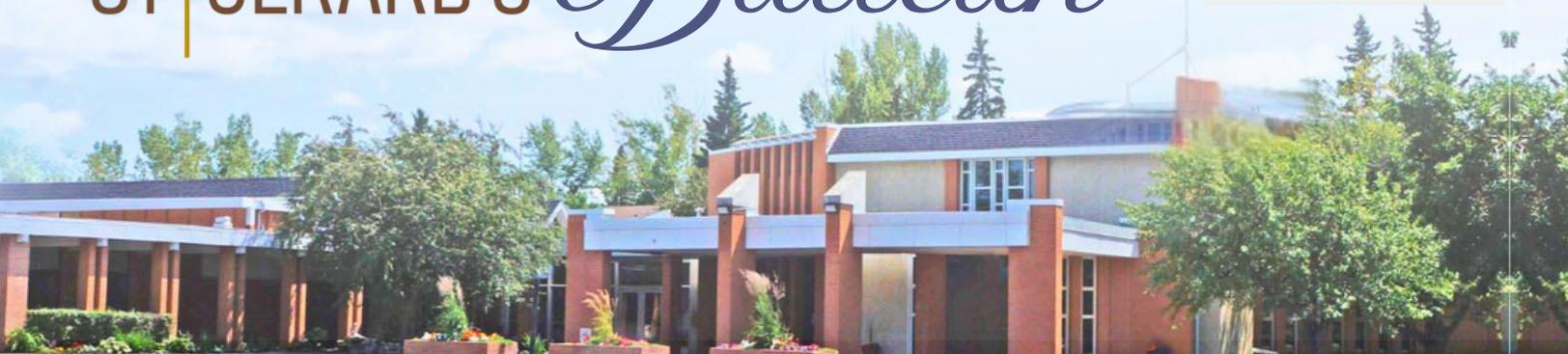


ST GERARD'S *Bulletin*

February 15, 2026
6th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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

First be reconciled
to your brother or sister

MATT 5:24



This Sunday's gospel teaches that Jesus fulfills the law by calling us from external observance to a deeper way of living that shapes our hearts, transforming anger, desire, and everyday speech so our lives truly reflect God's goodness.

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

Pastor: Fr. Ignatius Tran

fr.tran@stgerards.ca

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

Feb 14 First Eucharist - Gathering 1, 8:30 AM

Feb. 16 OFFICE CLOSED

Feb 18 Ash Wednesday - Mass Times 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Bible Study - Gospel According To Mark Part 1 9:45 AM & 7 PM

OCIA - 7:00 PM

Feb 20 Lent - Soup & Bun - PPC & PRT Hosting 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 22 Recyclables Drop-Off Alley Parking Lot 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM

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 26 PPC Meeting - North Hall

Feb 27 Birthday Celebrations after 9:00 AM Mass

Lent - Soup & Bun - Hosts: Sacristans & Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 PM Soup & Bun 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Feb 28 10:00 AM - 12 Noon Crafts & Fun Fellowship - North Hall

Private event 7:00 PM (South & North Hall)



Weekly Financial Pulse 2026

<u>Rolling Financial Pulse</u>	
Surplus /-Loss to December 31, 2025	\$43,394
Weekly Collections	
1-Feb *	\$ -
8-Feb	\$ 13,022.00
15-Feb	
22-Feb	
Total Feb 2025	\$ 13,022.00
Monthly Breakeven	\$ 40,444.00
Surplus/(Deficit) Month to Date	-\$ 27,422.00
*Weekly collection Jan. 31 to Feb. 1 - \$10,474	



Please consider making a donation for the

Easter Flowers

ALTAR

USE THE YELLOW ENVELOPES IN THE PEWS

Thank you for assisting our Environmental team make our Easter Season special.

ST GERARD'S
 Turn cans into blessings!

RECYCLE FUNDRAISER

Drop off in overflow parking
between 10 AM - 12:30 PM only
 4th Sunday of the month

Thanks to T & K Curbside Recyclers and to everyone for their support!

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 17 @ 6:30 PM	Erika George	SI
Wed. Feb 18 @ 9:00AM	Alice & Bill Crerar	RIP
Thurs. Feb 19 @ 9:00AM	Zachary Farrer	RIP
Fri. Feb 20 @ 9:00AM	Levstik Family	RIP
Sat. Feb 21 @ 5:00PM	James Castellino	RIP
Sun. Feb 22 @ 9:00AM	Lucy Just	RIP
Sun. Feb 22 @ 11:00AM	Pro Populo	

Ash Wednesday

February 18
Masses at 9 AM and 7 PM

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

Don and Emily Roguski - February 29

Resumption OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Coming March 1, 2026

Receive Jesus in two species
(One station only)

Thank you to all Eucharistic Ministers who have attended the chalice refresher training - Feb.12 on the distribution of the precious blood. Contact Loretta if you are interested in serving. It takes a village to make a change!

Holy Thursday

WASHING OF THE FEET

12 Volunteers Needed

Come and be part of the Holy Thursday tradition on April 2

Jesus is calling his 12 disciples

Do you feel called to participate in this epic event? Volunteers to enact the the washing of the feet. Please contact Gay to be added to the list.

Baptisms

Welcome to our Faith Community
Elliott Major

Ministry in Action

St. Gerard's Parish Volunteer Recognition



Shining the spotlight on

AARON SUMAGUE

Aaron is truly one of the heartbeats of our St. Gerard's community—a dedicated leader whose deep faith shines through in everything he does.

By day, he serves as an educator, shaping young minds with patience and wisdom. In the evenings and on weekends, he pours that same passion into our parish: lifting his voice in the 5:00 PM choir, teaching catechism with genuine enthusiasm, and embodying charity and brotherhood as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Whether walking alongside Confirmation candidates with steady, encouraging guidance or mentoring the next generation of faithful disciples, Aaron's love for evangelization shines through. We are deeply grateful for his tireless commitment, his joyful and selfless service, and the example he sets for us all.

Thank you, Aaron. Our community is richer in faith thanks to you.

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!

St. Gerard's Parish **LECTOR/ PROCLAIMER COORDINATOR Needed**

This task takes only 90 minutes a month, but it does require a "little and often" approach. Because personal schedules change frequently, the key is to stay on top of incoming emails, so the info doesn't pile up. It's perfect for someone who checks their inbox regularly and wants a straightforward routine.

Skills Needed:

Just a comfort level with email and the ability to fill in the blanks on an existing Excel sheet. We've already done the heavy lifting by setting up the templates!



Contact Gay @ 403-253-2251 - Press 3

St. Gerard's Parish **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY COORDINATOR Needed**

Are you a person who likes to keep active, provides compassionate care for sick or otherwise needy parishioners in their homes, hospitals, hospices, long-term care facilities, seniors' lodges and nursing homes? It is part of the call to members of Christ's body to console, comfort and care for those in need.

Our parish needs a coordinator to ensure scheduling of Pastoral care Team members for regular and special visits.



Required to attend Pastoral Care Meetings as needed or requested.

Contact Gay at 403-253-2251 - Press 3

St. Gerard's Parish **PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY MAYFAIR NURSING HOME LEAD**

Needed

Assist Fr. Ignatius in preparing for mass at the Mayfair Nursing home. Mayfair Nursing home mass is every 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 10:15 am. If you love community and giving back to others, please consider being a pastoral care ministry lead. Training will be provided. Contact Gay at 403-253-2251, Ext. #3



Ministry in Action

MISSION COUNCIL
assorted repurposed

\$1 CARDS



FOR SALE
ON THE LAST
WEEKEND OF
EACH MONTH
IN THE HALL

DROP OFF

Drop off your **uncut** used cards in
the box at the Hospitality desk.

Thank you!

COLDEST NIGHT OF THE YEAR



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: [CNOY26](https://www.cnoy26.com) 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.

CARPET CLEANING FUNDRAISER
St. Gerard's Parish Presents



St. Patrick's Day
**DINNER
& KARAOKE**
Sat March 14 @ 6 PM

\$25/Adults \$10/Children 6 & Under Free
Tickets available after masses

Remember™

FOR LOSS TO SUICIDE

■ For individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide

Grief after suicide loss is deep, complex, and often isolating. "Remember" is a sacred space for healing - offering compassionate support rooted in the Catholic faith.

Over twelve weeks, you will explore:

- The unique pain of suicide loss
- Your loved one's struggle and the mystery of suffering
- Church teachings on forgiveness, mercy, and hope
- Ways to stay connected through prayer and remembrance

12-Week
Program on
Grief and
Suicide Loss

◆ **FEB 22 TO MAY 17**
SUNDAYS AT 5:30 PM (MT)
6:30 PM (PT) | 7:30 PM (ET)

ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Link will be sent to registered participants



To register, call Gay at 403-253-2251 #3 or scan the QR code to register online.

Please note that spaces are limited.

Cost: \$50

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
Call 403-253-2251 ext. 3



Red Bird
MINISTRIES

Parish Updates

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy February 15 (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 14 at 8:30 AM Gathering 1

February 21 at 8:30 AM Gathering 2

Confirmation Gathering 5

February 21, 2026 at 10:30 AM

Candidates, please bring Discipleship project and Saints Profile.

Confirmation Celebration: May 16 at 5:00 PM

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

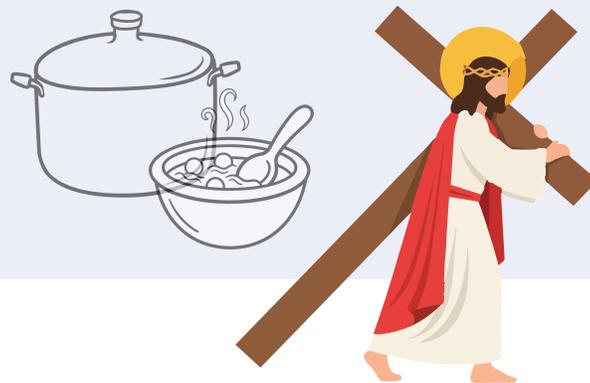
Join us Wednesdays in the Parish Hall for two options: mornings with Roy and Carol (9:45–11:30 am) or evenings with John S (7–8:30 pm). Schedule:

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



Weekday Station of the Cross

Join us daily for mass Tuesdays at 6:30 pm, Wednesday - Friday at 9:00 am

Following all masses, join in the recitation of the stations of the cross, lead by Mrs. Agnes Bedard

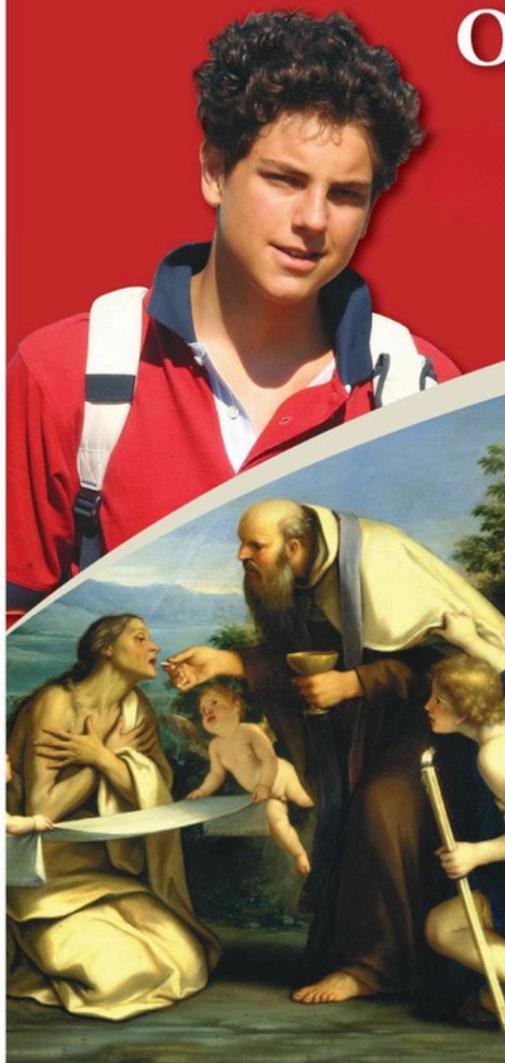
Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit Save the date: March 20 - 22

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. Carlo Acutis, March 20 - 22 at St. Gerard's parish. Don't miss it!

All are welcome

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

Designed and created by
St. Carlo Acutis



Coming to St. Gerard's Parish
March 20 - 22, 2026

EXHIBIT HOURS:

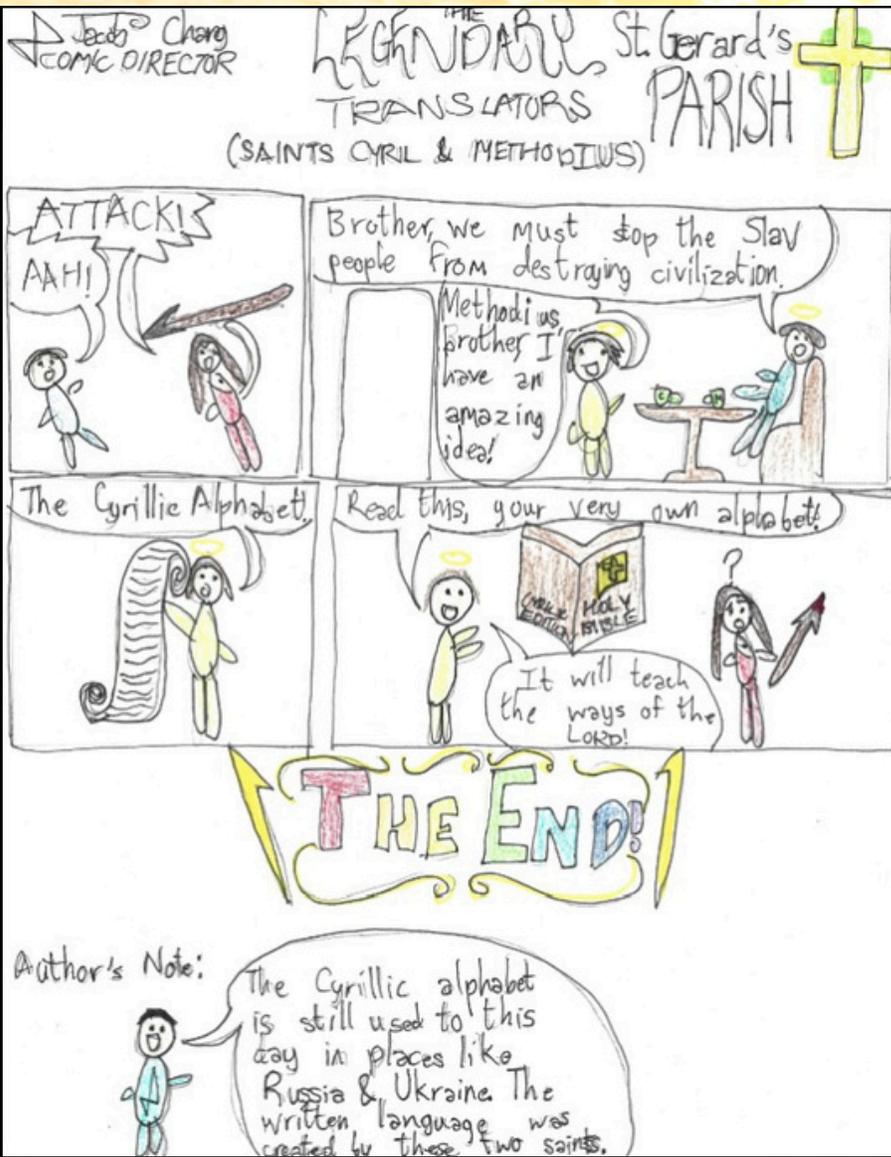
Friday, March 20 9:45 am - 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, March 21 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Sunday, March 22 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to watch over the panels.

Please sign up if you are able to assist us. Sign up sheets available at the entrance.



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](#)

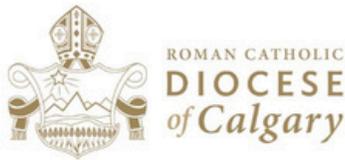
[Kids Colouring Page](#)

[Kid's Bulletin](#)

Facts about Ash Wednesday



- The ashes are a sign of mortality and repentance, reminding us that life is fragile and dependent on God.
- Catholics are marked with ashes in the shape of a cross, a sign of repentance and belonging to Christ.
- Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but Catholics are strongly encouraged to attend Mass.
- Receiving ashes is a **sacramental**, not a sacrament — it is a sacred sign that helps prepare our hearts for conversion.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics aged 18–59 (fasting) and 14 and older (abstinence from meat). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the only two days of fasting and abstinence in Canada.



CLERGY PERSONNEL ANNOUNCEMENTS February 12, 2026

PRIEST LEAVING THE DIOCESE

- **Rev. Paolo Cervantes**, currently Administrator of St. Patrick's Parish, Medicine Hat, is required to leave the country to resolve an immigration-related issue, effective February 20, 2026. He is scheduled to return to the parish this year.

PRIEST APPOINTMENT

- **Rev. Terry Gubiana**, currently in retirement, has agreed to provide pastoral coverage at St. Patrick's Parish, Medicine Hat, effective February 20, 2026.

WHAT IS FASTING?

One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from ages < 18 to 59 >

The sick and expectant mothers are excused from fasting.

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday All Fridays of Lent Good Friday

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone

↑ older than 14 years old

"Repent and believe in the Gospel. This invitation, which we find at the beginning of Jesus' preaching, introduces us into the Lenten season, a time to be dedicated in a special way to our interior conversion."

St. Pope John Paul II