

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 23, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$7,733.23	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,968.12	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$10,420.13
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$5,796.20
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$10,750.04

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass VICTORIA DAY—OFFICE CLOSED
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Maureen B.) Mass: 9:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED: Staff Planning Day Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	FUNERAL MASS for Phillip Burke: 11:00 AM Christian Meditation: 1:00 PM K of C Exec Mtg: 7:30 PM Camp Cadicasu: 7:00—9:00 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Maureen B.) Mass: 9:00 AM Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) (John) Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM MOVIE MORNING: 9:45 AM (SECONDHAND LIONS)
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM Knights of Columbus Dinner & Dance: 6:00 PM
SUNDAY	TRINITY SUNDAY Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

'SAGING' MOVIE MORNING

Next Friday, May 28th, after the morning mass **SECONDHAND LIONS** with Michael Caine & Robert Duvall. *How does life change for 2 bachelor brothers and for the young great-nephew who comes to live with them? Can there be reciprocal learning between the younger generation and the older generation?* Everyone is welcome to join us; popcorn is always served.

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.

PRAYERS NEEDED:

Please pray for the sick: SOPHIE HENDRY & OLIVERA LAMBETA.
And for the Deceased: GREG HARASH, BOB WILLIAMSON & PHILLIP BURKE

Remember: we have a Parish Prayer Group that meets each Wednesday morning after mass to pray for the needs of our community and the world-at-large. We also have a Prayer Tree – a network of 'pray-ers' who pray in their homes for the needs of our community and the world-at-large.

PENTECOST

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter. Reading the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES at this time of year reminds Christians of how the church grew and spread throughout the known world. It helps us to understand how the Holy Spirit moves and works through the people in contemporary times, as well.

Today, as you entered the church, you were given a 'gift' or 'fruit' of the Holy Spirit. These little reminders awaken us to the Holy Spirit's activity in our own lives. They can remind us to be grateful and to praise God. They can remind us of all the blessings God has given to us. Take this little 'flame' or 'dove' home with you; put it on your fridge, or on your table, or in a book you are reading. Ponder and pray about your 'gift' and what God may be calling you to do with this 'gift'. The Holy Spirit will 'gift' us with *awe of the Lord, reverence/piety, right counsel, fortitude/strength/courage, knowledge/good judgment, understanding, and wisdom* if our hearts are open and if we endeavor to grow in our faith. If we experience *conversion*, if we are *becoming* faithful disciples of Jesus, the 'fruits' of the Spirit will be evident in us: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.*

Our Confirmation youth are serving in the liturgical ministries this weekend. Confirmands' Ministry Sunday is the day when the young people of our parish, in the presence of the assembly, witness to the community the gift of their baptismal call. The Holy Spirit who empowered the disciples to preach the risen Christ two thousand years ago is the same Spirit who empowers our confirmands to renew their commitment to their baptism. Pentecost and the presence of the youth preparing for Confirmation should serve as a reminder to each one of us that the Spirit empowers us to live as disciples of Jesus, and, thus, we declare our Creed today with attentiveness and renewed commitment. Please acknowledge the Confirmands who are serving in the liturgical ministries at the masses this weekend, and join them for refreshments in the hall after mass.

Please keep our Confirmands in your prayers. And plan to come and celebrate their Confirmation with them on Saturday, June 12th at the 5:00 PM mass.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

There is a Spiritual Direction Formation Program begin offered at the FCJ Christian Life Centre. Are you interested in having a Spiritual Director? The trainees are in need of people for their practicum for the next year. They are looking for volunteers willing to participate. The cost: **free** and you will get Spiritual Direction for approximately eight months. If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please contact Sister Joan at 403-228-4215 and she will give you the details. This is all confidential and no records will be kept. This is a wonderful opportunity to partake of Spiritual Direction.

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.

1ST COMMUNION FAMILIES –

We would like to put up a picture display of all our children who are making/have made their 1st Communion this year. Could you please bring a picture of your child [put the child's name on the back of the picture]...bring the picture to the parish office, or put it into an envelope and put into the office mailbox in the hallway by the restrooms. It is very nice for the members of our community to see all of the children who are celebrating this sacrament this year. It is also a reminder to the parishioners to pray for the children and their families. And every child likes to feel 'special'! It would be a great benefit to the 1st Communion ministry to have a coordinator for the coming year. We would like to have someone/a team in place by September. Might you be interested in coordinating this ministry? It could be fun for 2 or 3 people to undertake it together, if it would work better for you like that. Please talk with Doreen Yochim, (doreen@stgerards.ca) in the parish office, for information pertaining to this ministry.

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).

GRAND KNIGHT'S BALL

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

This is your last chance to purchase tickets.

Tickets are on sale until May 24.

Tickets available following all masses from the Knights of Columbus. 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.

FRANCISCAN & FRIENDS MUSIC MISSION

Presents **THE JUNE BUGS – a female quartet**

Thursday May 27, 7pm St. Cecilia's Church 321-90 Ave. SE

A benefit concert in support of Eco Village of Hope, China

Admission: Freewill Offering Information: 403-243-1049

EM denis.grady@shaw.ca

"Bring a friend"

www.franciscanandfriends.com

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

CELEBRATING OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY

From our Parish Pastoral Council, Mrs. Jill Negenman...**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped Parish Pastoral Council pull off what turned out to be a fabulous, sunny outdoor 50th Anniversary Party for St. Gerard's on May 16th. Whether you helped plan it, promote it, feed it, serve it, park it, wire it, unfold it, inflate it, decorate it or clean up after it, **GOD BLESS YOU ALL!** We had over 400 guests, not even including the 115 Ghosts from Bishop Grandin's Marching Band. The Church was alive with the sounds of former parishioners catching up with each other and current parishioners toasting this wonderful milestone. As one parishioner from 1959 remarked "Whenever I come to St Gerard's, it always feels like coming *home*". On behalf of PPC, thank you all. We couldn't have done it without you. We thank Commemorative Services [Evan Strong] for the gift of the lovely flowers that decorated our tables.

If you happened to capture any terrific memories on film that should be included in the upcoming Memory Book, please forward them to Bandi Szakony: bandiphotography.com.

Fifty years is such a tremendous milestone, and Greg and I wish we could have made it to celebrate with the wonderful folks of St. Gerard's. We know from experience that you guys know how to throw a good party! We were with you in thought and prayer on the 16th, and we send our best wishes as the parish embarks on the next fifty years of its evolution. With such a fantastic team of dedicated, inspired and faith-driven individuals, we know there's many great things in store for St. Gerard's. We DO hope to continue to be a part of the community, so thank you for keeping us in the loop!
With love and best wishes always,
Trina & Greg Joevenazzo

It was such a blessing to meet all my good friends at St. Gerard yesterday. It felt like I have never left.

I just want to write and thank you and all the other parishioners for the hard work and dedication you put into the celebration yesterday. It was such a huge success. The party was so well organized and everyone was happy and "well-fed".

Thank you again for all your hard work.

God bless,
Clara Tsang

Congratulations to the parish. Shepherd King will be remembering you in our prayers on Sunday. I hope to make it to the celebration event. God's richest blessings as you continue to witness and minister to our Lord Jesus Christ. We rejoice with you.
Pastor Kevin Scott, Shepherd King Lutheran Parish

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

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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant {jan@stgerards.ca}

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.