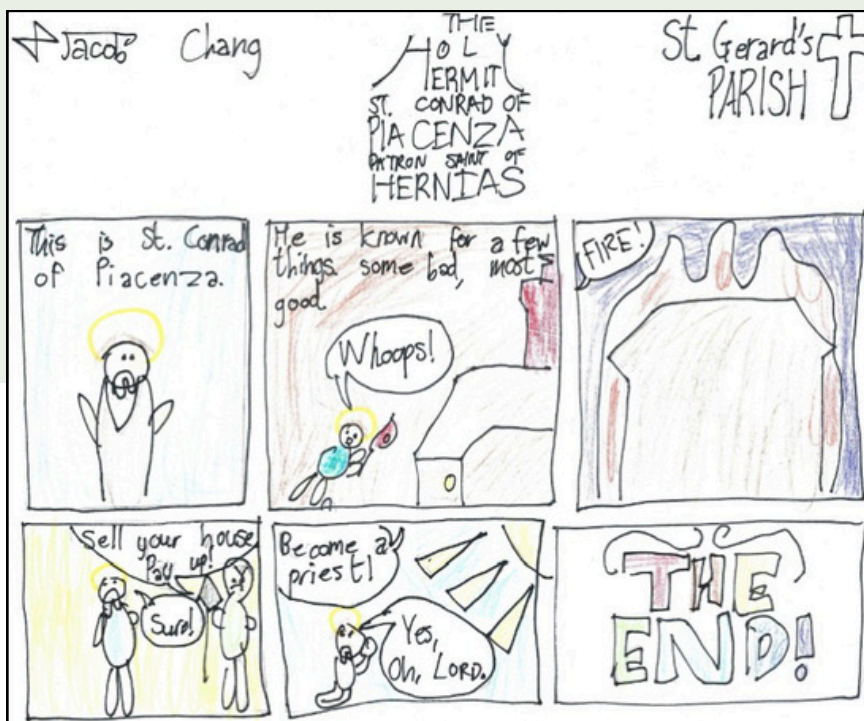
Featured Performer: Twinkle Villanueva-Ng

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](#)

Become a Member of St. Gerard's Parish

Have you officially registered to become a member of our parish?
SIGN UP TODAY!

 [Click Here](#)



St. John Lateran Basilica was founded in 324 AD by Emperor Constantine on the site of the ancient Laterani family palace. It is Rome's oldest public church and the Western world's oldest basilica. Consecrated by Pope Sylvester I, it became the Pope's official cathedral and "mother church" of all Catholics. In the 9th century, Pope Sergius III dedicated it to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist. It has survived fires, earthquakes, and restorations, remaining a key pilgrimage site.

Lateran Basilica, Rome

