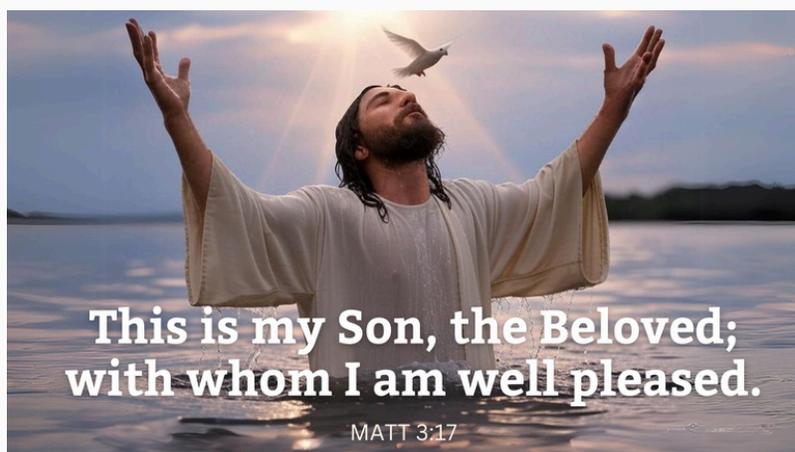


ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

JANUARY 11, 2026
Baptism of the Lord

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This Sunday's Gospel teaches that Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, anointed by the Holy Spirit to bring salvation to all people.

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

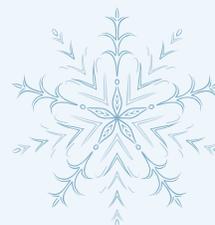
Monday through Friday:
9 am to 12 pm (noon)
Closed noon - 1 pm (*lunch break*)
Afternoons **by appointment only:**
from 1 pm - 4:30 pm
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

July - August

Closed Mondays
Tuesday through Friday:
9 am to 12 pm (noon)
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

- Jan 10** First Reconciliation Session 6 8:30 AM
COR Men's Group 10:00 AM
- Jan 11** Children's Liturgy 11:00 AM
- Jan 13** Money Counter Meeting 9:00 AM
Funeral Mass Pre-Planning 7:15 PM
- Jan 14** Card Party 9:30 AM, Bible Study 9:45 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM, OCIA 7:00 PM
- Jan 17** First Reconciliation Retreat 9:00 AM
K of C & CWL Membership Drive 5:00 PM
- Jan 18** K of C & CWL Membership Drive after 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM masses
- Jan 22** PPC Meeting 7:00 PM
- Jan 24** Crafts & Fun Fellowship 10:00 AM North Hall
COR Men's Prayer 10:00 AM Conference Rm
Confirmation 10:30 AM South Hall
- Jan 27** Altar Server Fellowship @ 7:00 PM - North Hall
OCIA - South Hall
- Jan 30** Birthday Celebration - After 9:00 AM Mass - South Hall



The Master

Once upon a time, a Master was talking to a crowd of people and his message was so wonderful that everyone felt touched by his words of love. In the crowd there was a man who listened to every word the Master said. This man was very humble and he had a great heart. He was so touched by the Master's words that he felt the need to invite the Master to his home.

When the Master finished speaking, the man walked through the crowd, looked into the eyes of the Master and told him, "I know you are busy and everyone wants your attention. I know you hardly have time to listen to my words. But my heart is so open and I feel so much love for you that I have the need to invite you to my home. I want to prepare the best meal for you. I don't expect you will accept, but I just had to let you know."

The Master looked into the man's eyes and with the most beautiful smile he said, "Prepare everything. I will be there." Then the Master walked away.

At these words, the joy in the man's heart was strong. He could hardly wait to serve the Master and express his love for him. This would be the most important day of his life. The Master was going to be with him. He bought the best food and wine and found the most beautiful clothes to offer as a gift to the Master. Then he ran home to prepare everything to receive the Master. He cleaned his entire house, prepared the most wonderful meal and made the table look beautiful. His heart was full of joy because the Master would soon be there.

The man was waiting anxiously when someone knocked on the door. Eagerly, he opened the door but instead of the Master, he found an old woman. She looked into his eyes and said, "I am starving. Can you give me a piece of bread?"

The man was a little disappointed because it was not the Master. He looked at the woman and said, "Please, come into my house." He sat her in the place he had prepared for the Master and gave her the food he had made for the Master. But he was anxious and could hardly wait for her to finish eating. The old woman was touched by the generosity of this man. She thanked him and left.

The man barely finished preparing the table for the Master again when someone knocked at the door. This time it was another stranger who had travelled across the desert. The stranger looked into the man's face and said, "I am thirsty. Can you give something to drink?"

The man was a little disappointed again because it was not the Master. He invited the stranger into his home and sat him in the place he prepared

Message From Fr. Tran

for the Master. He served the wine he intended to give the Master. When the stranger left, the man again prepared everything for the Master.

Someone knocked at the door again. When the man opened the door, there stood a child. The child looked up at the man and said, "I'm freezing. Can you give me a blanket to cover my body?"

The man was a little disappointed because it was not the Master but he looked into the eyes of the child and felt love in his heart. Quickly, he gathered the clothes he had intended to give the Master and he covered the child with the clothes. The child thanked him and left.

The man prepared everything again for the Master and then he waited until it was very late. When he realized the Master was not coming, he was disappointed but right away he forgave the Master. He said to himself, "I knew I could not expect the Master to come to this humble home. Although he said he would come, something more important must have taken him elsewhere. The Master did not come, but at least he told me he would and that is enough for my heart to be happy."

Slowly he put away the food, he put the wine away and he went to bed. That night he dreamed the Master came to his home. The man was happy to see him but he didn't know that he was dreaming. "Master you came! You kept your word."

The Master replied, "Yes, I am here but I was here before. I was hungry and you fulfilled my need for food. I was thirsty and you gave me the wine. I was cold and you covered me with clothes. Whatever you do for others, you do for me."

The man woke up and his heart was filled with happiness, because he understood what the Master had taught him. The Master loved him so much that he had sent three people to give him the greatest lesson: The Master lives within everyone. When you give food to the one who is starving, when you give water to the one who is thirsty, when you cover the one who is cold, you give your love to the Master.

Weekly Financial Pulse 2025

| Rolling Financial Pulse | |
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| Surplus /-Loss to October 31, 2025 | \$1,621 |
| Weekly Collections | |
| 7-Dec | \$ 14,277.00 |
| 14-Dec | \$ 11,700.00 |
| 21-Dec | \$ 14,903.00 |
| 28-Dec | \$ 29,099.00 |
| 31-Dec | \$ 20,678.00 |
| Total December 2025 | \$ 90,657.00 |
| Monthly Breakeven | \$ 40,444.00 |
| Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date | \$ 50,213.00 |
| Weekly Collections | |
| 4-Jan | \$ 7,972.00 |



Have you created your 2026 giving plan?

Remember the three C's:

Conscience
Commitment
Consistency



Thank you

MULTIPLY THE hope Building Fund Envelopes



Every donation counts! Parishioners are encouraged three ways to "Go Make a Difference". Consider **giving electronically** or by **e-transfer** to frontdesk.admin@stgerards.ca or use **Gold envelopes** marked: **Building Maintenance Fund/ Multiply the Hope** found at the pews/ entrance.



Help Fund Sunday Coffee Fellowship

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

\$50,000

St. Gerard's Building Maintenance Fund Progress



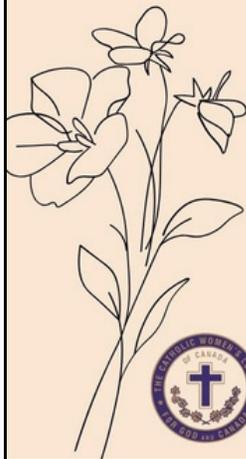
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Ministry in Action



Funeral Mass Pre-Planning Tues Jan 13 at 7:15 PM



Join **Sheila Padley**, St. Gerard's Funeral Ministry Coordinator, for an informative session on Funeral Mass pre-planning. Get answers to frequently asked questions and learn how thoughtful planning can help make things easier for your loved ones. All parishioners are invited. Presentation in the church. Refreshments to follow in the North hall. Sponsored by the CWL.

Children's Liturgy

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
Children's Liturgy January 11.

Catechists please connect with Marcia to complete requirements needed. **Registration required.** See website for forms.

Sacramental Preparation

January 17 Reconciliation Retreat

9:00 AM Retreat starts

11:00 AM Reconciliation Celebration

12:00 PM Fellowship Pizza Lunch

Confirmation Gathering 4 resumes
January 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Little Rock Bible Study Jan '26

SPIRITUALITY OF THE GOSPELS

Bible Study resumes January 14 for both AM and PM (Evening) sessions.

Click [here](#) for the complete schedule. Sign up for next bible - Gospel of Mark part 1 and 2

All Catholic men and women 18+

JOIN US and experience the joy of a charity-based life.



Knights of Columbus

and CWL

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

January 17 and 18

Saturday and Sunday after all masses
Goodies and video after 9 and 11 AM masses

Do you hear the call?
This is your time!
Take a giant step this New Year!

Altar Servers

Next gathering is Tuesday,
January 27 at 7:00 PM
after the 6:30 PM Mass



Parish Updates

65th Photo Orders Update

Please note that the **65th Anniversary Photo Directory is in progress**. Please bear with us as we put the stories, photos and edits together. **Release date TBD**. Special Thanks for Ms. Helene Couture for her assistance on putting memorabilia's together.

For those who had photo orders at the time of their photo sitting, your order should have been completed (ie. sent via email as of March 11 and prints shipped April 22, 2025). **If you have not received them, please call IPC Photo at 1-800-391-5161 ext. 114 or 115 . Please have your invoice number ready for ease of finding your file.**

Thank you for your patience & understanding. It takes a village to celebrate milestones.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Planning Meeting

January 15 at 9:45 am, after Thursday 9:00 am mass. Join the planning committee!

Calling all interested volunteers to assist in planning the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit scheduled for March 19 - 22. Thanks to Agnes Bedard for leading this team.



Wanted

New and used Christmas Cards
for the Mission Council
card-making program.

**Drop off at the Hospitality Desk: Mission Council Box
or to the Parish Office. Thank You!**

Thank you!



Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The new Dyson Airblade hand dryers have been installed in both the ladies' and men's washrooms.

Work Order Forms

Should an area in the parish 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. We here to serve you better. Thank you!

Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion Update

Saturday, January 24 at 1:00 pm Save a date for Fellowship and Information gathering. All members invited to attend.

Last Chance to pick up!

If you have not already, please pick up your 2026 donation envelopes, which are located in the Narthex just in front of the Jubilee Room.

All envelopes not picked up by January 18, numbers will be recycled. Please **DO NOT** use old envelope numbers. To receive Tax Receipt a **valid address and full name must be available**. Please ensure we have all your information. Tax receipts will be issued end of February 2026.



Mass Intentions

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| Tues. Jan 13 @ 6:30 PM | CWL Memorial Mass | RIP |
| Wed. Jan 14 @ 9:00AM | Geri Schmit-SI/Jim | RIP |
| Thurs. Jan 15 @ 9:00AM | Shirley Valentine | RIP |
| Fri. Jan 16 @ 9:00AM | Ramon Plantilla | SI |
| Sat. Jan 17 @ 5:00PM | Pro Populo | |
| Sun. Jan 18 @ 9:00AM | Salvacion Sestoso | RIP |
| Sun. Jan 18 @ 11:00AM | Gloria Almoros | RIP |



Monthly Birthday Celebrations

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

January Birthdays

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Wendellin Hoffart/ Art Sumague | 01-Jan |
| Simeon Abuan | 05-Jan |
| Adela Piotrowski | 06-Jan |
| Gabriel Van Meter | 07-Jan |
| Pablo Canaveral | 09-Jan |
| Ruth Weiberg | 10-Jan |
| Melissa Emmelkamp | 12-Jan |
| Gordon Skaluba | 14-Jan |
| Thomasz Czarnomski | 14-Jan |
| Roland Abuan / Dannica Dulay | 16-Jan |
| Roseline Ibe | 18-Jan |
| Anysia Ibe | 21-Jan |
| Miguel Witheridge / Osey Onuoha | 22-Jan |
| Judy Millman | 23-Jan |
| Marie Robertson | 23-Jan |
| Michael Angelo Macaraeg | 31-Jan |

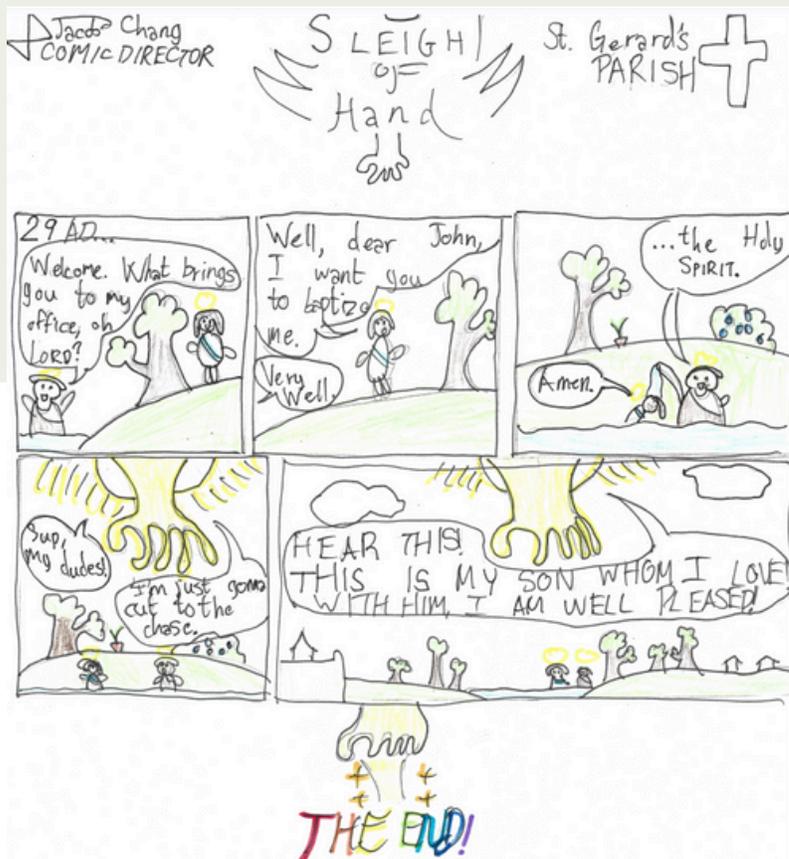
St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition

GERI SCHMIT



Geri is one of our weekday Mass proclaimers and is known for her gentle spirit and beautiful way of proclaiming the Word. She has been a long-time member of St. Gerard's Parish and is very much part of the fabric of our community. Geri is also active with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, where she serves others with care and compassion, and she enjoys the friendship and fellowship of the Wednesday Card Group, always helping to make people feel welcome.

Thank you Geri for all the ways you serve our parish.



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](#)

[Kids Colouring Page](#)

[Kid's Bulletin](#)

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 GERARD'S PARISH PRESENTS

Music from Across the Sea

WITH THE

CAPPY SMART BAND



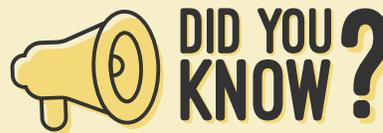
March 24
7:30 PM



\$10/person or \$30/family of 4
Bring a non-perishable food item.

To reserve your ticket email csmartband@gmail.com
VENUE: St. Gerard's Church 8944 Elbow Dr SW Calgary

Fund Raiser for Veteran's Food Bank



The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord officially marks the close of the Christmas season in the Western Catholic Church, after which we enter Ordinary Time with green vestments returning to the altar. This feast recalls the moment Jesus began His public ministry following his hidden years in Nazareth.