

ASCENSION SUNDAY
May 16, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$7,677.99	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,980.48	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$10,377.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$5,534.42
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 (2nd Segment) INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Jean D.) Mass: 9:00 AM Card Party: 9:45 AM BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Prayer Group: 9:45 AM Christian Meditation: 1:00 PM St. Vincent de Paul Mtg: 7:30 PM Camp Cadicasu: 7:00—9:00 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Jean D.) Mass: 9:00 AM Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) (John 4 & 5) Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Grief Group: 9:45 AM
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM PENTECOST SUNDAY—WEAR RED! Confirmands Ministry Weekend



PENTECOST IS COMING!

Pentecost would 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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Needed: people to translate petitions into their mother tongues. Needed: people who would read petitions in their mother language at one of the three masses. Please phone or email Doreen in the parish office [253-2251; doreen@stgerards.ca]



Our anniversary is a time to look back at the good times & the growth times and a time to look ahead to new & exciting possibilities.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TODAY!

4:00 – 7:00 PM

**Food, Entertainment, Memorabilia, Visiting
Come & share the story of your life within the
faith community of St. Gerard's**

We encourage our parishioners to use the parking lots at Haysboro Community Centre, Woodman Junior High School, and Bishop Grandin High School so that the very limited parking that will be available in our church lot can be used by visitors.

We invite you to bring a lawn chair with you so that you can sit outside and enjoy the entertainment and the warm spring sun [that God has promised to provide for this event!].

SAGING MOVIE MORNING

Friday, May 28th; 9:45 AM in the parish hall.

Movie: SECONDHAND LIONS – in spite of the 'crazy' elements of family, family is the place where we learn to believe in the value of life

Palio of Calgary

If you wish to attend this Diocesan event, tickets are available in the parish office. \$10/person; \$35/family Location: Strathmore Rodeo Grounds Saturday, June 19th; 9:30 AM – 7:00 PM www.paliocalgary.ca 'a running of the horses, dedicated to building community and raising funds for the building & repair of parishes in the Diocese of Calgary' The event will feature fun events for kids of all ages, outdoor mass with Bishop Henry, and horse races where each parish can cheer their horse to victory.

The Eva Olsson Story...A Woman of Outrageous Hope

Monday, June 14th; 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the FCJ Christian Life Centre Cost: \$25 Dr. Eva Olsson is a survivor. Born in Szatsmar, Hungary in October, 1924, into a poor family of Hasidic Jews, Eva survived a repressive religious upbringing, World War II, and the holocaust of concentration camps, bigotry and racism. Eva tells her story in the hope that people will know it is possible to survive the worst life has to throw at them.

Prayers

Please include in your daily prayers all the requests that are made to our Prayer Tree and our Prayer Group [meet Wednesday mornings]: Noel Young, Henri Byrne Noordhof and Francoise Gezequel.

SEWERS NEEDED

The parish is planning a Children's Christmas Mass and we need to have some simple costumes made. If you are interested in helping, please phone Sheila 403-255-4314 or Denise 403-253-5139. If you have extra appropriate fabric or patterns please let us know.

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

- A dramatic video presentation of the birth of Christianity
- Monday; 1:30 PM in the parish hall
- All are welcome

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.

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).

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

For more information contact: Grand Knight - Gordon Skaluba 403-255-5248 or Stephen Dawes 403-255-7161.

1ST FRIDAYS IN JULY AND AUGUST

Coffee and goodies will be served after masses on the 1st Fridays of July and August. Rose Marie Baschenis will coordinate. . .however, she needs volunteers to bake goodies, serve, and clean up. Please call Rose Marie, 281-9666 to volunteer your assistance.

PRAYER TREE: call Kay, (403) 255-6241 or Rosemary, (403) 281-5701.

THE ASCENSION

How might the disciples have felt when they had to say 'goodbye' to Jesus again?

We all have our own unique goodbyes - times when we lose someone or something that has given our lives meaning and value...

" ...Although life is difficult and always has its share of sorrows, life is also very good and deeply enriching. It holds many promises of growth and treasures of joy. It is not easy to believe this when we are hurting greatly because of [a] loss. Sometimes it takes years to understand and accept this truth. That is how it has been for me.

The grief of losing my brother (at age 23 to drowning) touched numerous areas of my life. I found myself fighting, avoiding, struggling with and being confused about the many forms of goodbyes that I experienced: being uprooted from one place to another, death of family, friends and a dear uncle, termination of a significant friendship of many years, betrayal by one I had trusted, struggles with church changes and with religious life decisions. Always the inner question 'Why me?' accompanied any deep hurt or demands to let go. I kept asking, 'Why should I experience the hard things in life when I am trying my best to be good?' I also had an angry 'Not me!' and a pitiable 'Poor me!' that rose up inside my aching spirit. Over the years I developed an attitude that said life was always supposed to be a continuous hello. The hurt and wrenching ache of goodbye was not supposed to be there.

...Loss will never be easy for me, but I am much better at identifying the need to let go and at understanding the call to move on as a means of growth. Sometimes goodbyes still overwhelm me, but my questions are changing. Instead of asking 'Why me?' I much more readily ask 'How?' - -How can I move gracefully through the ache of the farewells that come into my life? I also ask 'Who?' -- Who will be with me in this process? -- because I know that I cannot go through intense leave-taking without some kinship and some loving support to sustain me.

....(During a 30-day Ignatian retreat) many essential, life-giving wisdoms surfaced: the hello-goodbye pattern as an integral part of all human existence, the necessity of change in order to have growth, and the need to let go before one can truly move on. I also learned that the cost of discipleship is inherent in any following of Jesus and that this following causes choices which mean goodbye to some parts of life and hello to others.

Most important, I discovered that for the Christian, hello always follows goodbye in some form if we allow it. There is, or can be, new life, although it will be different from the life we knew before. The resurrection of Jesus and the promises of God are too strong to have it be any other way."

- Joyce Rupp

A wise female sager {PC} in our parish of St. Gerard's has a saying: Change is mandatory; growth is optional. As a disciple of Jesus, am I always open to new growth?

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.