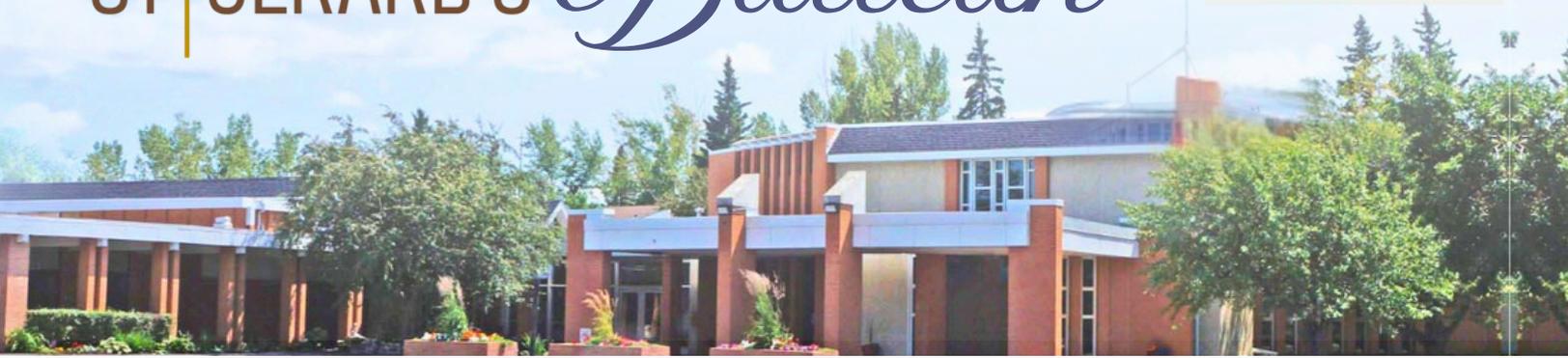


ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

February 1, 2026
4th Sunday in Ordinary
Time



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

Rejoice and be glad
for your reward
is great in heaven.

MATT 5:12

This Sunday's Gospel
teaches that true
happiness and blessing
come not from power or
success, but from living
with humility, mercy,
purity of heart, and trust
in God—even in the
midst of suffering.

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

- Feb 3** Fundraising Ministry Planning Mtg 1:00 PPM South Hall
Horizons of Hope Planning Meeting - 7:00 PM North Hall
- Feb 4** Card Party 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Gospel According To Mark Pt 1 9:45 AM & 7 PM
Knights - General Meeting 7:00 PM
OCIA 7:00 PM
- Feb 6** First Adoration 9:30 - 10:15 AM
First Friday Muffin Social 10:15 AM
- Feb 7** First Eucharist - Parents Information Session 10:00 AM
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM
- Feb 11** Card Party 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Gospel According To Mark Pt 1 9:45 AM & 7 PM
OCIA - 7:00 PM
- Feb 12** OCIC 4:00 PM / 5:00 PM North Hall
Liturgy Meeting 7:00 PM North Hall
- Feb 14** First Eucharist - Gathering 1 8:30 AM
- Feb 21** First Eucharist - Gathering 2 8:30 AM
Confirmation - Gathering 5 10:30 AM
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM



Diocese Personnel Update



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE
of Calgary

CLERGY PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 28, 2026

PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Edward Anthonipillai, OFM**, assigned as Associate Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Cochrane, and served at Mount Saint Francis Retreat Centre has returned to Sri Lanka, effective January 20, 2026.

RETIREMENT

- **Deacon John Wu**, serving at Our Lady of Perpetual Parish, Calgary, has been granted retirement from ministry, effective December 8, 2025.

The Diocese of Calgary is grateful for their service, and I wish them our prayers and best wishes.

Yours in Christ,

✠ William T. McGrattan
Bishop of Calgary

PRIEST APPOINTMENTS

- **Rev. Joung Ho Sin, "Fr. Benedict"**, from the Archdiocese of Daegu, South Korea, has been appointed Pastor of St. Anne's Korean Parish, Calgary, effective February 1, 2026.
- **Rev. Anthony Ngwaba**, from the Diocese of Aba, Nigeria, has been appointed to Hospital Chaplaincy, Calgary, effective February 1, 2026 and will be in residence at Sacred Heart Rectory, Calgary, beginning February 15, 2026.
- **Rev. Eligio Canete**, currently Pastor of St. Mary's Parish, Brooks, has been granted a leave of absence from March 1 to July 1, 2026.

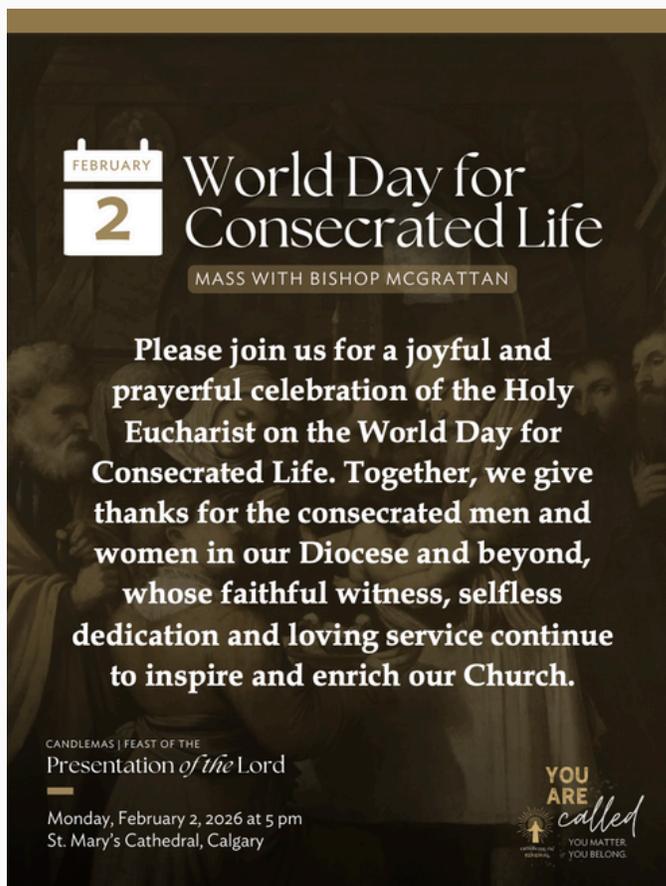
- **Rev. Kelvin Chukwurah**, currently Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Administrator of St. Mary's Parish, Brooks, effective March 1, 2026 and will be in residence at the parish beginning February 15, 2026.
- **Rev. Andrew Obinyan**, currently in Hospital Chaplaincy, Calgary, has been appointed Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Calgary, effective February 15, 2026.

DEACON PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS

- **Deacon Patrick Woo**, currently serving at Ascension Parish, Calgary, has been appointed to Holy Name Parish, Calgary, effective February 1, 2026.
- **Deacon Andrew Ross**, currently serving at St. Joseph Parish, Calgary, has been appointed to Ascension Parish, Calgary, effective February 1, 2026

PRIEST ASSIGNMENTS

- **Rev. Andrew Obinyan**, in addition to being the Associate Pastor of St. Michael's Parish, Calgary, has been appointed Spiritual Advisor to the Calgary Catholic Charismatic Renewal Society (CCCRS), effective February 1, 2026.



FEBRUARY
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World Day for Consecrated Life

MASS WITH BISHOP MCGRATTAN

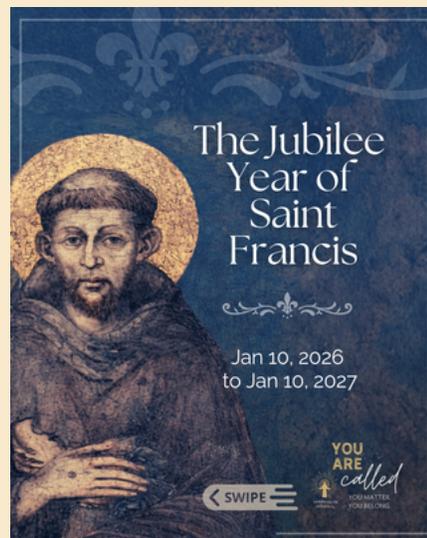
Please join us for a joyful and prayerful celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the World Day for Consecrated Life. Together, we give thanks for the consecrated men and women in our Diocese and beyond, whose faithful witness, selfless dedication and loving service continue to inspire and enrich our Church.

CANDLEMAS | FEAST OF THE Presentation of the Lord

Monday, February 2, 2026 at 5 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral, Calgary

YOU ARE called
YOU MATTER. YOU BELONG.

Jubilee Year of St. Francis



From Jan 10, 2026 to Jan 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. This Jubilee invites not only celebration, but a deeper imitation of St. Francis through a Gospel life lived simply, faithfully, and daily.

READ MORE: [Year of St. Francis, Vatican News](#)
INFO: [On Plenary Indulgence on the occasion of the Year of St. Francis](#)

Weekly Financial Pulse 2026

<u>Rolling Financial Pulse</u>	
Surplus /-Loss to December 31, 2025	\$43,394
<u>Weekly Collections</u>	
4-Jan	\$ 7,972.00
11-Jan	\$ 8,079.00
18-Jan	\$ 9,389.00
25-Jan	\$ 6,927.00
31-Jan	
Total January 2026	\$ 32,367.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 41,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	-\$ 8,883.00



Have you created your 2026 giving plan?

Remember the three C's:

- Conscience**
- Commitment**
- Consistency**

Consider **\$25 weekly**

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.

Become a Member of St. Gerard's Parish

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

[Click Here](#)



Mass Intentions

Tues. Feb 3 @ 6:30 PM	George David	RIP
Wed. Feb 4 @ 9:00AM	Jim Schmit	RIP
Thurs. Feb 5 @ 9:00AM	Gliceria Lacia	RIP
Fri. Feb 6 @ 9:00AM	Gloria Almoros	RIP
Sat. Feb 7 @ 5:00PM	Erika David	SI
Sun. Feb 8 @ 9:00AM	Pro Populo	
Sun. Feb 8 @ 11:00AM	Rozi & Joe Zorko	RIP



Monthly Birthday Celebrations

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

February Birthdays

Patrick Lagerlof	1-Feb
Darryl Daignault / Myra D' Souza	2-Feb
Michelle Macaraeg	3-Feb
Murray Gartner	9-Feb
Erika David	11-Feb
Gerry Preston, Barry Mah	13-Feb
John Crerar	16-Feb
Catherine Daignault	17-Feb
Allison Fifield, Chibueze Udeogaranya	17-Feb
Donna Seguin	19-Feb
Mary Ann Abuan-Fanella, Jun Abuan	20-Feb
Gemma Martinez	21-Feb
Tony Swain	23-Feb
Robert Lauinger	24-Feb
Thompson Fifield	25-Feb
Catherine Ryan	26-Feb
Jason Davidson	27-Feb
Irene Langille	28-Feb
Marcus Langille	29-Feb

February Anniversaries

John and Blanche Crerar 48th February 2

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition

DON & EMILY ROGUSKI



At the end of last year, Don and Emily retired from their long-standing role as parish money counters, after many years of faithful service. As long-time members of our parish, they have contributed in countless ways over the years — from helping with Inn from the Cold, to providing hospitality at funeral receptions, to serving as ushers. Don has also faithfully organized the Knights of Columbus food drives for Lent, Thanksgiving, and Christmas for many years.

We are deeply grateful for their dedication and generosity. Although they have officially retired from regular volunteering, Don and Emily remain willing to help when asked, as their busy retirement schedules allow.

**Thank you, Don and Emily,
for your years of faithful
service and commitment to
our parish community.**

Ministry in Action

Little Rock Bible Study

Gospel of Mark starts February 4th

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

Gospel of Mark PART ONE



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:

- Feb 4, 11, 25, 2026
- March 4, 11, 2026

We look forward to exploring the Gospels together!

Sacramental Preparation

First Eucharist parent information
February 7 at 10:00 AM.

Confirmation Gathering 5
February 21, 2026 10:30 AM

Candidates, it's a great time to start your Discipleship project and Saints Profile.



Altar Servers

Thank you to all who attended January 27 Fellowship and training. Keep up the good work!



Fellowship, Gospel Reflection, Prayer

COR Men's Prayer Group



Every Second Saturday
10 AM - 11 AM
in the North Hall
February 7, 21

All men of the parish
are welcome!



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy February 1 (North Hall)

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

Parish Updates

Lent Soup and Bun Schedule

The parish Soup and Bun event is a light dinner served each Friday during lent from 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm (while supplies last), followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm.

- **February 20** – PPC (Hosting & Stations of the Cross)
- **February 27** – Sacristans & Eucharistic Ministers (Hosting & Stations of the Cross)
- **March 6** – Host: Trinity Lodge; Stations of the Cross – Knights of Columbus
- **March 13** – Environmental Ministry (Hosting & Stations of the Cross)
- **March 20** – Wednesday Card Party (Both Hosting & Stations of the Cross)
- **March 27** – CWL (Hosting & Stations of the Cross)



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.

World Day of the Sick Wednesday, February 11

The theme for the 34th World Day of the Sick, which will be observed on Wednesday, February 11, 2026 is: "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing another's pain."

Anointing of the sick after 9:00 AM mass.

Catholic Education Raffle

Catholic Education has been a gift to our community for 140 years — and it needs our support today.

The CCEF's Cash Raffle includes a **\$5,000 Early Bird Draw on February 6**, with funds staying local to support Catholic schools and students. Learn more and purchase tickets at [Catholic Education Raffle 50/50](#)

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Save the date March 20 - 22

Calling all interested volunteers to assist in the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit scheduled for March 19 Set up , Exhibit on March 20 - 22. Contact Agnes Bedard through parish office.

Thank you for answering the call.

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!



Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) February 28 Campaign

Homelessness, hunger, despair, addiction and substance dependency, can suck hope, joy and love from our souls.

Most of us have been blessed to avoid these issues and some of us are a paycheque or tragedy away from disaster.

The statistics are harsh:

- Everyday there are 2,500 people who experience homelessness in Calgary;
- 115,000 people who are at risk of homelessness in Calgary.
- In Alberta in 2024, 1,181 people died from an opioid overdose.

That is a lot of trauma. That trauma can be changed and corrected. We can be that change. We can't do it alone; we can do it with others.

The **Calgary Dream Centre (CDC)** provides Hope for men, women and families.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

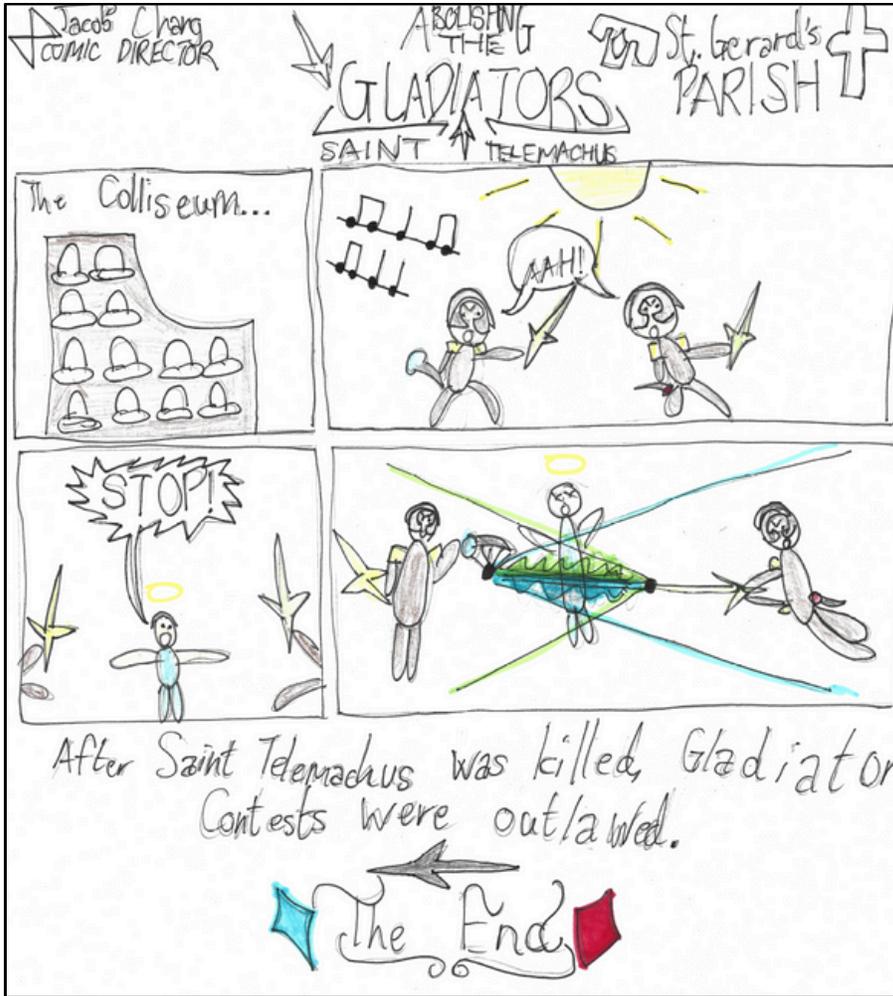
We have an opportunity to supplement our prayers for help, with action:

Join Team YYC Heart Warmers from St. Gerard's on February 28th, 2026, as we walk together in a family friendly fundraiser to support Calgary Dream Centre through the Coldest Night of the Year walk in Stanley Park.

Visit: [CNOY 2026](#) and look for our Team **YYC Heart Warmers** and sign up.

You can choose to walk a 2 km walk, a 5 km walk, donate or raise funds or volunteer for the night of the walk. You can join as families, individuals or other groups.

To learn more about Calgary Dream Centre visit CNOY 2026: [Calgary Stanley Park](#) or see CDC: Who we are? [Calgary Dream Centre Video](#)



Saints Comic Strip

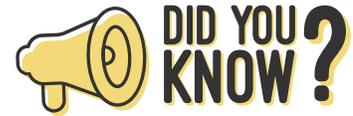
by Jacob Chang

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](#)



The Beatitudes (Mt 5:1-12) are often called the "Magna Carta of Christianity," a term used by St. John Paul II to describe them as the essential blueprint for Christian life and holiness.



Altar Servers Fellowship and Training Event

January 17, 2026

