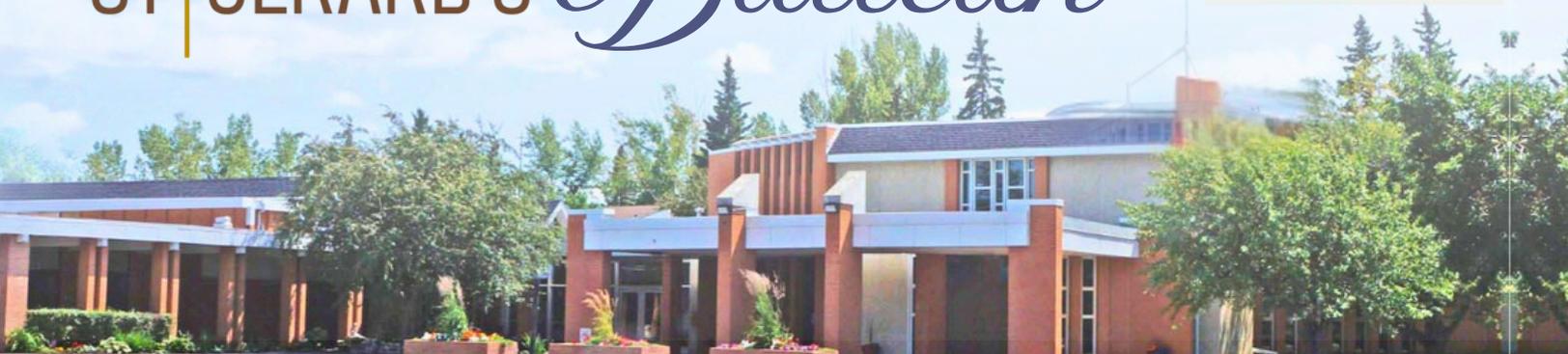


ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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

You are the *Light* of the world

MATT 5:14

This Sunday's Gospel teaches that Jesus calls his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, living in such a way that their good works shine before others and give glory to God.

What's Happening at St. Gerard's

- Feb 7** First Eucharist - Parents Information Session 10:00 AM
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM
- Feb 11** World Day of the Sick:
After the 9:00 AM mass Anointing of the Sick, All are welcome.
Card Party 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Gospel According To Mark Part 1 9:45 AM & 7 PM
OCIA - 7:00 PM
- Feb 12** Eucharistic Ministry/ Sacristan training 1:00 PM Church
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 18** Ash Wednesday - Mass Times 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- Feb 20** Lent - Soup & Bun - Hosting is the PPC 5:30 PM Soup & Bun
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- Feb 21** First Eucharist - Gathering 2, 8:30 AM
Confirmation - Gathering 5, 10:30 AM
COR Men's Prayer Group 10:00 AM
- Feb 25** Card Party 9:30 AM
Bible Study - Gospel According To Mark Part 1 9:45 AM & 7 PM
OCIA - 7:00 PM
- Feb 27** Lent - Soup & Bun - Hosts: Sacristans & Eucharistic Ministers
5:30 PM Soup & Bun 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross



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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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

Finance

Weekly Financial Pulse 2026

<u>Rolling Financial Pulse</u>	
Surplus /-Loss to December 31, 2025	\$43,394
<u>Sunday Weekly Collections</u>	
4-Jan	\$ 7,972.00
11-Jan	\$ 8,079.00
18-Jan	\$ 9,389.00
25-Jan	\$ 6,927.00
Jan 31- Feb 1*	\$ 10,474.00
Total Jan - Feb 1, 2026	\$ 42,841.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 41,250.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	\$ 1,591.00

*no online donation received Feb .1



***Corrected 2026 donation:** Previous calculation included 2025 donation - \$1,200

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 10 @ 6:30 PM	CWL Memorial Mass	RIP
Wed. Feb 11 @ 9:00AM	Salvacion Sestoso	RIP
Thurs. Feb 12 @ 9:00AM	Jim Schmit	RIP
Fri. Feb 13 @ 9:00AM	Jemmy Vi Almoros	RIP
Sat. Feb 14 @ 5:00PM	Pro Populo	
Sun. Feb 15 @ 9:00AM	Nieves Abinon Sestoso	RIP
Sun. Feb 15 @ 11:00AM	Carl Brown	RIP

World Day of the Sick

Wednesday, February 11

Anointing of the sick
after the 9 AM mass.



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

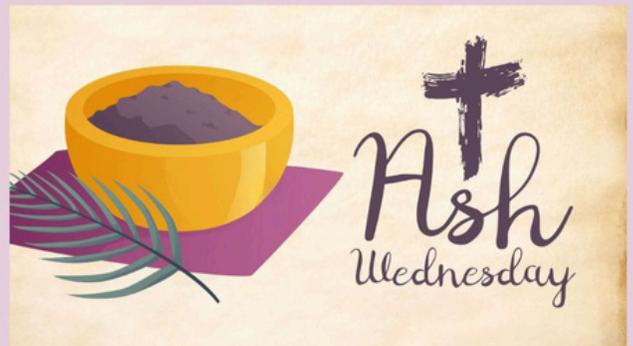
February Anniversaries

John and Blanche Crerar 48th February 2
Don and Emily Roguski February 29

Ash Wednesday

February 18

Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM



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!



Ministry in Action

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition



President SSVP
SUE
MCAVOY

We are truly blessed at St. Gerard's to have Sue McAvoy as President of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP). Sue has been a dedicated member of our SSVP for many years, faithfully serving our neighbors within our own community long before stepping into the role of President. Her deep commitment to living out the Gospel call to love and serve our brothers and sisters has been a shining example to us all. Sue, your tireless generosity, quiet strength, and unwavering faith inspire us every day. Thank you for your leadership and for being the hands and heart of Christ in our midst!

Please keep Sue and our entire SSVP team in your prayers as our parish continues the work of St. Vincent de Paul.

Thank you Sue!
With grateful hearts at
St. Gerard's Parish.



St. Gerard's Parish **MONEY COUNTERS** Needed

*Good with numbers?
Have 2 hr/month to spare?
Mon or Tues during office hours*



Must complete a Volunteer Form and Police Check. Contact the office if you are able to help out. Thank You!

St. Gerard's Parish **SECURITY TEAM** Needed

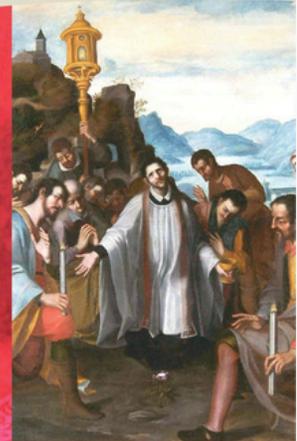
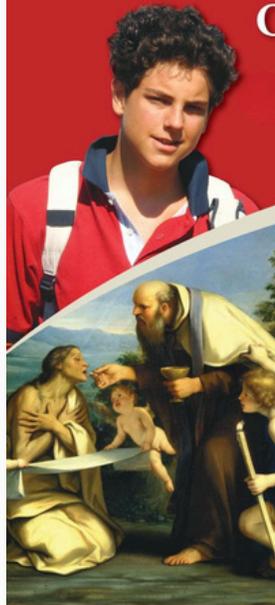
Protect our home. Parish safety volunteers needed.



Must complete a Volunteer Form and Police Check. Contact the office if you are able to help out. Thank You!

International Exhibition **THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES** OF THE WORLD

Designed and created by
St. Carlo Acutis



Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Save the date: March 20 - 22

Calling all interested volunteers to assist in the set up of the Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit scheduled for March 19. Contact Agnes Bedard through the parish office. Thank you for answering the call! This exhibit, designed and created by St. Carlos Acutis, is March 20 to 22 at St. Gerard's parish. Don't miss it!

Parish Updates

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy February 8 (North Hall).

No Children's Liturgy - February 22

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

Sacramental Preparation

First Eucharist Parent Information

February 7 at 10:00 AM.

February 14 at 8:30 AM Gathering 1

Confirmation Gathering 5

February 21, 2026 10:30 AM

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

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

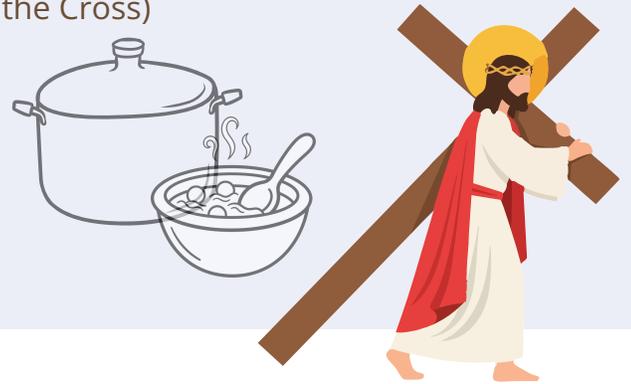
Join us Wednesdays in the Parish Hall for two options: mornings with Roy and Carol (9:45–11:30 am) or evenings with John S (7–8:30 pm). Schedule:

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

Stations of the Cross, 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)



CWL Meeting: February 10

After the 6:30 PM mass. Speakers from Calgary Seniors will share details about their programs. We'll also select prayer partners for those attending. If you're considering joining the CWL, come as a guest and see if we're the right fit for you!

Catholic Education Raffle

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

Upcoming Cash Raffle dates: **\$10,000 final Early Bird Draw Friday Feb 20, 50/50 draw Tuesday, Mar 3.** Funds stay local to support Catholic schools and students. Info and tickets at [Catholic Education Raffle 50/50](#).



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

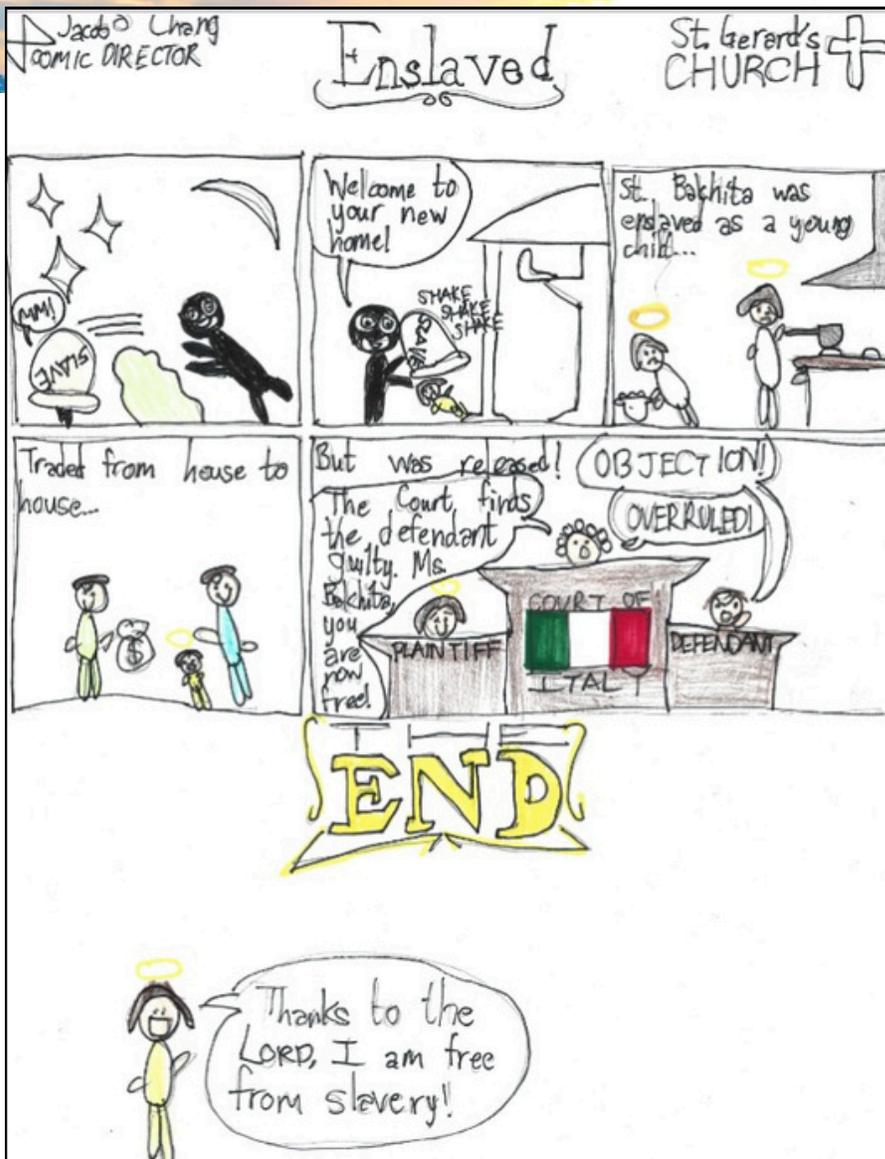
We have an opportunity to supplement our prayers for help, with action:

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](#)



In biblical times, salt was essential for preserving food and sustaining life.

In the Roman world of Jesus' day, its great value led to soldiers receiving a "salarium" (salt allowance), the origin of our word "salary." When Jesus calls his followers "the salt of the earth," he means they are to be essential, life-preserving, and of great value to the world.



Eucharistic Ministry Training

February 12 at 1:00 PM

All interested EMHC/ Sacristans are invited for a Training session on the distribution of the cup. 6-12 volunteers are required to implement.

Something Borrowed

Thank you to those who have hosted the Marian Statue Prayer Devotion. **A gentle reminder that Marian images/statues need to be returned after hosting to allow others to participate.** Please remember to complete and fill in the sign-out form. If you prefer to host images for a longer period, please indicate the expected return date (Example: 1 month, return March 8, 2026).

Marian Statues: Sign Out Reminders

Do you have these images/statues?

There is missing information on the following: *Mother of Perpetual Help, Holy Family and The Pieta.*

Please remember to provide your name, phone number and how long you plan to host the Marian image. These images are loaned from generous parishioners until June 2026. There are total of 6 images to choose from. Please be courteous; sign out and provide the information required. Thank you for your prayers and participation. God bless you!