

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER [Vocation Sunday]

April 25, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,650.04	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,873.81	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$9,125.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$4,734.81
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$10,750.04

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass Camp Cadicasu Interviews: 5:00—8:00 PM
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Sheila P.) Mass: 9:00 AM Card Party: 9:45 AM Camp Cadicasu Interviews: 5:00—8:00 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Prayer Group: 9:45 AM Christian Meditation: 1:30 PM Little Rock Scripture Study: 7:30 PM (Gospel of Luke) K of C Exec Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Doreen Y.) Mass: 9:00 AM St. Catherine's School Mass: 1:30 PM @ church Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Movie Morning: About Schmidt: 9:45 AM
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses FAITHFUL FRIENDS: 2:30—4:00 PM

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

This weekend the confirmation candidates, under the leadership of Paul Negenman [& his good wife, Jill], will be hosting the Coffee Social after the masses. This is an opportunity for all of us to get to know the youth preparing for confirmation.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Come out to a special Faithful Friends celebrating Mary and our graduating Faithful Friends. **Sunday May 2 from 2:30 - 4:00.** At 3:30 we will be holding a celebration for our 9 year olds who will be continuing on to **Spirit Seekers** in the fall. We **require** that all Faithful Friends parents come at 3:30 to join in the graduation. If you have any questions, please call Denise 253-5139, Lorelei 686-1813 or Sheila 255-4314.

Three seniors from St. Gerard's have volunteered to participate in Calgary Pro Life's annual **"Hike for Life" on May 8th.** Their Pledge Sheets are on the back table near the Church Doors in the narthex. Calgary Pro Life relies on this event to raise much needed funds to carry on its continuing fight against abortion. Please be generous and support one or more of these volunteers. Thank you!"

SCRIPTURE STUDY & REFLECTION USING FILM

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – a dramatic presentation of the birth of Christianity. This powerful & entertaining film is taken word for word from the text of the NIV translation. This visual bible presentation will be shown in 3 parts: Mondays – May 3rd, 10th, & 17th; 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the parish hall. Come & 'see' what we are 'hearing' in our scripture readings this Easter season.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – vividly comes to life in a powerful dramatization, word for word, based on the Good News Bible translation. This visual bible presentation will be shown in 3 parts: Mondays – June 7th, 14th, & 21st; 1:00 – 3:00 PM in the parish hall. Come & 'see' what we are 'hearing' in our scripture readings this Easter season.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR :

- MOVIE MORNING [continuing our 'wisdom' discernment for 'sagers']** – **Friday, April 30th; after morning mass, in the hall. ABOUT SCHMIDT** Everyone is welcome to join the group to watch & discuss the *universal truths* portrayed in this film.
- THE GOSPEL OF JOHN** Thursdays at 1:15 PM in the parish hall. All are welcome. This is not a 'study'; it is a time to come together to read, pray, and reflect on who Jesus really was. There is a video segment of reflection from Jean Vanier. Bring your bible; there is also a book used, which is available in the parish office. You are welcome to come on a 'drop in' basis. If you have time, read Chapter 2 of John for the coming Thursday.
- RCIA TEAM SUPPER & ASSESSMENT:** for sponsors, dismissal leaders, catechesis leaders, and coordinators - Monday, May 10th at 6:00 PM
- CELEBRATING LIFE & THE WISDOM IN AGING [Seniors' Day]:** Friday, June 18th. Theme: CIRCUS [Being Happy in our Lives] We invite you to come in 'circus attire'. We will have a 'clown' and 'circus food'. If you have any ideas to build on the 'circus' theme, please share them with Anna Schultz, Sheila Padley, or Doreen Yochim.
- ROSEBUD THEATRE TRIP:** September 22nd, 2010 THE ROAD TO MECCA There are 35 seats available on a Red Arrow bus. Cost for this event is \$100.00/person. **Full payment reserves your ticket.** Tickets nearly all sold! List is in the parish office. Monies to be paid to Jan, in the parish office, or to Anna Schultz. [cash or cheques made to payable to St. Gerard Parish]

BILL C-384 DEFEATED

Bill C-384, the private members bill that would have legalized euthanasia and assisted suicide in Canada was strongly defeated by a vote of **228 to 59**. We thank every member of parliament who voted against Bill C-384. We also thank all of our supporters who made this victory possible. Months of work have resulted in victory. But the battle is not over.

We are working to turn the debate on this issue to a debate on how Canadians can live with dignity.

We recognize that many people have raised legitimate concerns. It is our goal to work with members of parliament and other Canadian leaders to identify ways to:

- improve palliative/hospice care throughout Canada,
- change attitudes and improve services for people with disabilities,
- institute an effective national suicide prevention strategy,
- promote programs that identify and eliminate the scourge of elder abuse.

We must continue to build a nation that upholds the dignity of all its citizens. We must continue to create a paradigm that protects all Canadians, including its most vulnerable. We reject the concept that killing can be the answer to problems that are properly solved by a caring society.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The **Knights of Columbus** are again cooking a **Mother's Day Breakfast** on **Sunday May 9**, to be served after the 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Masses. Prices are:

- Under six years old** **FREE**
- Six years and older** **\$5.00 per person**
- Families of 4 or more** **\$20.00 per immediate family**

PARISH PRAYER GROUP

Meeting each **Wednesday morning, after mass, in the Jubilee Room.** Come & join us, whenever you can, as we pray for the needs of our parish community and the needs of the world. If you would like prayers for a special intention, please give those requests to Maureen Bramwell.

SAY CHEESE & WIN A PRIZE PICTURES FOR THE PARISH MEMORY BOOK

For all those who have not yet had their pictures taken...IT IS TIME! We want all our parishioners in this 50th Anniversary Memory Book, and that means that you must get your picture taken in the next couple of weeks. For those parishioners who are shut-ins or unwell and unable to come to the church for pictures, please have someone bring in a picture and give it to Bandi. Put your name, address and phone number on the back of the picture so that it can be returned to you. Bandi will be set up in the Jubilee Room for the next 2 weekends.

Each individual/family that has their picture taken will be entered into a draw to win a gift pack of photos.

1 Prize draw for Families and Individuals:

- **Ten 4x6 prints, or**
- **Five 5x7 prints, or**
- **Three 8x10 prints, or**
- **One 22x17 print.**

No cost; no obligation to buy.

We want to include as many individuals/families as possible, so please drop into the Jubilee Room within an hour of mass on one of the following four weekend: **April 24/25.**

St. Gerard's Parish turns 50 years old this year! We need old photos and memorabilia as a visual for a display on site. 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 Anniversary Celebration is set for **Sunday May 16, 2010; 4:00—7:00 p.m.** We would like to feature the talent of our parish members. Would you like to contribute? Contact the parish office. Bishop Grandin Band is going to be one of our talent contributors. If you have a talent to share, sign up on the sheet in the gathering area, or contact hanita@shaw.ca

MISSING!

A leather jacket belonging to Paul Negenman was taken from the coat rack [by mistake we hope] a couple of weeks ago. Left behind was a leather jacket with a West Jet insignia. If you took Paul's jacket, please bring it into the office so that we can return it to him.

THE WILDERNESS OF GRIEF: FINDING YOUR WAY

Has someone significant in your life died? Are you experiencing grief? Do you need some support in your personal grief experience? McInnis & Holloway is offering a session with Alan Wolfelt, Ph.D., grief counselor & educator, at Mount Royal University, Ross Glen Hall, on Monday, April 26th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM. If you would like to attend, please register by calling 403-705-5033 or email wildernesssvp@mhfh.com.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

vo-ca-tion Pronunciation: \vō-'kā-shən\ Function: *noun*
Etymology: Middle English *vocacioun*, from Anglo-French *vocaciun*, from Latin *vocation-*, *vocatio* summons, from *vocare* to call, from *vox* voice

Date: 15th century

1 a : a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action **b** : an entry into the priesthood or a religious order

2 a : the work in which a person is employed : occupation **b** : the persons engaged in a particular occupation

3. the special function of an individual or group

Christians, through their baptism, are initiated into a very specific vocation: disciples of Jesus. This vocation is a calling for each and every baptized person: young & older, female & male, poor & rich, educated & uneducated...inclusive of all nationalities and cultures. All of us have the responsibility to live out the mission of Jesus in our world, in our circumstances.

We pledge to walk together and to be women and men determined to bring about a new time.

And then all that has divided us will merge.

And then compassion will be wedded to power.

And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind.

And then both men and women will be gentle.

And then both women and men will be strong.

And then no person will be subject to another's will.

And then all will be rich and free and varied.

And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many.

And then all will share equally in the earth's abundance.

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.

And then all will nourish the young.

And then all will cherish life's creatures.

And then all will live in harmony with each other and the earth.

And then everywhere will be call Eden once again.

[Judy Chicago from The Dinner Party]

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
Noreen Young (403)255-9486

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 AM—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.