

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$8,374.76	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,535.56	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$5,000.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$3,109.46
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$7,838.71

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY No Mass

TUESDAY Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Sheila P.)
Mass: 9:00 AM
Card Party: 9:45 AM
Holy Hour: 7:30 PM

WEDNESDAY Mass: 9:00 AM
Christian Meditation: 1:30 PM
Ecumenical Bible Study: 10:00 AM (Shepherd King Church)
PENITENTIAL SERVICE: 7:30 PM
Little Rock Scripture Study: 7:30 PM (Gospel of Luke)
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting: 7:30 PM

THURSDAY Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Doreen Y.)
Mass: 9:00 AM
Choir Practice: 7:30 PM

FRIDAY Mass: 9:00 AM
MOVIE MORNING: The Bucket List—9:45 AM
STATIONS OF THE CROSS & EVENING PRAYER: 7:00 PM

SATURDAY Reconciliation: 4:00 PM
Mass: 5:00 PM

SUNDAY Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Coffee after both Masses
PALM SUNDAY

MOVIE/DISCUSSION MORNING

As a continuation of our Aging to Saging ministry, we will be viewing the movie **THE BUCKET LIST**, this Friday following morning mass. And the sound system will be working!! **Everyone is welcome. Bring friends. Popcorn served!**

SAY CHEESE!

Our own **Bandi Szakony** will be taking family photographs to include in the 50th Anniversary Memory Book mentioned in this bulletin. There is absolutely no sitting fee, no obligation to buy photos, no need to return for a "viewing" (i.e. digital photography allows you to see all the poses taken immediately afterwards). We want to include as many families as possible, so please drop into the Jubilee Room within an hour of mass on one of the following five weekends: **March 20/21; March 27/28; April 10/11; April 17/18; April 24/25.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY CONCERNING HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

PALM SUNDAY

Palms will be on tables in the Gathering Area; please take one as you enter the church
Children & youth are invited to take a palm & to remain in the Gathering Area; they will be part of the procession into the church
Children/youth will remain at the front with Bogdan for the blessing of the palms
Children/youth may sit in the front pews [families also], if they wish

HOLY THURSDAY/MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

7:00 PM
Bring handbells to be rung at the Gloria [Faithful Friends have constructed bells and will be sharing them with the people.]
Washing of the feet: in need of 12 people & assistant for each to 'wash feet'; contact Sr. Evelyn
Dechant if you would like to volunteer
We need bowls & pitchers; if you have one, contact Sr. Evelyn
Anyone in the congregation may have their feet washed
Need about 20 volunteers to help 'set the table' - contact Sheila Padley/Doreen or office to volunteer
Following the transfer of the Holy Eucharist, adoration will begin and continue until midnight in the Jubilee Room

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 PM service

EASTER VIGIL – The Greatest Celebration in the Church Year

7:00 PM – gather outside around the fire [everyone should see & hear what is happening]
Bogdan and servers lead the procession into the church
The people pick up candles, as they enter the church, and go to the pews [with candles unlit]
When everyone is in the church, Bogdan will begin lighting the candles of the people in the front rows from the paschal candle. The sharing of the light spreads from front to back; the 'light' will come to you. Our new Paschal Candle has been constructed by members of our Environment Committee. It is very beautiful.
Bring handbells to be rung at the Gloria [Faithful Friends have constructed bells and will be sharing them with the people.]
There will be a table set up in the Gathering Area for Easter foods; Bogdan will bless the foods following Easter Vigil.
After the Blessing of the Water, everyone will be invited up to bless themselves in the baptismal waters. There will be 5 baptisms: 1 adult, 4 children/youth. Our parishioners are invited to come to the Vigil and to celebrate the entry of these people into our community.
Reception in the hall following the Vigil: we continue celebrating the biggest 'liturgical feast' of our year with a 'wedding feast', welcoming & feting our new members.

EASTER SUNDAY

Masses at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
There will be a table set up in the Gathering Area for Easter foods; Bogdan will bless the foods following each mass.
Bring handbells to be rung at the Gloria [Faithful Friends have constructed bells and will be sharing them with the people.]
Easter brunch reception in the hall following each mass

LENTEN EVENING PRAYER

Evening Prayer and Stations of the Cross led by women from the CWL. This will be our last evening of this prayer. 7:00—8:00 PM

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Washer of feet on Holy Thursday? Contact Sr. Evelyn Dechant
 Participating in the Eucharistic procession on Holy Thursday? Contact Sheila Padley
 Assist with fire starting/extinguishing? Contact Gordon Skaluba
 Reception following Easter Vigil [have 2 volunteers already]? Contact Doreen Yochim
 Easter morning coffee/brunch? Contact Ann Bergen
 Environment setup/takedown? Contact Sue Dondlinger
 Welcoming/Ushering? Contact John Hennessey

ST. GERARD'S GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010
 All proceeds to Renovo!

PHOTOS & MEMENTOS NEEDED

St. Gerard's Parish turns 50 years old this spring, and to mark the event, we want to create a 50th Anniversary Memory Book. We will need old photos from our congregation plus whatever memorabilia might be appropriate to include either in the Memory Book or as a visual for a display on site. Please start digging out your photo albums now and contact either **Pat Campbell at 255-0756 or Terry Smith at 255-8227 [abterry@telus.net]** to arrange delivery of whatever photos or items you can loan to us.

CALLING ALL TALENT

Our Celebration Weekend is normally held in June, but this year we have set our big event for **Sunday May 16, 2010 @ 4:00 p.m.** We would love to include a Talent Show, profiling the many talented parishioners among us. Start thinking now about what you can offer (song? dance? juggling? magic?) and check future bulletins for more information.

STAMPEDE IS COMING SUNDAY JULY 11TH, 2010

Thank you to **Maureen Bramwell** for accepting to be our new Stampede Breakfast Coordinator. She will need volunteers in June to help promote & plan the event, as well as grocery shoppers, cooks, runners, set-up & clean-up crews. Please don't wait for Maureen to come to you: if you can assist with any of these tasks, please let her know by e-mail: mjtbramwell@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

A small **Christian Meditation Group** meets **each Wednesday afternoon from 1:30 to 2:30 in the Jubilee Room**. A typical session begins with a few minutes of quiet, appropriate conversation, followed by a recorded reflection on meditation, then 20 to 25 minutes of sitting silently in God's presence. Our meditation ends with intercessory prayer. If you are interested in learning more about Christian meditation or in trying this form of prayer, please call, Anna at 403 238 3114.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

St. Peter's Anglican Parish has again invited us to co-host the 2010 Vacation Bible School. The dates for this year: August 16-20th. We are hoping that we have one or more people who would like to be involved with this ministry. Do you love interacting with children? Do you have lots of ideas for fun activities? Do you see the great value in nurturing the spiritual formation of our children? For further information and a contact number, please phone Doreen in the parish office, 253-2251, or email doreen@stgerards.ca. **We have had no volunteers from St. Gerard's.**

St. Gerard's Parish Annual Financial Statements

Results represent totals for the twelve months ending December 31:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Operating Income & Expenses(1)			
Total Income	\$487,535	\$493,625	\$492,472
Expenses			
Salaries	183,873	191,823	198,097
Operations	68,939	77,755	79,253
Programs	52,340	66,186	71,916
Administration	40,482	40,799	35,965
Diocesan Support(2)	<u>93,865</u>	<u>63,307</u>	<u>65,501</u>
Total Expenses	<u>439,499</u>	<u>439,870</u>	<u>450,732</u>
Net Income	<u>\$ 48,036</u>	<u>\$ 53,755</u>	<u>\$ 41,740</u>
Capital Expenditures(3) (excluding Renovo)			
Facilities	\$ -	\$7,984	\$7,924
	\$ -	\$7,984	\$7,924
Charities Collected For(4)			
Annual Bishop's Appeal	\$19,195	\$23,241	\$27,489
Mission Mexico	17,274	24,312	24,256
St. Vincent de Paul	45,771	39,927	36,494
Other	<u>9,172</u>	<u>8,829</u>	<u>8,195</u>
	<u>\$ 91,412</u>	<u>\$ 96,309</u>	<u>\$ 96,434</u>

Renovo(5)**Inception to
Dec 31, 2009**

Revenues	\$779,654
Less: Expenses	<u>32,141</u>
	747,513
Add: Central Fund Savings	147,669
Less: Renovo Capital Expenditures	<u>609,502</u>
Net Renovo Funds at Dec 31, 2009	<u>\$285,680</u>

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Renovo			
Cumulative Cash Collected	\$ 779,654	\$545,380	\$234,884
Future Pledges	<u>398,574</u>	<u>405,880</u>	<u>466,510</u>
	<u>\$1,178,228</u>	<u>\$951,260</u>	<u>\$701,394</u>

Notes to St. Gerard's Parish Annual Financial Statements

- Operating Income & Expenses** refer to the regular collections of donations of St. Gerard's, and the costs for operating the church and its facilities. The last few years have provided a surplus from regular operations of the parish.
- Diocesan Support** in 2009 included \$17,107 related to non-exempt capital expenditures for Renovo in 2008 and \$14,527 required by the Diocese as St. Gerard's did not meet its target donations for the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Donations for the Annual Bishop's Appeal have fallen significantly in the past few years and were \$19,195 in 2009, down from \$45,955 in 2005.
- Capital Expenditures** refer to the costs for making improvements to the parish's facilities, excluding Renovo. Normally the parish operates a balanced budget between its operating and capital expenditures, meaning that what isn't spent on regular operations is used to renovate and replace worn out facilities over time. For the last three years, the parish had a surplus due to the reduction of capital expenditures while the Renovo program was underway.
- Charities Collected For** represents funds that St. Gerard's collects on behalf of other charities and remits to them. These amounts are not included in the parish's operations, but are a representation of our parishioners' generosity. These funds largely go to support poor and disadvantaged people. **Renovo** represents the cash collected and future pledges obtained for projects to renovate the parish facilities. This includes replacing the roof, heating system and kitchen as well as other projects. At February 1, 2010, total pledges for Renovo were in excess of \$1,200,000. **John Skelton, Chair, Parish Finance Council**

ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Ministry of Service

Funeral Team – Wilma/Norm Hagel (403)253-2485

Emergency contacts: Doreen Yochim (403)252-4685 or Jan Gallant (403)281-4327

Pastoral Care of the Sick – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489 or Maureen Bramwell (403) 366-0704

Mayfair Nursing Home – Hedy Luijckx (403)252-2902

Grieving/Consolation Ministry – Lois Hagen, Rosemarie Walter, Pat McMahon, Sr. Evelyn

Dechant

Knights of Columbus – 1st Wednesday – 7:30 PM; Gordon Skaluba (403) 255-5248

C.W.L. – 2nd Tuesday – 7:00 PM; Shauna Bedard, (403) 281-4718

Sunday coffee – Ann Bergen (403)252-5384

1st Friday Coffee Social – Rosemarie Baschenis (403) 281-9666

Outreach ministry

St. Vincent de Paul – 3rd Wednesdays – 7:30 PM

Inn From The Cold – 3rd Mondays contact: Jim Duncan (403)252-3163 or Elaine Warholm (403)252-3883

Sandwiches for the drop-in centre – 1st Fridays

Mission Mexico – Anna Schultz

Parish ministry

Parish Pastoral Council – Jill Negenman (403) 253-8586

Parish Finance Council – John Skelton (403)281-5421

Parish Website – Bandi Szakony

Evangelization and Catechetical ministries

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) - Doreen Yochim coordinator

Christian Initiation of School Age Children – Sarah Morrison, (403) 281-4832

Infant Baptism – parish office, (403) 253-2251

Children's Sacraments – Eucharist, (Patti Dawes, 403-255-7161)

Reconciliation, (Margie Gallagher, 403- 697-5390)

Confirmation – Paul Negenman, 403-253-8586

Pre-Marriage Preparation – Pastoral Team

Marriage Team Leaders – Sponsor Couple Program –
John/Judy Broad (403)253-8697

Scripture Study – Doreen Yochim – coordinator

Little Rock: John Skelton, Jill Moroney

Adult Faith Enrichment – Pastoral Team

Parish Mission Team – Ron and Donna Scott (403) 271-6262

Stewardship Committee – Greg Joevenazzo

Faithful Friends – Denise Webber (403)253-5139

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgy Committee – Sheila Padley (Chairperson)

Sacristans – Bobi-Jean Varner – coordinator (403) 640-7770

Mass Servers – Laurance Daignault (403)281-3665

MUSIC: – parish office (403)253-2251

5:00 PM – 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM – Funeral Choir

Lectors – Chris Simard (403) 730-4776

Hospitality (Ushers and Greeters) – John Hennessey (403)255-7913

Eucharistic ministers - Noreen Hess (403) 255-5183

Weekday Eucharistic Ministers – Yvette Nogue (403)253-1809

Weekday Lectors – Pat Campbell (403)255-0756

Environment and Art – Sue Dondlinger

Prayer Life

Liturgy of the Hours/Prayer of the Church – Sheila Padley (403)259-2489

Holy Hour – Tuesdays – 7:30 PM Melissa Emmelkamp (403)255-1889

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Lucie Just

Prayer Tree – Kay Power (403)255-6241 / Rosemary Fennell (403)281-5701

Christian Meditation – every Wednesday - Anna Tremblay

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PASTORAL TEAM

Doreen Yochim

Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant

SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday – Friday: 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM

Or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Closed for Lunch: 11:30 PM – 12:30 PM

MARRIAGES

By appointment.

Please contact the parish office six months before desired date.

BAPTISMS

Preparation and celebration every two months.

Please contact the parish office.