

PASSION SUNDAY

March 28, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,852.26	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,478.62	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$7,385.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$3,604.91
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$7,838.71

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY No Mass
CHRISM MASS: 7:30 PM @ ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

TUESDAY Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Geri S.)
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)
Little Rock Scripture Study: 7:30 PM (Gospel of Luke)

THURSDAY (NO MORNING MASS)
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM

FRIDAY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: 3:00 PM

SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL: 7:00 PM with Reception to follow.

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

SAY CHEESE!

Our own **Bandi Szakony** will be taking family photographs to include in the 50th Anniversary Memory Book. 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 four weekends: **March 28; April 10/11; April 17/18; April 24/25.**

CHRISM MASS -7:30 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral

The Mass of Chrism is concelebrated by the Bishop and the priests of the Diocese. It is a sign of the unity and communion of the priests with their Bishop. The Bishop blesses the Oils that will be used for sacraments in the parishes throughout the Diocese during the coming year. This celebration fosters the relationship of the Bishop with the liturgical life of the parishes. It is an appropriate time for representatives of the parishes [parish council members, pastoral care ministers, and sacramental prep coordinators, RCIA candidates] to join the bishop and priests for this mass.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR OUR COMMUNITY CONCERNING HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

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

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

Washer of feet on Holy Thursday? Contact Sr. Evelyn Dechant, (403) 252-3721 or email evelyn.dechant@3web.net

Participating in the Eucharistic procession on Holy Thursday?

Contact Sheila Padley, (403) 259-2489

Assist with fire starting/extinguishing? Contact Gordon Skaluba
Reception following Easter Vigil [have 5 volunteers already] Contact Doreen Yochim
Easter morning coffee/brunch? Contact Ann Bergen, (403) 252-5384
Environment setup/takedown? Contact Sue Dondlinger (403) 239-8487
Welcoming/Ushering? Contact John Hennessey (403) 255-7913

LECTORS FOR WEEKDAY MASSES

It is time to put together a new schedule for our weekday masses. Over the next month, we will be reconstructing the schedule, with the goal of having it ready by the beginning of May. Any person who is currently a weekday lector, and any person who would like to offer to be a weekday lector, is asked to contact Doreen Yochim in the parish office, or email doreen@stgerards.ca. There is lots of room for many lectors, so new people are welcome to come forward. We have a person who will provide some training, if you feel that would be beneficial for you. A group training session will be planned for late spring, and individual training will be scheduled as requested. If you come to morning mass, please consider offering to be part of this ministry.

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.

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, thus far. Please help out!**

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY REFLECTION TO THE VERY END

Serving
demands going the whole way...
for service
is an attitude of love,
and how can love
be content
with only half-measures?

Serving
requires Passion,
which, in its faltering way,
accepts a whole gamut of
broken spirits, wounded sides
and every broken bone that comes
from having smashed through
the prison of death
which confines our neighbor.

Serving
asks for deeds that fit God's size,
because there's no escaping
the wrench which everyone suffers
in handing themselves over
and pouring themselves out
for the joy
and fulfillment of the world!

Serving
requires waiting.
It is the story of a son
who slammed the door shut,
who threw away his share of the inheritance,
and sank into unemployment and destitution.
And when finally he decided to return home,
head bowed, heart sorrowful,
his father, seeing him at a distance,
ran out to meet him,
grabbed hold of him, and embraced him,
without a word of reproach.

Serving
means no longer living for oneself,
but living in Jesus Christ;
it is about being the 'servant of the servants';
it is about much more than
suing oneself.
Ask Jesus!

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.