

St. Gerard's Parishioners response to 'What Are You Grateful For?'

- Thankful for "Family", "Friends" and "Faith". Always thankful for Family's support, more thankful for Friends – especially now that we really miss their presence, thankful for Faith (our trust in God and prayer).
- We are grateful for the love of family: those who are close by and love us in person and those who are far away, but send their love in many ways.
- I am thankful that I live in this country, Canada.
- I am grateful for my health most of all, especially as I am a senior. I am grateful for all the people who continue their daily work and keep us all safe and healthy: the truck drivers, the grocery store staff, the medical staff, the City workers and many more.
- I'm thankful for reasonably good health, a beautiful fall, the colours of the leaves, to live in a stable country with a stable government, Sunday mass on Zoom, friends, fresh tomatoes in my garden, and a caring and helpful family.
- I am thankful for my family, for their health and our health and for my faith that comforts me daily with the promises of Christ.
- I am thankful for my wife and my family. We now have 5 grandchildren who are truly gifts from God!
- I am thankful for our church and all the volunteers who make themselves available to help at the Masses.
- Hot water and showers (we were without a hot water tank for a week). Safety, Health, Family, our parish and the caring people who still work there; Faith.
- I give thanks for the ups and downs of my life. I don't know why I have these things but I am grateful for the love and companionship of family and friends, for the shelter and comfort of our home, for the many blessings I take for granted.

- We are very grateful for having Mass Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays, during this horrible pandemic time.
- For all the people around us who work to keep us healthy and happy.
- I am most thankful for my personal relationship with Jesus, a gift from my Christian faith, and in whose hands I put the gifts of family and friends trusting in our Lord's mercy and love. Luke 1:37 reads "With God nothing is impossible" which affirms that our union with God can bring peace and strength at these challenging times.
- I am thankful of course for family, and my heart aches for those who are alone during this stressful time. I am thankful for the beautiful weather we have had, letting us go out for walks, golfing, playing with our children, and to appreciate nature. I am thankful for all the small businesses and churches that struggle and work so hard to keep open for us.
- We are so blessed here in Canada for our many blessings; for our farmers, who supply our food, for our children and our grandchildren and for our community of friends who love and support us.

