

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$8,212.41	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,694.11	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$14,164.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$10,177.62
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$22,435.62
	(as of Aug. 22)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM Mass: 9:00 AM BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM CARD PARTY: 9:45 AM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 8:30 AM (PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE) ROSEBUD THEATRE BUS LEAVES 9:30 AM SHARP!
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:45 AM Mass: 9:00 AM Bishop Grandin High School Masses: 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Pastoral Care Ministry Gathering: 6:00 - 8:00 PM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM MOVIE MORNING: 9:45 AM "UP"
SATURDAY	Wedding: 2:00 PM Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

FAITHFUL FRIENDS & SPIRIT SEEKERS

SUNDAY SEPT. 19 FROM 2:30 - 4:00

Come and **FALL INTO GOD'S AUTUMN**. Join us for an afternoon of crafts, singing, games and snacking. Faithful Friends is for 3-8 year olds and Spirit Seekers is for 8 -11 year olds. Questions call Sheila Obrigewitsch, (403) 255-4313 or Lorelei Prosser (403) 686-1813.

St. Gerard's Book Club

Tuesday, September 21st at 7:30 PM

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 are available in the parish office. Cost: \$20.

ROSEBUD BUS TRIP

To everyone who purchased tickets - Our bus will be leaving the parish parking lot at 9:30 AM on Wednesday morning. Morning mass will be at 8:30 AM. Coffee & muffins in the hall prior to the bus departure. We will return to the city around supper time.

MOVIE MINISTRY MORNING UP!

Join us on Friday morning, after mass, in the parish hall. We will watch the movie UP! and we will share our thoughts/insights into the core of our physical life...that of 'aging'.

Up is an animated film for grown-ups. Sure, it has a main character who is a child, funny talking dogs (sort of), and a fantasy element that requires a substantial suspension of disbelief. But it is Pixar's craftsmanship in showing us a story about the perils and promises of aging that makes *Up* rise above its animated rivals in its ability to strike an emotional chord that floats across any demographic divide. Kids will like it; but it will deeply touch adults. Carl Fredrickson is a retired balloon salesman whose biggest adventure in life is getting out of bed, making it down the stairs to the kitchen, and then completing the arduous trek from the kitchen to a chair on his front porch. He spends the rest of his day watching infomercials. And while he is a fearsome guardian of his late wife's memory, mostly he is just waiting to die. But, as often happens when we think we know how things are going to be, life intrudes, and Carl finds himself swept into an adventure of a lifetime. Not bad for a 78-year-old. There is a two-tiered error into which our youth-obsessed culture has fallen concerning the elderly, and *Up* poignantly illuminates its folly. The first is the myth of retirement. The second is our irrational fear of death and how it affects the way we navigate the latter days of our lives. As Patricia Jung points out in her essay, contained in a must-read book for baby boomers, *Growing Old in Christ*, "Why do we persist in stereotyping the elderly as 'over the hill'?" Partly this is a consequence of not being able to imagine that such aging has any purpose." Is there meaningful life after 70? *Up* emphatically says "Yes."

ST. GERARD'S MUSIC MINISTRY

"The primary musical role belongs to the assembly of the faithful." "There is only one choir in the assembly, and that is the assembly itself."

Mission Statement: the music ministry of St. Gerard's is committed to providing musical support for the congregation of St. Gerard's, empowering everyone present to full and active participation in all aspects of our liturgical worship.

We strive to be instruments proclaiming Christ's love and peace:

- Where there is hatred, we will sing of love
- Where there is injury, we will sing of forgiveness
- Where there is doubt, we will sing of faith
- Where there is despair, we will sing of hope
- Where there is darkness, we will sing of light
- Where there is sadness, we will sing of joy

Do you love to sing or do you play an instrument? Why not consider joining one of our music ministries? Speak to the leader of music at the mass of your preference: 5:00 PM – Lori Montgomery; 9:00 AM – Yvonne Fagnan; 11:00 AM – Jean Louis Bleu. They would welcome you into the ministry!



SAVE THE DATE!

FAMILY NIGHT DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

6:00 – 9:00 pm; in the parish hall

Information to follow in next bulletins and posters.



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.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

You are invited to a Pastoral Care Gathering on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

6:00 PM – supper will be served

6:45 PM – presentation by Ms. Christine Wheeler

7:30 PM – scheduling; procedures; questions

8:00 PM – home!

Pastoral care visitors meet with those who are no longer able to regularly attend worship services, in their home, residence or hospital on a regular basis to bring the spirit and love of Christ to them.

Our parish Pastoral Care ministry – Mayfair Nursing Home, Glenmore Care West, Rockyview Hospital, parishioners' homes [illness, accident, recuperation, shut-ins, dying], incarcerated – is always in need of more help. We value the dedication of those who are already serving in this ministry. We want to encourage more of our parishioners, especially those who are Eucharistic Ministers, to consider volunteering for Pastoral Care.

This ministry truly serves those on the 'fringes' of our community. Those who are in need of Pastoral Care are unable to be with us for our Sunday celebrations. Pastoral Care makes sure that these people are included in our faith family by taking Eucharist to them and by visiting with them. Pastoral Care is an extension of our parish out into the larger community.

Please look into your heart and pray about this ministry. Is God inviting you to serve here? Come to this supper gathering to determine whether this ministry might be where you are needed. RSVP to the parish office: 403-253-2251. Men/women/families/couples/young/older – all are needed.

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

BISHOP'S COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDS OF THE CHURCH IN CANADA

The annual Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada will be held in most parishes in Canada next weekend. The monies raised will be sent to our diocese, which will use these revenues to help pay its annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB). Through the work of the Bishops of Canada who are its members, the Conference is involved in national and international areas of pastoral activity, including social justice, ecumenical and interfaith relations, collaboration with Aboriginal Peoples, life and family issues, liturgy, catechesis, doctrine and relations with Catholic associations and movements. It also provides the Bishops a forum to share their experiences and insights on the life of the Church and the major events that shape our society. The offices of the CCCC are located at 2500 Don Reid Drive, in Ottawa, where a staff of approximately 40 works in different services, supporting the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally.

ST. GERARD'S PARISH RCIA

TEAM:

Initial contact coordinator **{Doreen Yochim}** – meet; elicit 'story'; overview of rcia process and timeframe; fill out registration; contact rest of team; assist with preparation of sponsors, dismissal leaders, and catechists

Coordinator for female sponsors **{Jill Negenman}** – meet the candidate; find a suitable sponsor for the candidate; prepare the sponsor/s – individually & group preparation

Coordinator for male sponsors **{John Skelton}** - meet the candidate; find a suitable sponsor for the candidate; prepare the sponsor/s – individually & group workshop

Coordinator for Dismissals **{Lili Szakony}** – recruit members from the parish and prepare them for this ministry; prepare schedule [3-4 month rotation]

Coordinator for Catechesis **{position available}** – recruit people who are able to work with adults within an 'adult learning' model [teachers are often very comfortable with this ministry]; prepare schedule and themes; prepare catechists – individually & group preparation

Music Ministry – coordinate music for the various rcia happenings: rites, dismissals [we liaison with the music leader of the mass/es at which the rcia rite/dissmissal is being celebrated]

Confirmation preparation **{position available}** – for baptized adult Catholics: 3 or 4 one-hour sessions

Preparing children/families for baptism/confirmation/eucharist – **{Sarah Morrison}**

Preparing for Rites **{position available}**

Retreat **{position available}**

Hospitality Suppers **{position available}**

Meeting Times:

Sponsor & Candidate – weekly [time & place of their mutual choice; 1 hr]

Dismissals – weekly [Saturday evening/Sunday morning masses]

Catechesis – weekly [Sundays – before or after mass]

Would you like to join the RCIA team by helping out in one of the mentioned areas? Contact Doreen Yochim

Would you like to become a member of the Roman Catholic Church? Persons who have not been baptized, members of other Christian traditions, and baptized Catholics who have not received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist) are encouraged to join our Journey of Faith. Contact the parish office.

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

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, (Bruce Halase & Dianne Bulbrook)
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 – Hanita Simard

Faithful Friends – Denise Webber (403)253-5139

Liturgical Ministry

Liturgy Committee – Sheila Padley (Chairperson)

Sacristans – Mary Sylven, (403) 252-5245

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.