

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 3, 2010

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,814.26	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,662.84	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date: **\$14,504.52**
 St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date: **\$10,598.66**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass Sacristan Meeting: 7:00 PM
TUESDAY	NO MASS - Priest Study Days CARD PARTY: 9:45 AM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM Book Club: 7:30 PM (Jesus Today)
WEDNESDAY	NO MASS - Priest Study Days Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Teachers' Wine and Cheese: 3:30 PM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles)
THURSDAY	NO MASS - Priest Study Days Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
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

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!!!!**

THANKSGIVING FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember our St. Vincent de Paul Society this Thanksgiving. We welcome all donations of non-perishable foods and/or cash for use in helping those in need.

PRIEST STUDY DAYS THIS WEEK

Please be aware that there will be no weekday Mass on Tuesday, October 05, Wednesday, October 06, and Thursday, October 07 because of priest study days.



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.

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.

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!

CAN YOU HELP NOEL?

Noel is a young boy from our parish, who is in need of a bone marrow transplant. He has been unable to find a donor who is a match. A Swab Clinic is being held for Noel on Tuesday, October 05 from 1:00PM—6:00 PM at St. James Elementary/Jr High School (2227—58 Avenue S.W.). For further information see www.onematch.ca.

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.

SCRIPTURE STUDY ENTHUSIASTS, NEW CATHOLICS, ADULTS SEEKING FURTHER FAITH FORMATION... Don't Forget –

Wednesday evenings; 7:30 PM in the hall – a study of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. This book of the bible could be called a *sequel* to the Gospel of Luke. People living after the generation of the original eyewitnesses [that includes us] needed a way of understanding how the life of Jesus still had relevance in their own lives. Come & join our study as we explore, through Scripture, video presentation, and discussion, how the mission of Jesus should be guiding our lives in our individual circumstances.

JEAN VANIER'S: DRAWN INTO THE MYSTERY OF JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Starting this coming Wednesday morning – 9:30 AM- in the parish hall. Come & have a coffee and watch the videos: Jean Vanier's reflections on Jesus' love of the 'little ones' – those who are disabled, those who are poor, those who are suffering. Jean's reflections help us to understand and emulate the compassionate nature of Jesus & the Father.

THE GOSPEL OF JOHN: Themes of LIVING WATER, BREAD OF LIFE/ EUCHARIST, LIGHT

With Sr. Darlene Madore Thursday mornings in the parish hall. 9:45 am. All are welcome to drop in for Sister's insightful 'breaking open' of the loving 'heart' of Jesus, as revealed through John's gospel. This gospel is a meditative gospel; one is required to sit with this gospel and reflect and ponder the revelation of the Father through the revelation of the Son.

MUSIC OF THE HEART

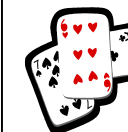
Twilight Retreat with Father Bob Mitchell

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



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)**

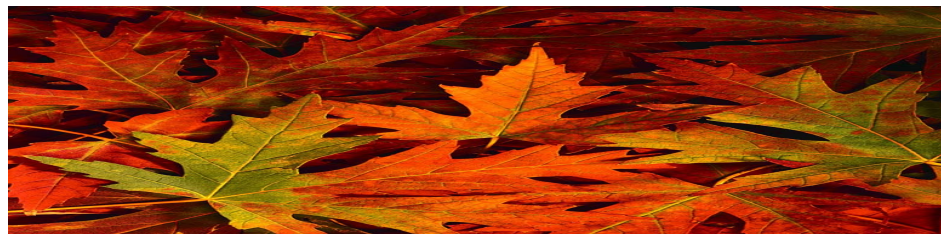
Location: St Gerard's Church Hall

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.



The falling leaves

By Joyce Rupp

*Like clothes, every body will wear out,
the age-old law is, "Everyone must die."*

*Like foliage growing on a bushy tree,
some leaves falling, others growing,
so are the generations of flesh and blood:
one dies, another is born.*

Sirach 14: 18-20

The Falling Leaves

with a constant chorus of cicadas
the leaves tumble down,
from long, thin silver poplars,
they twirl to the ground,
dancing the Autumn death dance
beneath the great blue sky.
the leaves seem glad at the going.
(is there something I don't know?)
Sparkling in the October sunshine,
they fill the air with gentle rustling.
one, then another and another,
on they skim down from above,
bedding the forest table before me
with comforting crunches and crackles.
this gigantic death scene of leaves
does not smell of sorrow and sadness,
rather, the earth is colored with joy
and the leaves make music in the wind.
why is this dance of death so lovely?
why do leaves seem so willing to go?
are they whispering to each other,
urging one another to be freed?
maybe "you first and then I'll follow"
or: "you can do it, go ahead"
supporting one another gladly
in their call to final surrender.
I have not yet discovered the secret
of the serenity of sailing leaves;
every autumn I walk among them
with a longing that stretches forever,
wanting to face that death-dance
and the truth of my own mortality.

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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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 – 3:00 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.