

ASSUMPTION OF MARY

August 15, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$5,822.67	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,859.84	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$11,296.26
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$7,544.16
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$16,513.16

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:45 AM Mass: 9:00 AM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Prayer Group: 9:45 AM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:45 AM Mass: 9:00 AM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

PRAYING FOR ONE ANOTHER & FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITY/THE WORLD

If you have prayer requests, please contact St. Gerard's Prayer Group [Maureen Bramwell (403) 366-0704] and/or St. Gerard's Prayer Tree [Kay Power (403) 255-6241 or Rosemary Fennell (403) 281-5701]. If you would like to be part of this 'Prayer Ministry', please speak with one of these ladies; they will welcome you.

SUMMER TIME AND THE LIVING IS EASY...

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.

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.

PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Our Grief Group meets **year-round**, 3rd Fridays of the month in the parish hall, 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.

BAPTISMS

If you wish to celebrate the baptism of your baby/toddler in the next 3 months...contact Jan in the parish office [403-253-2251] or jan@stgerards.ca. You must come into the parish office to fill out the baptismal registration form. Please refer to the shortened office hours during July & August. Registration forms must be filled out before a baptism can be planned. Your registration information will be passed on to a baptismal team, who will contact you re: the Baptismal Retreat & preparation and scheduling for the next designated baptismal weekend. Baptism dates are scheduled approximately once/month, except during Lent, when there are no baptisms. Baptisms are celebrated within the context of a Sunday mass. A family may choose the mass they most regularly attend: Saturday at 5:00 PM; Sunday at 9:00 AM or 11:00 AM.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT & FORMATION

A number of things are being planned for the fall/winter for the adults of our faith community. Some of the anticipated offerings include: scripture study, book club, movie mornings, aging-saging, reflections on liturgy & personal spirituality. If anyone has suggestions for possible topics/presenters, please contact Doreen [403-253-2251] or doreen@stgerards.ca. We try to offer a varied 'menu' of faith enrichment/formation opportunities.

TONY MELENDEZ CONCERT

Wednesday, August 25, 7:00 PM at St. Mark's Parish, 5552 Madigan Dr. NE Cost: \$10

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 PM at St. James Parish, Okotoks Cost:\$10

Friday, August 27, 7:30 PM at Southside Victory Centre with Ceili Rain Cost:\$15 (6402—1A Street SW beside Chinook LRT)

Saturday, August 28, at 7:30 PM Catholic Music Awards Show, Southside Victory Centre Cost: \$50

Sunday, August 29, 2:30 PM, at Holy Spirit Parish, 10827—24 Street SW Cost: \$10

Monday, August 30, 6:00 PM at Rafter Six Ranch Resort, Concert & BBQ Cost: \$20 (45 minutes west of Calgary off Trans Canada Hwy.)

Tickets available online: www.franciscanandfriends.com or call 403-243-1049.

FIRST COMMUNION CHILDREN/FAMILIES

Mrs. Judy Broad has graciously volunteered to put up a picture display of the children who are celebrating their 1st Communion this year. We are asking that you bring a picture of your child or your child & Bogdan or your child & your family to add to this display. Pictures should have the name & phone number of the family on the back. Pictures may be put into an envelope & left in the parish mailbox or Doreen's mailbox in the hallway next to the office. Please indicate on the envelope that the contents are for the 1st communion display. Judy will retrieve the pictures from there. All pictures will be returned when the display is dismantled.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

We have been fortunate over many years to have had the ministry of Christian Meditation as part of our parish 'spirituality' offering. Many of you will remember that this ministry was introduced and nurtured by the likes of Margaret Perry, Florence Narcisse, Frances Malone. Currently, this ministry is being coordinated by Anna Tremblay. The group meets on Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 PM in our Jubilee Prayer Room. Due to declining numbers of regular attendees, the question has been raised: do the people of St. Gerard's want a Christian Meditation group? Are there people willing to support the continuation of this group by their attendance? If you are at all interested in this prayer form and would like to join the group, please contact Anna Tremblay for information [annatremblay@shaw.ca or 403-238-3114]. Not only does meditation provide us with quiet time to be in total communion with our God, it also has the added physical benefits of relieving the negative effects of stress and lowering one's blood pressure. So...come pray with us!

INN FROM THE COLD

During the months of July and August, our parish will continue to provide shelter and nourishment for the homeless. We will be hosting the Inn on **Monday, August 16th**. Would you/your family like to take an active role in offering food, shelter, safety and fellowship for one of these Inns? *Setting up the sleep areas? Planning/preparing the meal? Serving the meal? Eating & visiting with the guests? Making the lunches for the guests to take with them the next day? Staying overnight to ensure that everyone is safe & comfortable? Making breakfast the next morning? Cleaning up the facility after the guests leave?* This is a very 'hands-on' opportunity for families to serve together; it is an opportunity for families to put the gospel into action. It is an ideal way to connect the message in Bogdan's homilies to Christian action within our own community. Noreen Young is the coordinator of the Inn and she will welcome all help that is offered. Contact Noreen at (403) 255-9486 or bn_young@telus.net

PHOTOS BY BANDI SZAKONY

Bandi Szakony was responsible for taking the photos of parish members for our St. Gerard Memory Book [scheduled to be ready for this fall]. If you wish to purchase a copy/copies of your photo, at a very reasonable cost, please contact Bandi at (403) 252-5353.

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.

Praise GOD!

Six gestures of the morning praise

Each morning when I arise I begin the day with these six gestures. I join spirit and body in praising the Holy One and offering my thanks for life. As I do the gestures, I say a one line prayer and then remain in that posture for a brief time.

Offering the Creator praise and gratitude:
Stretch your arms high and wide above your head.
I thank you, Holy One, for the gift of another day of life.

2. Intentionally being aware of my spiritual bond with all of creation: *Hold arms out from your sides, a little below shoulder height. Move (pivot) to the left and to the right with your arms stretching outward toward the cosmos.*
I reach out in compassion to my sisters and brothers throughout the universe.

3. Offering my life to the Holy One:
Stretch your arms out straight in front of you, slightly apart, palms up. I give to you all I am and all I have.

4. Opening to accept what the Holy One offers me this day:
Pull your hands close together and cup them as a container.
I open my entire being to receive the gift that you have waiting for me in this new day.

5. Remembering to be kind to our planet Earth:
Bend over, reach down, and touch the floor, or better yet, the ground, if you are outside. I touch this planet, Earth, with awe, reverence, and gratitude, promising to care well for her today.

6. Awareness of the indwelling presence of the Holy One:
Stand up, cross hands over your heart, and bow to the waist.
May I be united with you throughout this day, aware of your love strengthening me and shining through me.

From *Out of the Ordinary: Prayers, Poems and Reflections for Every Season* by Joyce Rupp



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 {doreen@stgerards.ca}

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.