

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 27, 2010

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| | Sunday Offerings | Outreach |
| Last Week | \$6,605.66 | |
| Weekly average, year to date | \$7,859.84 | |
| Weekly target to meet budget | \$9,000.00 | |

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| Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date: | \$11,230.26 |
| St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date: | \$7,272.58 |
| St. Vincent de Paul to date: | \$16,513.16 |

| THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH | |
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| MONDAY | No Mass |
| TUESDAY | Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Maureen B.) Mass: 9:00 AM 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 (Maureen B.) Mass: 9:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED FOR CANADA DAY |
| FRIDAY | Mass: 9:00 AM OFFICE CLOSED 1ST Friday Muffin Social: 9:30 AM Exposition: 10:00 AM—12:00 AM |
| SATURDAY | Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM |
| SUNDAY | Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses |

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick: BILL SMITH, ANITA MARSH, BUZZ WILLIS, NORMELLE MARTINEZ, BABY HENRI BYRNE NOORDHOF, HALINA WHITE
For the deceased and for their families: TED WILSON, CAROLE SIDDONS

SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY...

Please Note: Office will be closed on Thursday & Friday, July 1 & 2. Effective JUNE 28, parish office hours for the summer months will be from 9:00 AM until Noon, Monday through Friday. In case of emergency outside of these hours, please call the parish number, and leave a message on our voice mail.
Coffee after Sunday Masses will continue through the summer. We invite you to sign up for one of the Masses – make coffee and juice and bring in goodies, if you wish. It is important to provide our hospitality all year round. Keep an eye out for visitors to our parish; welcome them, 'chat them up', take them in for a coffee and introduce them to others. There **will be Adoration** on First Friday during July and August, and there will be a coffee social after the Mass.
Morning Prayer will continue each Tuesday & Thursday at 8:45 AM.

SENIOR'S DAY THANK-YOU

Thank you to all the "fairies" and "clowns" who helped to make our Senior's Day so much fun. And Thank you to Miss Loosie, our Clown. We hope that everyone enjoyed the day.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Your assistance is needed during the summer months

Please remember to check the schedule and mark your dates on your calendar. Hospitality/ushers, sacristans, lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers: if you are going to be away on your scheduled serving day, **please find a replacement.** That is your responsibility, and it ensures that our liturgies are well-prepared celebrations.

Come to mass a bit early; if you notice that there are shortages in any of the ministries, please fill in. This is our home; we all need to help out when there is help needed.

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?*

St. Gerard's CWL wishes to thank everyone who baked, purchased and worked at our Bake Sale on June 19 and 20. The proceeds of \$1,032.00 will be given to RENOVO..

**LUNCH AND LEARN...
FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS**

Lunch and Learn is a five week education and support group facilitated by Hospice Calgary for families of someone with a life threatening illness. The group is offered three times per year and covers topics including:

- Managing the Caregiving Role
- Information on Medical Concerns:
 - Pain and Symptom Control
 - Making Tough Choices
- Self Care Versus Selfishness
 - Where To From Here?
 - The Different Faces of Hope
- Individual & Family Response to Loss
 - Funerals & Personal Directives
 - Power of Attorney & Wills
 - Sharing Memories & Hopes

The next group will meet every Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM from September 8th to October 6th, 2010

Location & Cost

Hospice Calgary's Counselling & Education Centre
1245—70th Ave S.E. (Across from Trail Appliances)

No cost for this event, however, donations to Hospice Calgary are appreciated. Please bring your own lunch. To register or for more information, please contact Elaine Munce at Hospice Calgary's Counselling & Education Centre 403-263-4525.



CONGRADULATIONS to our very own Jean-Louis Bleau on graduating with his Master's Degree in Music last week. **CONGRADULATIONS** also, to Heather in our 11:00 AM Music Ministry, who also graduated with her Master's Degree.

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.

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)

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.

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

“GOOD-HEARTED LIVING”

Follow These Daily Practices to Prevent hardening of the Attitudes And Add More Laughter to Your Life

This is easy and fun. Begin with *mindfulness*. Each day remember what the special practice is for that day. Whenever you see an opportunity, *take some action to fulfill the practice for that day*. Your actions will become habits and the habits will become *a natural and positive way of life for you*.

Soon you will be amazed to find that you laugh more and are more cheerful and optimistic.

Whenever you are mindful of any of the practices and the pleasant feelings they bring, you can tell yourself, “Isn’t it great that I feel happy now! Right now, this is being stored in my brain, where it joins my other moments of serenity. The larger the library and storehouse of serenity in my brain, the easier it will be for me to access it at will.”

Mondays are for Compliments: This overcomes our tendency to criticize and be judgmental of others, which robs us of laughter. Look for the good in others, tell them about it, and you might just end up laughing together. **Monday thought: “A kind word often goes unspoken, but never goes unheard.”**

Tuesdays are for Flexibility: There is no laughter in being stubborn. We all get set in our ways and yet it is a good thing to be open to new ideas. It can be more fun than being in a rut. An open mind lets the laughter in. **Tuesday thought: “The tree that bends in the wind does not break.”**

Wednesdays are for Gratitude: A good way to feel miserable is to always think you need something more to make you happy. An attitude of gratitude bring serenity and laughter. **Wednesdays thought: “As you go through life, let this always be your goal: Keep your eye upon the donut and not upon the hole!”**

Thursdays are for Kindness: Think of ways to help make the other person’s life a little easier. Simple kindness may be the most vital key to the riddle of how human beings can live with each other in peace, and care properly for this planet we all share. **Thursdays thought: “The practice of kindness creates healthy relationships and community connections and inspires people to pass kindness on to others.”**

Fridays are for Forgiveness: Forgiveness means letting go of anger. Find a way to see those who have hurt you in the new light of compassion. Releasing anger makes you healthier and opens up room in your heart for more laughter. **Fridays thought: “I never hold a grudge because while I am being angry the other guy is out dancing!” (Buddy Hackett)**

Weekends are for Chocolate: Remember to eat some chocolate or any other favorite food. Remember to take time for leisure, pleasure and relaxation. **Weekend thought: “A bad day fishing beats a good day working.”**

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.