

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 17, 2010**

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$5,594.26	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,620.51	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$14,689.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$10,598.66
St. Vincent de Paul to date: (as of Sept. 30)	\$24,892.41

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass INN FROM THE COLD
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Geri S.] MASS - 9:00 AM Potluck Breakfast at Holy Spirit Church CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre & bridge] Holy Hour: 7:30 PM BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Part 2
WEDNESDAY	MASS - 9:00 AM Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Ecumenical Mtg: 1:00 PM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles) St. Vincent de Paul Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer [Geri S.] MASS - 9:00 AM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM Coffee and Birthday Cake for Fr. Alex
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

BIRTHDAY PARTY!!!

Tuesday, October 19th, Fr. Alex Shahun will have reached **90 years** of 'lived experience'!!! [for the Sagers amongst us, Fr. Alex is in the Jubilee stage of life] Holy Spirit Parish is hosting a 'potluck' breakfast in their hall on Tuesday morning, following their 8:30 AM mass. They have extended an invitation to the parishioners of St. Gerard's to join them for mass and the potluck breakfast because Fr. Alex is our celebrant for Friday masses.

On Friday morning, following the 9:00 AM mass, the Friday mass crowd is invited into our parish hall as we fete Fr. Alex. There will be a birthday cake and coffee.

NEXT WEEK IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Every parish across the world will celebrate World Mission Sunday next week. It is a global sign of the Universal Church and mission. Your prayers and donations will help support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is beginning, where it is new. World Mission Sunday is our chance to assist Catholic Communities throughout the world become self sufficient and flourish. By sharing the gift of faith we can bring hope and love to those who need it most. Please use the World Mission envelopes for the second collection next Sunday.

SCRIPTURE STUDY ENTHUSIASTS, NEW CATHOLICS,...Don't Forget –

Wednesday evenings; 7:30 PM in the hall – a study of the ACTS OF THE APOSTLES. 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.

CONVERSATIONS with JEAN VANIER:

Let yourself be

DRAWN INTO THE MYSTERY OF JESUS THROUGH THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

Wednesday mornings – 9:30 AM in the parish hall. Come & have a coffee and watch/listen to 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 better understand and emulate the compassionate nature of Jesus & the Father. You are welcome to "drop-in" whenever you are able.

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.

BISHOP'S DINNER

Thursday, October 21st. Honoring the multiple contributions that the Grey Nuns, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, and the Sisters of Providence have made in the last 125 years to the people of Alberta. St. Gerard Parish is giving their 8 table tickets to the Sisters of Providence as our acknowledgement and appreciation of the hard work and dedication of all the women religious in our Diocese.

Sr. Evelyn Dechant, a member of our parish, is a Sister of Providence. Evelyn is a retired nurse who was born and raised in the Peace River country [Friedenstal/Fairview]. Evelyn serves in our parish in many ways; she is a lector, a Eucharistic minister, and is one of the facilitators of our parish Grief Group. She hand-makes lovely cards that she donates to the parish office to be used for parish needs. She involves herself in many of our adult faith formation sessions, including scripture study. Evelyn also volunteers at Hospice.

Our parish thanks Sr. Evelyn, and Sr. Darlene Madore, Faithful Companion of Jesus, for their contributions to the faith life of our parish.

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

"Catholicism: Creating a Civilization of Love"

"Creating a Civilization of Love" was a favoured expression used by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II to describe the work of the Holy Spirit in the post-Vatican II era. Dr. Duggan discusses how, according to Christian tradition, faith, culture, and social justice are essential components in cultivating such a civilization of love.

Presenter: **DR. MICHAEL DUGGAN**

ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH; 7:30 PM

BENEFIT CONCERT: SERVING THE POOR IN THE CARIBBEAN

At Holy Spirit Parish on Saturday, October 23rd

Mass at 5:00 PM; Pizza Supper at 6:00 PM; Concert at 7:00 PM

Donations requested for the concert. Tax receipts will be given. Might you be interested in joining the Mission Team going to the Caribbean? This year's dates: October 27th – November 15th. Visit prisons, hospitals, hospices, facilities for those with disabilities, drug rehab centers...offering concerts and friendship to the poor and the excluded. For information: www.francisandfriends.com or email denis.grady@shaw.ca or phone 403-243-1049

A LIGHT IN THE NIGHT

Bridge Africa presents a sizzling, explosive & breathtaking Concert

Saturday, October 30th; 4:00 PM – 10:00 PM

at Southwood United Church, 10690 Elbow Drive S.W.

Tickets: \$40 Dinner only [4:00-6:00 PM] \$25

Concert only [7:00 -10:00PM] \$25

Featuring gospel music from the Congo, Nigeria, Kenya & Tanzania; dances from Burundi, Sudan, Congo. Arts & crafts; silent auction; African jewelry and fashion show.

Educate a woman and the whole nation gets knowledge. Our project is to teach girls trades. Money donations and donations of working sewing machines are welcome. Tax receipts will be issued. Sponsorship of female education is also available. Contact Nota at 403-640-2215 or Leah at 587-999-0088 for tickets.

NEVER SAY NEVER! Presented by RHYTHM OF THE ROCKIES

An acappella journey discovering just how good life can be.

Friday & Saturday, November 5th & 6th; 7:30 PM at the Rozsa Centre,

University of Calgary

Tickets: \$20/adult; \$10/child The Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter will receive \$2.00 from the sale of each ticket. If you are interested in attending this concert, speak with Sheila Padley [member of the Rhythm of the Rockies] or contact Veronica at 403-251-2768.

Last Sunday's gospel told the story about ten lepers. The lepers would have been cut off from society because they had a disease that was contagious. As a result, they would never have been allowed to associate with their own families, or with the rest of the village. They would have been forced to live outside the village and, if they were to come into the village for anything, including water or bread, they would have had to ring a loud bell to warn the community that they were there. People would then immediately move away from them, so as not to contaminate themselves.

The people of Jesus' time believed that illness/disability was a curse from God and if a person was ill/disabled, then that person must be sinful in some way. How might these lepers have felt at being ostracized from family and friends by their faith leaders and society? How would they have felt at being judged as 'sinful' because of their disease?

Is it in anger or fear or frustration that they shout out to the Lord and say, "Lord, Master, have pity on us." ?? Jesus says simply: "Go; show yourselves to the priest."

Why did Jesus send the lepers to the priest? The procedure at that time was that one would show oneself to the priest, after a return to health, so that the priest could declare one clean, and, thus, fit to re-enter society. What might Jesus have expected from the priest to whom he sent these 10 men? Something more than just declaring the person 'ritually clean'? Might Jesus have been hoping that the priest/s would declare the exclusion of the sick, the ostracizing of the 'unclean' as societal behavior that was wrong and that needed to be changed? Considering this story in light of our church communities today, what unjust laws/pronouncements does our church/our priest/ we make that exclude and ostracize people from our faith communities? What needs to be changed? Are we willing and courageous enough to make those changes happen? It is a mindset of justice, a heart of compassion, an attitude of gratitude, and not the prescriptions of the law, that are important in creating inclusive communities of faith.

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 Geri Schmit

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 – Jan, 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 – 4:30 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 once/month. Please contact Jan in the parish office.