

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 9, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$9,088.51	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,997.28	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$10,226.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$5,309.92
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$10,750.04

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass Acts of the Apostles: 1:30—3:30 PM (1st Segment) RCIA Team Supper: 6:00 PM Camp Cadicasu: 7:00—9:00 PM
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Agnes B.) Mass: 9:00 AM Card Party: 9:45 AM CWL SPRING POTLUCK SUPPER: 6:00 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Prayer Group: 9:45 AM Christian Meditation: 1:00 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Agnes B.) Mass: 9:00 AM Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Liturgy Committee Mtg: 9:45 AM
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Ascension Sunday Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Special Collection at all Masses for Pope's Pastoral Works 50th Anniversary Celebration: 4:00— 7:00 PM

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The **Knights of Columbus** are again cooking a **Mother's Day Breakfast this Sunday**, 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

PENTECOST IS COMING!

We would again like to have the Prayers of the Faithful read in both English and other mother-tongues of our parishioners. If you would like to translate a petition into your mother-tongue, and/or read a prayer in your mother-tongue, please speak with Doreen [in the parish office].

Pentecost would also be a great feast on which to have ethnic foods served after mass for our coffee socials. If some groups would like to volunteer for the Saturday evening coffee & the 2 Sunday morning coffees, please sign up on the poster board in the hall.

ST. GERARD PARISH 50TH ANNIVERSARY

2010 marks the 50th year since St. Gerard Parish was incorporated by the Diocese of Calgary. To mark this special occasion, St. Gerard Parish Pastoral Council is inviting parishioners & former parishioners to join us in our celebration. **SUNDAY, MAY 16TH; 4:00 – 7:00 PM; St. Gerard's Parish, 8944 Elbow Drive S.W.** Entertainment, food & beverages, memorabilia displays, and lots of visiting with charter members of the parish and former priests and staff. Extra parking will be available in: Haysboro Community parking lot, Woodman Junior High School parking lot, and Bishop Grandin parking lot. We encourage our parishioners to use these extra lots so that our small space here can be used by visitors.

St. Gerard's Has Got Talent! and Lots of It!

This is the last weekend to sign up for the Talent Show as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebration next Sunday. Sign-up sheet is located in Gathering area. We really want to showcase all the talent that is in our parish. Come & shine & share!

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Video presentation of the Book of Acts, produced by The Visual Bible. Very insightful to consider the scripture through a visual presentation. Because of glitches with the system on Monday, we were unable to view the first segment, so we will begin this Monday at 1:30 PM with the first 2 hours of the movie. People are welcome to come on a drop-in basis. No homework; no discussion; just an opportunity to 'see' this scripture.

RCIA TEAM SUPPER MEETING

Monday, May 10th; in the parish hall at 6:00 PM. For *sponsors, dismissal leaders, catechists, music leaders, rcia coordinators, and anyone who may be interested in becoming a part of the RCIA team* at St. Gerard's parish. Purpose of the gathering: to debrief on the past year's activities; to gather positive and negative feedback on what was done; to plan for the future. If you are able to attend, please email Doreen at doreen@stgerards.ca or Lili at sz.lili@shaw.ca so we have a 'count' for supper.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN with Jean Vanier

Yes, there is beauty and wisdom to be found in this gospel! Jean Vanier helps us to understand the compassionate aspect of John's gospel – Jesus' love and concern for the *anawim*, those who are disenfranchised and on the fringes of our society. Through his video presentation and his written reflections, Jean helps us to become more compassionate disciples of Jesus. This is an opportunity to grow in our spirituality and to understand the Word of God more deeply.

We gather to watch the video segments on **Thursday** afternoons at 1:15 PM in the hall. Everyone is welcome to come, on a regular or on a drop-in basis.

Prayers

Please include in your daily prayers all the requests that are made to our Prayer Tree and our Prayer Group [meet Wednesday mornings]. Additionally, please pray for little Noel Young who is in the Children's Hospital and for Paul and Leah Noordhof's infant son, HENRI BYRNE, who is having heart surgery in Edmonton on Monday, May 10th.

CWL Spring Potluck Supper

Tuesday May 11 at 6:00 PM

All the ladies of the parish are welcome as well as mothers, sisters or friends. Bring your favorite salad or dessert to share with everyone. We ask that you come armed with your best jokes, there will be door prizes and a lot of great company.

On Sunday, June 20 we will be holding a bake sale after both masses, the proceeds going to RENOVO.

We are looking for a Convener for the fall Bazaar (no special skills required, information binder will be supplied).

Wanted – Smiles and Friendly Faces

Do you come to mass regularly at the same time each weekend? Could you come 10 minutes early and stay 5 minutes after **once a month**? Would you like to help new members of our parish feel welcome and informed? This is a great way for busy families or youth to support our parish community.

We are in need of people to look after the Hospitality Table once monthly at the following times:

Saturday, 5: 00 Mass - 1st or 4th Saturday of the month

Sunday, 9:00 Mass - 1st Sunday of the Month

If you would like more information contact Pat (pjamnicz@yahoo.ca) or call the parish office.

St. Catherine School

Open House & Kindergarten Orientation

May 13th, 2010 @ 6:30 PM

11 Canata Close, SW

“Children Create Community” Everyone Welcome.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Mount St. Francis Retreat, Cochrane

For more info, please call Angela, (403) 281-0790.

GRAND KNIGHT'S BALL

Knights of Columbus Banquet

Saturday, May 29, 2010

Cocktails 6:00 following Mass

Presentations 6:45

Dinner 7:15

Dance 8:30

Banquet Tickets \$35.00

Dance only Tickets \$10.00

Dinner by All Beef Catering

Music by The Donovan's.

Decorations by Sweet Beginnings (Carrol Zacher)

Tickets available after all Masses and at the Mothers Day Breakfast For more information contact: Grand Knight - Gordon Skaluba 403-255-5248 or Stephen Dawes 403-255-7161.

Also, the Knights of Columbus would like to thank all the parishioners who supported their meat sale.

Mother's Day

The 2nd Sunday of May is traditionally observed as Mother's Day. It is not appropriate to focus the liturgy of the mass on mothers; however, in John's gospel passage today, Jesus talks to his disciples about the gift that he is leaving for them [us] when he is no longer physically present to his disciples. That great gift is the gift of **peace**. Mother's Day originated with the desire to bring an end to war. Given the current commercialization of Mother's Day, it's important to remember that Mother's Day was conceptualized as an anti-war event..not as an on mothers, but rather, to consolidate the influence & desire of mothers to protect their soldier sons. The idea for a North American Mother's Day was imagined by Julia Ward Howe in a proclamation she issued in 1870. Although she wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" 12 years earlier, Howe became disenchanted with war and called upon mothers to unite and protest the killing of their sons. Her Mother's Day Proclamation begins:

Arise, then, women of this day!

Arise all women who have hearts,

Whether your baptism be that of water or of tears

Say firmly:

"We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies,

Our husbands shall not come to us reeking of carnage,

For caresses and applause.

Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn

All that we have been able to teach them of

charity, mercy and patience.

We women of one country

Will be too tender of those of another country

To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

Ponder in your heart, during your prayer/reflection time in the coming days, how you understand Jesus' gift of **peace**. Have you experienced this gift of **peace**? What does this gift of **peace** look like? feel like? How can we – as mothers, as fathers, as children, as siblings, as friends, as members of humanity – nurture Jesus' gift of **peace** in our homes, in our workplace, in our faith community, in our world?

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

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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.