



Our church community is officially called *St. Gerard's Mission*

St. Gerard's Council Members:

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As a "Mission" Church, St. Gerard's is affiliated with the Parish of Holy Trinity in North Vancouver. We are very delighted to be able to share the parish clergy, mainly Fr. Jim Comey and Fr. Tom Smith . We are growing as a Catholic Christian Community and we invite you to get involved with our "mission" events. We welcome your input and would like to use this bulletin as a means to keep you connected with the "community".

As we embark on something new, we welcome your suggestions and thoughts on this bulletin, and also your contributions. If you have any announcements or news to share, please contact any council member or email: StGerards@rcav.bc.ca or josie7@telus.net

REST IN PEACE HUGH!

Your prayers are asked for the repose of the soul of Hugh Stark, who passed away on Thursday Nov. 20th.

An instrumental figure in the St. Gerard's community Hugh will be missed by all.

When you describe a strong, dependable man of good character, who willing gives his time, energy, skills and talent to his family, friends and community, you are describing a "Man of Value". *Hugh Stark was a Man of Value!* Peace to all who grieve for Hugh and peace to all who continue to grieve for family and friends who have gone before.

WORK PARTY

We will be having a fall clean-up and work party on **Saturday, Dec. 6th starting and 9:30am, rain or shine.** There is much to do both indoors and outdoors. We will be cleaning the church as well as tidying the annex suite, minor repair work and fix-it jobs, outside grounds maintenance for winter preparedness, and hanging outdoor Christmas lights. We usually have a good turn out and volunteers provide a light lunch and coffee. Come and join us!

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISING

You will notice in the back of the church there is a large box containing a brand new nativity scene for our Christmas celebration. As a mission church our funds are limited, and we often need to rely on our "mission community" for support. To help defray the cost of the nativity scene the S.G. Council is working on ideas for fund raising, including an upcoming raffle. In the meantime, we have placed a donation container on the top of the nativity box in the back of the church. Thank you in advance for being part of our community fund raising.

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

This year, our Christmas Mass will be held on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th, at 7:30pm. Carols are planned to start at 7:00pm, and Mass will be followed by a little Christmas cheer and goodies. Please stay tuned.

St. Gerard's Mission



READERS

Nov. 23 rd	Josie Farrell Warwick Bay
Nov. 30 th	Bev Lewis Angela Powell
Dec. 7 th	Diana Taylor Judith McBride
Dec. 14 th	Ann Zawadzky Josie Farrell
Dec. 21 st	Josie Farrell Warwick Bay
Dec. 24 th	Angela Powell Josie Farrell
Dec. 28 th	Diana Taylor Eileen Richter

MASS PARTICIPATION

We invite you to participate in the Mass in a very special way by signing up to read or serve. Our rosters are complete to the end of this year. The new sign-up sheets for January will be available in the back of the church prior to Christmas.

DECEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 23 rd	Hugh Stark Family
Nov. 30 th	St. Gerard's Community
Dec. 7 th	
Dec. 21 st	
Dec. 28 th	

Please contact Eileen Richter or Josie Farrell for your Mass Intentions.

ALTAR SERVERS

Nov. 23 rd	Josie Farrell
Nov. 30 th	Elizabeth Thompson
Dec. 7 th	Warwick Bay
Dec. 14 th	Cecilia Bay
Dec. 21 st	Diana Taylor
Dec. 24 th	Eileen Richter
Dec. 28 th	Angela Powell

December Calendar of Events

Dec. 6 th	Work Party
TBA	Tree / Nativity Set up & goodies
TBA	Caroling
TBA	Evening of Christmas Carols

Prayer

*Sweet Jesus, is there anything sweeter than you? To remember you is more delightful than everything else. Your name is joy; it is the true gate of our salvation. What else are you, Jesus, if not our Savior? Be our Redeemer. Give us the virtues of hope and love, just as you have given us faith, our primary joy. Give us the words that we need to praise you always. With the help and through the prayers of your mother. You who are blessed throughout the ages. **Amen.***
.....**St. Anthony of Padua**