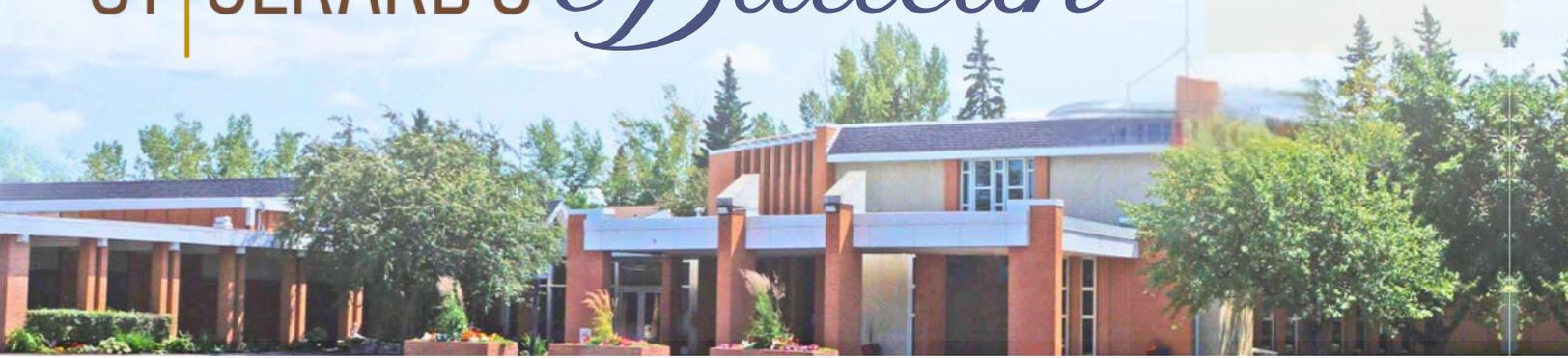


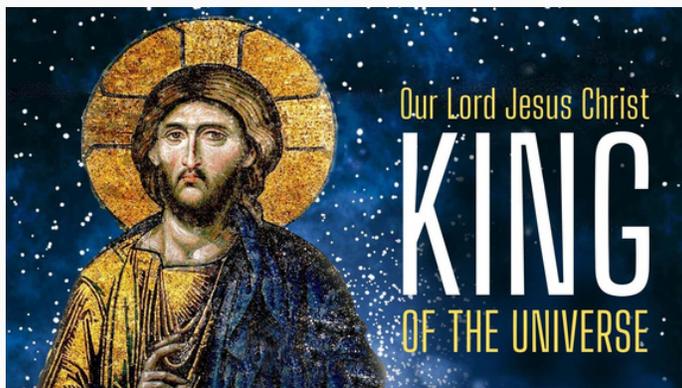
ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



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



This Sunday's Gospel teaches that Jesus' kingship triumphs on the cross through mercy, as he assures paradise today to the penitent thief who acknowledges his innocence and pleads for remembrance, inviting all to salvation by faith.

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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Gay Abuan-Summers

Pastoral Program Coordinator

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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 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

World Youth Day: Young people must say to the world, "It is good to follow Jesus."

Nov 26 Memorial Mass at 7 PM

Nov 27 PPC Meeting 7:00 PM South Hall

Nov 29 Advent Retreat "As We Wait in Joyful Hope" 9:30 AM

Crafts and Fun Fellowship 10:00 AM - 12 Noon North Hall

COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM Conference Room

Dec 2 Cappy Smart Band - Merry Merry Christmas Concert 7:30 PM

Dec 3 Card Party 9:30 AM, Bible Study 9:45 AM

Knights General Meeting 7:00 PM

Dec 5 First Friday Muffin Social 10:15 AM

Dec 6 First Reconciliation Gathering #4 8:30 AM

Confirmation 10:30 AM

Dec 6/7 Bella Vita Jewelry available to purchase after all Masses

Dec 9 CWL Christmas Dinner after 6:30 PM Mass

Dec 12 Christmas with THE CHOSEN - Holy Night Movie & Fellowship 9:45 am

Dec 14 Simbang Gabi, Caroling 6:30 PM, 7:00 PM Mass



Weekly Financial Pulse 2025

| <u>Rolling Financial Pulse</u> | |
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| Surplus /-Loss to September 30, 2025 | \$14,924 |
| Weekly Collections | |
| 02-Nov | \$ 8,430.00 |
| 09-Nov | \$ 11,601.00 |
| 16-Nov | \$ 6,177.00 |
| 23-Nov | |
| 30-Nov | |
| Total November 2025 | \$ 26,208.00 |
| Monthly Breakeven | \$ 40,444.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date | -\$ 14,236.00 |



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.

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](#)



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!



Thank you for your support!



Help Fund our Sunday Coffee Fellowship

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

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition

**Funeral Coordinator / Card Party
Leader/ Parish Renewal Member**

SHEILA PADLEY



Over the years, Sheila Padley has volunteered in many parish ministries, but the Funeral Ministry truly thrives through her mentoring, leadership, and coordination. This is a prayerful ministry that celebrates the life of someone who has passed away. When you lose a loved one, the days ahead are never easy. Funerals can happen anytime, often without notice and with very little time to prepare. Yet Sheila puts grieving families at ease and calmly guides them through every step of a Catholic funeral—from the first meeting with the family to directing her dedicated team. She is there, start to finish, for each and every family.

Thank you Sheila for your mentorship, leadership and coordinating skills. We are blessed to have you!

Eucharistic Miracles Team Meeting - November 30

Gentle reminder to all interested members of the Eucharistic Miracles Team. Meeting scheduled for Sunday, November 30 at 10:15 AM, South Hall Conference Room.

Ministries in Action Video in Progress

Lights... Camera.... Action! A PPC Lead Ministries in Action Video production is in progress and has begun. Thanks to Ellen Armstrong and Josh Chege for collaborating with St. Gerard's Ministries. Ellen will be in touch with each Ministry lead and their team to set up a schedule for their short video clip production. The goal is to highlight each ministry in our parish and promote growth among members.

2025 Children's Christmas Tableau Casting Call

Calling all interested children ages 5 - 17 to join us for the **2025 Christmas Tableau, presented on December 24, 5:00 PM Children's Mass.**

Talents needed: Two Readers, Choir Members, Mary, Joseph, Three Wiseman, Shepherds and Angels. Adult volunteers are also needed to assist during practice and with custom fittings. December practice will begin soon!

To get involved, contact Gay via email: Pastoral.Coordinator@stgerards.ca

Knights of Columbus

- Thank you to all who attended the GREY CUP Party. Congratulations to all winners.
- K of C Meat Sale: Order pick-up is scheduled for November 25. Thank you for your support!

Parish Updates

Sacramental Preparation

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

Gathering #4 - Saturday, Dec. 6

- 8:30 AM **First Reconciliation**

Gathering #3 - Saturday, Dec. 6

- 10:30 AM **Confirmation**

Advent Retreat, Nov. 29

Saturday, November 29 for our Advent Retreat. Topic: *As We Wait in Joyful Hope* with Deacon Michael Soentgerath. (See page 6)
Adoration 9:30 AM, talk 10:00 AM -12:00 PM.

Join Us For Little Rock Scripture Bible Study Nov '25

Spirituality of the Gospels

Note: November 26 session has been cancelled and December 10 has been added to the schedule. Click [here](#) for the complete schedule and to sign up.

Cappy Smart Band Concert

Tuesday, December 2 at 7:30 PM. All ages welcome! Tickets \$10 per person or \$30 per family of 4 (children 12 and under are free). Tickets available after all masses. Proceeds towards the purchase of new hand air dryers for Men's and Women's washroom. (See page 6 for details)



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy resumes Nov 30 @ 11 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.

Thank You Altar Servers

Thank you to all parents and Altar Servers (adult and youth) who attended the Pizza and Movie night! Contact: Paula Hillman if interested in **Altar Serving for the Christmas and New Year's. Dates as follows:**

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 PM(Children), 8 PM
Dec. 25 Christmas Day at 10:00 AM
Dec. 31 New Year's Eve 5:00 PM
Jan. 1/ 26 New Year's Day 10:00 AM

Keeping Washrooms Tidy

Let's work together to keep our washroom facility tidy. **Thank you for using hand dryers or hand sanitizers.** Should the washrooms need immediate attention, please fill in a *Work Order Maintenance Form* located in the Parish Kitchen/ Men's or Ladies washroom. Submit forms in the envelope near the parish office mailbox. **Purchase a Cappy Smart Band ticket to support our upgraded hand dryer initiative.** (See page 6)



Parish Life



Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Nov 25 @ 6:30PM | Fr. Ignatius | SI |
| Wed. Nov 26 @ 9:00AM | Lucy Taff | RIP |
| Thurs. Nov 27 @ 9:00AM | George David | RIP |
| Fri. Nov 28 @ 9:00AM | Lagace Family | SI |
| Sat. Nov 29 @ 5:00PM | Dorota Klimek | RIP |
| Sun. Nov 30 @ 9:00AM | Anne Bergen | SI |
| Sun. Nov 30 @ 11:00AM | Rozi & Joe Zorko | RIP |

Memorial Mass

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26
7:00 PM

*All are welcome.
Light Refreshments and
Fellowship to follow*

Together as a family let us
celebrate our loved ones who
have gone before us.

All are welcome to attend.
Memorial Book now closed.

Thank you for your participation.



November Birthdays

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| 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

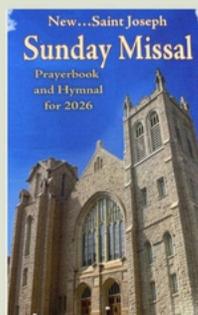
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| Anna & Norm Schultz | 64th | 11-Nov |
| Geraldine & Phillip Maltby | 60th | 20-Nov |
| Beth & Murray Gartner | 49th | 20-Nov |

Cancelled this month

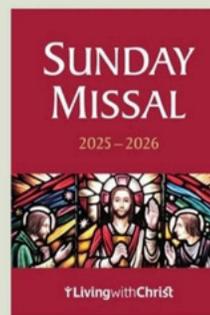
Monthly Birthday Celebrations

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

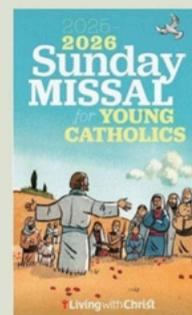
2026 Sunday Missals



\$5



\$5



\$10

New 2026 Sunday Missals are here.
Follow every reading, psalm and gospel
with ease. Never get lost again.
Purchase a copy today in the entrance.
Cash or e-Transfer accepted.
Pastoral.Coordinator@stgerards.ca
Memo: MISSALS

What's Happening

Funds raised go towards the purchase of new hand air dryers (\$1200 x 2) in the washrooms

MERRY MERRY CHRISTMAS

with the
Cappy Smart Band

Christmas Concert
Sing-along and
Storytelling

**Tuesday
December 2
7:30 pm Parish Hall**

\$10 person
\$30 family (4 max)
Children 12 & under free
Only 150 tickets sold after masses
Must present ticket for entry to concert



CWL BAZAAR with K of C
This weekend!
Don't miss it!

**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.



ADVENT RETREAT

As We Wait in Joyful Hope

WITH DEACON MICHAEL SOENTGERATH



SAT NOV 29

**ADORATION 9:30 AM
RETREAT 10 AM - 12 PM
ST GERARD'S CHURCH**

Advent is a time of waiting, stillness and reflection. A time to gather around the Advent wreath to pray, to contemplate and to think about life and reflect on the meaning of Advent and what its message can offer to our souls. This short retreat will be an intentional "setting aside some time" out of our busy pre-Christmas season to reflect on the presence of God's Love in our lives and how the Mystery of God becoming one of us in the birth of His Son, joyfully rekindles within us, the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Ordained Deacon in 1983 (Edmonton), Michael Soentgerath began pastoral work in 1984 at Holy Spirit Parish (Calgary Diocese). Served in parishes, as High School Chaplain, and 21 years at Catholic Pastoral Centre. Retired 2019, he now volunteers in pastoral care/catechetics. Married to Chris Brochu-Soentgerath, retired Father Lacombe Principal and St. Mary's University sessional instructor.





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



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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 thecef.ca |    **#IGiveCatholic**

Charitable registration # 820582294RR0001



Serra International is a global lay Catholic organization, recognized by the Holy See, that promotes vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. A local chapter in the Diocese of Calgary was established by Bishop William T. McGrattan in 2023.

CELEBRATING VOCATIONS WITH CARDINAL COLLINS



All are welcome to learn more about Serra's work and mission and hear Cardinal Collins' presentation.

**TUESDAY,
Nov 25, 2025**

**5 PM St. Mary's
Cathedral**

Mass with Bishop McGrattan & Cardinal Collins, followed by presentation at the Parish Hall. Light refreshments will be served.

**Speaker: His Eminence
Cardinal Thomas Collins**

Episcopal Advisor to Serra International and Episcopal Liaison for the Canadian Bishops to Serra Canada.





Simbang Gabi 2025

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino Christmas tradition. It is a series of nine dawn masses on the days leading up to Christmas. In the Philippines, it begins on December 16 and ends on the 24th of December when a midnight mass is held.

In other countries, Filipinos are creative in scheduling their Simbang Gabi.

This year, 13 Calgary Catholic Churches have committed to celebrate the Simbang Gabi.

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| Nov. 29 | St. Albert the Great | 10 Prestwvick Drive SE | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Nov. 30 | St. Elizabeth of Hungary | 819 – 13 th Avenue SW | 4:00 pm caroling | 4:30 pm mass |
| Dec. 6 | St. Anthony's Church & Phil. Consulate Calgary | 5340 - 4 th Street SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 7 | Our Lady of Fatima | 4747 – 30 th Street SE | 6:00 pm caroling | 6:30 pm mass |
| Dec. 12 | St. Mary's Catholic Church (Cochrane) | 10 River Heights Drive | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 12 | St. Peter's Church | 541 Silvergrove Dr NW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 13 | St. Luke's Church | 1566 Northmount Drive NW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 14 | St. Gerard's Church | 8944 Elbow Drive SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 14 | Ste. Famille Church & El Shaddai | 1717 - 5 th Street SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 19 | Ascension Church | 1100 Berkshire Blvd NW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 19 | Holy Spirit Church | 10827 - 24 th Street SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 20 | St. Cecilia Church | 321 – 90 th Avenue SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |
| Dec. 20 | St. Michael Church & Filipino Catholic Society of the Diocese of Calgary | 800 - 85 th Street SW | 6:30 pm caroling | 7:00 pm mass |

CHRISTMAS DAY • December 25, 2025
St Anthony's Church • 5340 - 4th Street SW
3:30 pm caroling 4:00 pm mass



Saints Comic Strip

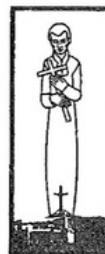
by Jacob Chang

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](#)



ENVELOPE ALERT

The 2026 Assigned Donation Envelopes are available for pick-up in the Narthex. Do not use until 2026.

St. Gerard's Parish

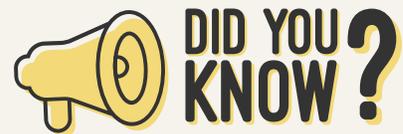
COOKIE BAKERS Needed

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.



The pretzel is the world's oldest Catholic "cookie"!

In the 7th century, monks shaped leftover bread dough into little folded arms in prayer and gave them to children who learned their prayers. Because they contained only flour, water, and salt, they were allowed during Lent. The three holes in it came to represent the Holy Trinity - Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.