

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$7,354.22	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,685.17	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date: \$14,414.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date: \$10,410.16

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Agnes B.) Mass: 9:00 AM CARD PARTY: 9:45 AM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles)
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM (Agnes B.) Mass: 9:00 AM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM 1ST Friday & ALZHEIMER'S COFFEE/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 RCIA Team Mtg: 10:00 AM BLESSING OF ANIMALS: 1:00 PM

World Alzheimer's Day 2010 Join together for coffee and bring your donations for the Alzheimer Society. Friday, October 1st in the parish hall after morning mass. Second wake-up call for Canada to address the issue of dementia today. The World Alzheimer Report 2010 was released today to mark World Alzheimer's Day and heighten awareness of the global economic impact of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Released by Alzheimer's Disease International (ADI), the Report paints a comprehensive picture of the ballooning personal, economic and social costs of dementia on world economies and draws a stark conclusion: Alzheimer's disease and related dementias are poised to be the single most significant health and social crisis of the 21st century.

BLESSING OF THE PETS – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD This custom is conducted in remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures. Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for St. Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

Animals are an extension of the family and very much beloved by their owners. By honoring the significance of these special family members, we provide joy and comfort to their owners - and the pets benefit as well. When we bless something, we focus our attention on the perfection that God put into it when God created it. **Bring your animal friend to the church for the 1:00 PM blessing and treats and celebration!!!!**



SAVE THE DATE!

ST. GERARD'S PARISH FAMILY FEAST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16TH

6:00 – 9:00 pm; in the parish hall

Tickets will be sold after the masses on the October 2nd and October 9th weekends, or they may be purchased in the Parish office. \$10.00 per person or \$40.00 per family. Come join us for food, fun and fellowship. Raffles, Prizes and a Jelly Bean Guess!! Don't delay, as there is limited seating. If you are interested in helping with this fabulous event, please contact Deb Kirkland at (403) 275-9475.



UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST:

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: ACTS OF THE APOSTLES – introduction on Wednesday evening, 7:30 PM, in the parish hall. Includes reading of Scripture, commentary, questions/reflection, sharing, & video teaching. All are welcome to join us for this Scripture Study. Of particular value to new Catholics and for those adults preparing for the sacraments. Come this Wednesday evening and try this study out.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN - study offered by Sister Darlene Madore, fcj. Thursday mornings, 9:45 AM, in the parish hall. A study of the Baptismal/Eucharistic themes in John's gospel. All are welcome to this study.

RICIA TEAM GATHERING – Sunday, October 3rd at 10:00 AM in the north end hall. Team members and anyone who would like to help out with RCIA is invited to join us. We will discuss the candidates, the schedule for the fall and visioning for the months ahead.

SACRISTANS' MEETING: Monday, October 4th in the parish hall from 7:00-8:00 PM. This meeting is for all the sacristans and for anyone who might be interested in considering the sacristan 'ministry'. Come and meet the new coordinator, review procedures & schedule, and ask your questions.

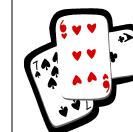
BOOK CLUB – JESUS TODAY... reflecting and discussing the spirituality of Jesus and how it should shape and order our lives. If you would like to join this Book Club, books are available in the church office - \$20. Gatherings are on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month. For Tuesday, October 5th, 7:30 PM, we will discuss chapters 2, 3, 4.

JOHN VANIER'S REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL OF JOHN – use of book, video, and discussion. Wednesday mornings, beginning on October 6th, from 9:30-10:30 AM. We will begin by viewing the videos from the first half of the course.

PARENTS' MEETING RE: SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION & CELEBRATION WITH CHILDREN- a meeting with the sacramental coordinators, info re: schedules/activities and registration for the sacraments will be held on **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH** at 6:30 PM in the parish hall. We ask that all families who plan to prepare for a celebration of a sacrament in 2011 please attend this meeting.

INN FROM THE COLD

We are in **desperate** need of women and men volunteers, working in pairs, to assist us with Overnight Supervision at the INN FROM THE COLD nights held in the Parish Hall once every Month. Due to deaths, failing health and moves out of the Parish, the number of parishioners available for this charitable endeavour have been seriously depleted, and threatens the continuation of this very valuable charitable work in St. Gerard's Parish. Therefore, we appeal to **all parishioners** over the age of 18 years, male and female, including married couples, to consider undertaking this mission of mercy to serve the poor for our Lord. If you think that you may be able to assist us in our work, please contact Kerry Hope at 403-281-1578. Our need is urgent, if the Inns are to continue in St. Gerard's!



The Bishop Grandin Band Parent Association (BGBPA)

invites you to our
Bridge Tournament
(party style)

Saturday November 6, 2010

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Cost: \$50/person **(Cold Lunch included)**

Location: St Gerard's Church Hall

Bring your bridge partner and have a fun day with us!

(all proceeds will help support our world- renowned marching band)

Please register by calling: Donna @ 403 217-4382 **Email:** donnaschaef@shaw.ca

We can accept a cheque or cash. Tax donation receipts will be issued for \$35/person.

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

Today, a special collection is held in parish communities across the country to support the pastoral work of the Bishops nationally and internationally. Known as the *Bishops' Collection for the Needs of the Church in Canada*, this collection helps dioceses pay their annual contribution to the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCC). Founded more than 65 years ago, the CCCC is the assembly of all the Bishops of Canada, including those of the Eastern Catholic Churches. In addition to assisting in consultations with the Holy Father and the various departments of the Holy See, the CCCC works in close partnership with other Episcopal Conferences around the world, and in particular with those in the Americas. Through the work of its commissions and committees, it is involved in the issues that affect the life of the Church today and shape society. The Bishops of Canada wish to thank you in advance for your generosity.

MUSIC OF THE HEART

Twilight Retreat with Father Bob Mitchell

Thursday, October 21st; Mount St. Francis Retreat Center

6:30 PM – supper; 7:30 PM – presentation by Fr. Bob

Call 403-932-2012 for further information.

Cost: \$25/person



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults
The RCIA Process



RCIA is:

A journey of conversion within the living community of faith RCIA culminates in the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist

RCIA is for:

- adults who have not received the Sacraments of Initiation.
 - adults who have been Baptized Catholic or in another Christian tradition and have not received Confirmation & First Communion.
 - adults who have been Baptized Catholic but have not been Confirmed.
- Adults prepare for initiation through a process of prayer, rituals, reflection on the word of God, and teachings of the Church.

Are you an adult/older teen who would like to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, &/or Eucharist? Call the parish office & talk with Doreen about the process of preparing for one or all of these initiation sacraments.

Are you wanting information about having your marriage blessed in the Church [convalidation]? Call the parish office for information.

SACRAMENTAL RECEPTION RECOGNITION CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 29th; 7:00 PM

Holy Spirit Parish

The Calgary Catholic School District & Bishop Henry want to recognize all school-aged children who have celebrated one of the sacraments during the 2009-2010 school year. There will be a Liturgy of the Word with a procession of sacramental symbols. Bishop Henry will present each student with a special memento marking this occasion. We invite all the children and the parents to attend this celebration.

Dementia Education and Support

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

703 Heritage Drive SW

Lower Hall

Dementia in its many forms is growing in its prevalence both in our congregation and in our society. Our Pastoral Care network has organized three workshops for 2010 and 2011 to help us understand more about this debilitating condition.

Wednesday 29 September 2010, 1:00 PM

"Cognitive Changes in Older Adults"

Aging can make us subject to dementia, depression and anxiety. This presentation will look at the nature of these conditions and care for people with them. Our presenter will be Mr. Richard Alaire, who is a psychologist with Community Geriatric Mental Health. Please call the church office at 403-255-0001 to register.

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 & Daniel Bulbrook)

Reconciliation, (Margie Gallagher, 403- 697-5390)

Confirmation – Paul Negenman, 403-253-8586

Special Activities: Judy Broad, 403-253-8697

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

Spirit Seekers - Sheila Obrigewitsch, (403) 255-4314

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 – 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 — 3:00 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.