

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 20, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,709.96	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,912.10	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$11,210.26
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$6,995.74
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$14,151.70

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass Sacramental Prep Coordinators Mtg: 7:00 PM INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Jean D.) Mass: 9:00 AM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Prayer Group: 9:45 AM Christian Meditation: 1:00 PM Baptismal Prep TEAM Mtg: 7:00 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Jean D.) Mass: 9:00 AM Gospel of John: 1:15 PM (Jean Vanier) (John 13) St Gerard's School Mass: 1:30 PM @ church Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Movie Morning following Mass: "CALENDAR GIRLS"
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

FATHER'S DAY

"Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate." Luke 6:36
Father's Day is not a 'liturgical' celebration. However, we hear a multitude of 'father' words/images in the gospels. Jesus calls all of us to see the 'father' in him, and to model ourselves on this image. Today is a good time for all males, younger – older, single – married, fathers – not fathers, to prayerfully consider their responsibilities as men in their environments of family, work, recreation. In what ways do our men show themselves to be the image of Jesus' father: compassionate, kind, loving, non-judgmental, truthful, tender?

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all our men.

CWL Bake Sale THIS Sunday

The bake sale will take place after both 9:00 and 11:00 masses and proceeds go to RENOV. If you have any questions please contact Erika (403-253-0630) or Dorothy (403-281-3665).

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 13...**Vulnerability** and **Love**. Vanier's insights into the meaning of Jesus as portrayed by the evangelist John are very thought-provoking.

For our Children & their Families –

Sacramental preparation and celebration is a special time in the lives of families and in the life of the faith community. It is a time of deepening relationship with God and with one another. To help our children and their families at this important time, the parish community must be willing to give their help and their support.

On **Monday evening, June 21st, at 7:00 PM in the hall**, there will be an opportunity for people interested in assisting with sacramental preparation to meet and share ideas/visions. Male & female, all ages, are encouraged to consider this call. Perhaps you might like to plan/implement 1 activity with the 1st Eucharist children/families; perhaps you might like to assist a sacramental coordinator with the administrative/contact work; perhaps you might like to make banners of the sacramental groups; perhaps you might be willing to plan the liturgical celebrations; etc. etc.etc. If you are interested in serving in this ministry in some capacity, join us on Monday evening for coffee and chat. Approximately 1 hour in duration.

BAPTISMAL TEAM MEETING

Wednesday, June 23rd; 7:00 PM in the parish hall. For all people on the Baptismal team, and for any people who might like to join the Baptismal preparation team.

MOVIE MORNING

Friday, June 25th after morning mass. Popcorn & other snacks to feed the 'movie munchies'! All are welcome to come! **Calendar Girls** What gives us hope? How can we give 'hope' to those who see no future for themselves? Calendar Girls is about the women of the Rylstone Women's Institute in North Yorkshire. This Women's Group produces a calendar each year based around scenes of the Yorkshire dales. In 1999, one of the ladies' husbands became ill with leukemia. He would say that if the ladies planted Sunflowers, he'd make sure he'd get better so he could see them. Unfortunately, he didn't pull through and in order to raise funds for Leukemia research the women decided to make an alternative calendar of themselves in the nude hoping to sell a few hundred copies around their villages. This calendar in fact became a worldwide sensation, out-selling even those of Britney Spears and Cindy Crawford. **"the flowers of Yorkshire are like the women of Yorkshire", and the last phase of the women of Yorkshire is always the most glorious"**! [quote made by the husband who died of leukemia]

COFFEE HOSPITALITY: this is a particularly important ministry during the summer months because we tend to have more visitors and we want to always live up to St. Gerard's reputation of being a 'hospitable' community to visit. Have you signed up to host the coffee social after one of the Sunday masses? If not, now is the time to do so. The signup sheet is on the wall next to the 'window' into the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact the coordinator, Ann Bergen at 403-252-5384.

It has been noted that the 11:00 AM mass folks have not been 'stepping up to the plate' and taking responsibility for this ministry. There are lots of folks who enjoy the coffee and socializing...significantly less who sign up to host and to clean up. So, those of you who come in for coffee after the 11:00 AM mass are encouraged to do your part and sign up for a Sunday hospitality. The 9:00 AM folks outshine you by leaps and bounds; let's try to even that out! *Are you up to a little competition? How about the 9:00 AM mass folks challenging the 11:00 AM mass folks to see who will fill the signup sheet first for the months of July, August and September?*

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We remind all our liturgical ministers [greeters/ushers/hospitality, procession, altar servers, music, sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, coffee hospitality] that our liturgies do not take a 'summer holiday'. Please remember to serve at your scheduled time, or find a replacement.

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'!

PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief Group meets **year-round**, 3rd Fridays of the month, following morning Mass. **We will continue to meet during July [16th] and August [20th].**

This Group gathering is always open & welcoming to anyone who would like to attend.

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)

- 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.

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.

Called to Discipleship

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood discipleship as involving not just learning from Jesus, but also following Jesus. Specifically, one had to die and rise with Jesus. For many centuries, Catholics used the term *disciple* only in connection with people like monks, who literally gave up everything to follow Christ, or martyrs, who gave up their lives for Christ.

The Second Vatican Council restored discipleship as a challenge to all Christians, teaching that we must all, within our own particular circumstances, be disciples of Christ, learning from his teachings and following in his ways.

Luke portrays Jesus as one who is aware of the turn his life would soon take; the cross begins to cast its shadow. After hearing from the apostles what ordinary people were saying about him, Jesus asked them directly: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter's answer witnesses to the power of Jesus' life and words in the lives of his followers: Jesus had changed the apostles' understanding of what the Messiah would be – *not the expected king rising from David's lineage and restoring the earthly kingdom of Israel; rather, the one who would take care of the ANAWIM of God...and Jesus would do this through the Cross, not from a throne.*

Becoming followers of Jesus transformed the apostles' lives; their work became sharing his work of proclaiming the authentic vision of the Kingdom of God. The same must be true for us today. Through baptism, we have become part of a community united to one another and to Christ through the indwelling of the Spirit. While we enjoy the love and the support of that community, we also share its responsibilities to love one another, to serve those in need, and to speak the truth. We each have a unique function in the Body of Christ, a particular cross to carry, and our own personal ways of 'dying' in the service of others.

Discipleship is demanding. Sometimes we fail. However, failure does not relieve us of our responsibilities to be 'Jesus' to everyone in our lives. Some people do that better than others; but we all must continually be 'conforming' ourselves, 'converting' ourselves into the image of Jesus...through study/reflection of Scripture, regular participation in liturgy, stewardship of time/talent/treasure, faith formation activities, and service in the community.

Who do I say Jesus is? Do I witness to the 'true' Jesus, the Jesus as portrayed in the gospels, or do I prefer to witness to a Jesus of my own construct – one who suits my theology?

What are the crosses in my own life? Do I carry them with dignity and with commitment? Do I allow my crosses to make me into a better disciple?

If Jesus were physically present in the world today, would I be in the group of people who followed him? Or would I, like many of the 'religious' people of Jesus' time, consider Jesus to be operating outside the boundaries of his religious requirements?

When I receive Eucharist, do I understand that Eucharist is food that should nourish me into becoming a better disciple outside the confines of my church building?

Would Jesus identify me as a true 'disciple'?

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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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.