

**BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST**

June 6, 2010

	<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>Outreach</b>
Last Week	\$8,442.04	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,884.12	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

<b>Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:</b>	<b>\$10,542.13</b>
<b>St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:</b>	<b>\$6,512.70</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul to date:</b>	<b>\$14,151.70</b>

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Gospel of John Movie: 1:30—3:10 PM</b> <b>Confirmation Youth&amp; Parent Mtg: 7:00 PM</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Geri S.) <b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>Prayer Group: 9:45 AM</b> Christian Meditation: 1:00 PM Camp Cadicusa: 7:00—9:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Geri S.) <b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>Liturgy Planning Day: 10:00 AM—3:00 PM (FCJ Centre)</b> <b>Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) (John 11 &amp; 12)</b> <b>St. Stephen's School Mass: 5:30 PM</b> <b>Choir Practice: 7:30 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>Parish Pastoral Council Mtg: 1:00 PM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM <b>CONFIRMATION Mass: 5:00 PM reception to follow</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Masses 9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee after both Masses</b>

**CONFIRMATION at ST. GERARD'S PARISH**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> at the 5:00 PM mass. Bishop Frederick Henry will be the celebrant of the mass. We invite all our parishioners to participate in the celebration with our youth and their families who have been preparing for this final initiation sacrament. There will be a reception [food and drinks] in the hall following the mass. Everyone is invited to come to the reception and to celebrate, as a parish community, this important spiritual 'marker' in the lives of the confirmands.**

**PRAYERS NEEDED:**

**Please pray for the deceased and their families: SOPHIE HENDRY & ROBERT LANGILLE**  
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.

**SENIORS'/ELDERS' DAY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>...Mass at 9:00 AM for the intentions of our Elders'; eats, drinks, and entertainment in the hall after mass.**

Our entertainer will be Cheryl Oberg, a humour and laughter specialist who will teach us how to keep laughter and peace in our hearts, no matter what life throws at us.

Plan to join us for this morning, and bring along some of our folks who perhaps don't get out as often as they would like.

Would you like to volunteer to help out with this event? Decorations? Entertainment? Food? Give-aways/Door prizes? Call the parish office to offer.

We encourage attendees to dress up in carnival fashion or to wear masks, if they want to [not mandatory!!]

Definition of an Elder: **a person who is still Growing; who is still Learning; who sees themselves as still having Potential. An Elder is still in pursuit of Happiness, Joy & Pleasure, and her/his birthright to these remains intact. An Elder is a person who deserves Respect and Honor. An Elder is a person whose life continues to have within it promise for, and connection to the future. An Elder is a person whose work it is to synthesize Wisdom form long life experience and formulate this into a Legacy for future generations.**

Our theme this year centers around **CARNIVAL** – as this suggests *fun, laughter & light heartedness*. **Carnival** is a festive season. Carnival typically involves a public [celebration](#) or [parade](#) combining some elements of a [circus](#), mask and public street party. People often dress up or [masquerade](#) during the celebrations, which mark an overturning of daily life. Carnival is a festival traditionally held in [Roman Catholic](#) and, to a lesser extent, [Eastern Orthodox](#) societies.

**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**

We will be continuing this study until the end of June. People are welcome to come on a drop-in basis. Thursdays, 1:15 PM in the parish hall. This coming week, we will listen to J. Vanier's reflections on John 11 & 12...**Do you want to see?** and **The Good Shepherd**. Vanier's insights into the meaning of Jesus as portrayed by the evangelist John are very thought-provoking.

**THE GOSPEL OF JOHN in movie format**

**Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> & June 14<sup>th</sup>; 1:30 – 3:10 PM in the parish hall.**

The Gospel of John, considered to be the best-loved of the 4 gospels, vividly comes to life in a faithful and powerful dramatization of the Biblical text. This movie meticulously re-creates the era of Jesus during a tumultuous period that changed the course of history. It has been adapted for the screen, word for word, based on the Good News Bible translation. Everyone is welcome to come and 'see' what we have been 'hearing' in the readings at mass over the last 2 months.

**CWL Bake Sale Sunday June 20<sup>th</sup>**

The bake sale will take place after both 9:00 and 11:00 masses and proceeds go to RENOVO. Any and all donations are gratefully accepted.

**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION FAMILIES –**

We would like to put up a picture display of all our children who are making/have made their 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**The Annual Memorial Cemetery Masses will be held as follows at 7:30 PM. (Rain or Shine)**

- St. Mary's Cemetery – Wednesday, June 16**
- Holy Family Cemetery – Tuesday, June 22**
- St. Joseph's Cemetery – Wednesday, August 11**
- Good Shepherd Cemetery – Thursday, August 12**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Theme: Baobab Blast**  
**August 16 – 20 from 9:00 AM – Noon**  
**St. Peter's Anglican Church**  
**Ages 3 – 11 yrs. Old**

**Cost: \$20/child or \$30/family** (includes T-shirt, crafts and snacks.) We also have adult leadership positions available for music, games, crafts, snacks and bible stories. **Registration forms** can be picked up at the back of the church.

**Hike For Life**

The three Hikers sponsored by the parishioners of St. Gerard's all finished the 10 Km. route, on a warm sunny day that was blessed by the Lord, and made for walking! The hikers would like to thank those members of the Parish that were generous enough to sponsor each of us in our efforts to help raise money for the Calgary Pro-Life cause. Together, we were successful in raising approx. \$1,500.

**HELP NEEDED**

**ALL KNIGHTS AND THEIR FAMILIES, WILLING TO HELP WITH THE STAMPEDE BREAKFAST, CALL MAUREEN, 403-366-0704 TO SIGN UP FOR SPECIFIC JOBS AND TIMES.**

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

**5 LOAVES & 2 FISH...**One of the truths about Jesus, as revealed in the gospels, is that he was always most concerned about the welfare of people. In the story of the feeding of the multitudes, a large crowd of people have been following Jesus, listening to his words. When it is time to eat, Jesus is concerned about their need for food...and so he does what any loving, caring person would do...Jesus provides a meal...a wonderful meal! a wonderful picnic!

“It was like a huge party! All those hungry men and women and children eating as much bread and fish as they wanted, resting quietly on the grass and looking at the beautiful lake, sharing in little groups, chatting joyfully with one another. A little taste of heaven! And Jesus, with the disciples, going around from group to group, from person to person, to see if everybody was well served. What a glorious day!”

That is what it takes to build a strong community...the nurturing of all aspects of human need. Too often we give ourselves the excuse that *I won't do anything because I don't have enough/I can't do much/my little effort won't make a difference.* Jesus does not use any of those excuses; he does the best he can do with the little that is offered.

“Let us go deeper into the significance of this miracle. Jesus reveals a caring God, a God who is concerned for our well-being and wants us to be well, a God who wants us to be concerned about our own welfare. Do we eat well? Rest well? Nourish ourselves well? It is not just a miracle of multiplying food, but also of creating and building a caring community where people are concerned for one another.

At Cana, Jesus transformed an excessive amount of water into delicious wine. Here he multiplies five loaves of bread and two fish into an excessive quantity of food. That is God! God gives abundantly, signifying that God loves us abundantly.

What does it mean to love abundantly? It does not only mean to give *things* but to *give ourselves*. Jesus gives himself totally to us; he loves us abundantly so that we may learn to love others abundantly.”

We are invited to reflect on how much the apostles' attitude differs from the attitude of Jesus: they want the crowd of people sent away; they don't want to provide food for them; they don't want the bother of finding sustenance for the people who have gathered to hear Jesus' words. Am I more like the 'apostles' or more like 'Jesus' in my attitude towards my community?

{quotations - Jean Vanier: Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John}

## 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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Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

### 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.