

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**September 5, 2010**

	<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>Outreach</b>
Last Week	\$7,289.20	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,721.41	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

<b>Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:</b>	<b>\$13,430.39</b>
<b>St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:</b>	<b>\$9,680.47</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul to date:</b> (as of Aug. 22)	<b>\$22,435.62</b>

<b>THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>No Mass LABOUR DAY—OFFICE CLOSED</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM <b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>CARD PARTY: 9:45 AM</b> Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>Homelessness Committee Mtg: 7:00 PM</b> <b>Stewardship Committee Mtg: 7:30 PM</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Morning Prayer: 8:45 AM <b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b> <b>Liturgy Committee Mtg: 9:45 AM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM <b>Mass: 5:00 PM</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Masses 9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM</b> <b>Coffee after both Masses</b>

**CARDS CARDS CARDS!**

**Learn to Play Euchre!**

Euchre is popular across a wide area of Canada, and also in the USA and the United States Navy. It is played in parts of Britain (especially Devon, Cornwall and the Channel Islands), New Zealand, Australia. Euchre is a plain-trick game for four players in fixed partnerships, partners sitting opposite.

**Learn To Play Bridge!**

Bridge is a classic partnership card game of skill and chance that's easy to learn. Bridge is by far the greatest card game of all, and it can provide immense challenge and enjoyment for the rest of your life.

**Come and play cards on Tuesday mornings, following mass, in the parish hall. A great group of 'fun' people gather and enjoy a couple of hours of card playing. All are welcome – experienced, as well as novices. Please come and give us a try! You'll want to stay**

**ST. GERARD PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Next gathering will be on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> following morning mass. All people who are journeying with grief and who would like the support of a spiritually-based group of caring individuals are invited to attend. The group is facilitated by 4 people from our parish; the group is open to all, including people who do not belong to our parish.

**CHOIR PRACTICE will begin on Thursday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 PM. New members are most welcome to attend!**

**St. Gerard's Book Club**

The evening Book Club will resume on Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 PM. We meet regularly on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Book Club offers adult Christians the opportunity to consider and discuss some of the current thought and theology of Christianity, always using Scripture as the base and source of God's Revelation. Our chosen book for the fall session is Jesus Today, by Albert Nolan. The book considers the 'spirituality' of the man, Jesus, from Nazareth — his experience of relationship with God as Father, and how it was connected to his prophetic mission. This blend of spirituality and a passion for justice gives Christians a model to follow in daily life. **Everyone is welcome!** Books will be available in the parish office. For information, please talk to Jan in the parish office.

**ROSEBUD DINNER THEATRE TRIP**

2 tickets have become available, because a purchaser will be on holiday at that time. If anyone would like to purchase these tickets, please give Doreen a call in the parish office, 253-2251, asap. The theatre trip to Rosebud is on Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The bus will be leaving the parish parking lot after morning mass.

**Interested in becoming more familiar with the WORD OF GOD?**

***"Jesus stopped and called them and said: What do you want me to do for you? They answered him: Lord, let our eyes be opened."***

This fall, St. Gerard parish is providing a variety of opportunities for our adults to grow in their understanding of and relationship with God. We invite everyone to take advantage of some of these offerings...

**Book Club** on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month

**John's Gospel [part 2]** on Thursday mornings [beginning Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>]; taught by Sr. Darlene Madore, fcj. One does not have to have taken part 1 to participate in & learn from part 2. All are welcome.

**Acts of the Apostles** on Wednesday evenings [beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup>]. This is a Little Rock study – using Scripture, commentary, video presentation, and group discussion.

**Jean Vanier's reflections on the gospel of John as an invitation to hope, love & service**...using Scripture, Vanier's commentary on John's gospel, a video presentation, and group discussion. Wednesday mornings [beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>] for 1 hour following mass.

**Movies & God's Voice** – last Friday of the month. Contemporary movies & the messages they give...is the Word of God in the media today? We watch a movie, have 15 minutes or so of sharing on the messages we heard, and consider the strengths and weaknesses of the messages.

**SACRAMENTS**

It is time to start thinking about whether your family wants to prepare a child/children to celebrate a sacrament in 2011. Is your child ready to consider BAPTISM, EUCHARIST, CONFIRMATION, RECONCILIATION? Does your family have time over the next few months to focus on the preparation for the sacrament? Parents – please discuss this with your child. Registration for the sacraments will be made available in early October. Watch the bulletin and your school newsletters for further information.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MEEING**

**Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the parish office.**

**This gathering is for the people who have volunteered to coordinate children's sacramental preparation, and for any others who might be interested in helping out, in any capacity, with sacramental preparation.**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

Are you an adult who is considering becoming a Catholic? Are you a baptized Catholic who has not been confirmed? If you would like information on one of these journeys, please contact the parish office.

If anyone from our parish would like to attend one of these courses, please contact Mrs. Sheila Padley, parish Pastoral Care coordinator [padleys@shaw.ca; 259-2489]. Registrations will be done through St. Gerard Parish office.

**Diocesan Pastoral Care Course – September, 2010**

Six Tuesday evenings from *September 21<sup>st</sup> to Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010*  
6:30 – 9:30pm.

Classes held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre

Registration Fee: \$65.00 includes manual

Registration or further information please call (403) 218-5501

**Palliative Care Education Program – November, 2010**

*Friday November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30pm*

*Saturday November 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 4:00 pm*

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*Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 9:30pm*

*Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> 8:30 – 4:00 pm*

Classes held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre

Registration Fee: \$65.00 includes manual

Registration or further information please call (403) 218-5507 & (403) 218-5508

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**Twilight Retreat, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010**

Sacred Heart Parish

*Understanding the Gift of Palliative Care*

Registration Fee: \$25.00

5:00 Registration 5:30 Dinner Session 6:30 – 9:00pm

*Presenter: Dr. Eric Wasylenko*

Registration or further information please call: Janice Fraser @ (403) 244–2741, #234 or [sacredheartoutreach@shaw.ca](mailto:sacredheartoutreach@shaw.ca)

**Are you interested in 'spiritual' education/learning?**

St. Francis Xavier University...distance learning department offers a number of courses/programs. **Certificate in Spirituality; a course in Liturgical Foundations; Diploma in Adult Ministry; Diploma in Assisted Living** For information on any of these programs, phone 1-877-867-5561/2, or check their website at [www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html](http://www.stfx.ca/academic/continuinged/ministry.html)

**TOP TEN THINGS YOU NEVER HEAR IN CHURCH**

- \* Hey!...it's my turn to sit in the front pew!
- \* Your sermon was so enthralling...I never even noticed that it was 25 minutes long!
- \* Personally, I find door-to-door witnessing much more enjoyable than a round of golf!
- \* I've decided to give our church the \$500 a month I usually spend at the casino!
- \* I'd like to volunteer to do whatever you need done in any ministry!
- \* Parish salaries are far too low; let's pay our ministers so that they can live like we do!
- \* I just love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
- \* Since we're all here early, let's start the service early!
- \* Pastor, we'd like to send you and the staff to this Scripture conference in the Bahamas!
- \* I have no complaints at all about the new pastor. I love all the changes that he is making!

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see what each child was drawing. As she got to one little girl who was working very diligently on her assignment, the teacher asked the child what she was drawing. The little girl replied: "I am drawing God."The teacher paused, and then said: "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the little girl replied: "They will in a minute."

## INN FROM THE COLD

Our parish ministry of **service, hospitality, and love**. The help of the entire parish is needed for this ministry. How might you/your family be able to serve in this ministry?

**Making Lunches** (30 sandwiches of your choosing, a beverage, a fruit, a baked goodie - needed for Monday evening of the INN, to pack in the Tuesday morning lunches) - approximately 1 hour of time; a great way to involve your kids!

**Hospitality – meeting/greeting/eating with the clients** We have such friendly folks in our parish. Put those skills to use at the Inn.

**Making a home-cooked meal** for the clients and the helpers. We have so many great cooks [male & female] in this parish. This is an opportunity to share your culinary gifts with others.

**Setting up the sleeping ‘pods’** – let your homemaking skills shine forth...make up the beds; set out the toiletries and towels, etc...create a welcoming, comforting environment for those who don't have that in their own lives.

**Laundry** (washing blankets and sheets after the INN) - approximately 3 hours at a laundromat (2 or 3 person task). You and your friends/family can make this a ‘fun’ event...visit, have coffee as you are doing the laundry!

**Overnight supervision** – a 2-person task. Great quiet time to read that favorite book or write those letters that you have been meaning to write, while ensuring that the clients are safe and well-cared-for!

**Breakfast** – what better way for our clients to begin the day than to be provided with food that has been lovingly prepared by people who really care about their well-being.

**Cleanup** – are you a person who enjoys putting things ‘to rights’... cleaning, putting away, disinfecting, etc.

**Discern** where best you might be able to help out with this ministry. Coordinator is NOREEN YOUNG. Phone or email Noreen to volunteer your help (403) 255-9486 or [bn\\_young@telus.net](mailto:bn_young@telus.net)

St. Gerard's Parish thanks ELAINE WARHOLM and her group of faithful helpers for the excellent service and the love and the commitment they gave to this ministry. Some of them are taking a well-deserved break or turning to new ministries. The work they have done has been phenomenal and they have set a ‘high bar’ for us to continue to hit. Let's give that famous *St. Gerard effort* to keeping this ministry the very best that it can be.

## 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](mailto:doreen@stgerards.ca)}

Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant {[jan@stgerards.ca](mailto: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.