

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 24, 2010**

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$7,968.81	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,646.37	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$14,749.52
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$10,941.61
St. Vincent de Paul to date: (as of Sept. 30)	\$24,892.41

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
MONDAY	No Mass
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Agnes B.] MASS: 9:00 AM CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre & bridge] Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MASS: 9:00 AM Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles)
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer [Agnes B.] MASS: 9:00 AM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM MOVIE MORNING: 9:45 AM (Trip to Bountiful)
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, every Catholic community and parish throughout the world takes part in World Mission Sunday. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material help to our brothers and sisters who long for hope and love that comes from knowing Christ's love for them. Your kind support will assist all missionaries across the world. It will help new churches to grow, be strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for all those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. May God bless you always. Please use the World Mission envelopes for the second collection this Sunday.

MOVIE MINISTRY: TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL

Geraldine Page's Oscar-winning lead performance about an elderly woman on a bus ride home to the town where she was raised. The Trip to Bountiful is one of the few films to examine the difficult emotions of aging.

Friday, October 29th at 9:45 AM in the parish hall. Everyone welcome. Popcorn provided! You are welcome to bring snacks to share!

Movie Ministry is a continuation of our 'Aging to Saging' sessions. What are some of the *universal truths* portrayed in contemporary cinema? How is the process of *aging* portrayed in contemporary cinema? What *wisdom* is there to be derived from movies?

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.

JEAN VANIER:

**VIDEO REFLECTIONS ON THE SPIRITUALITY OF JESUS I
N THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**

Come & spend an hour listening to Jean Vanier's perspective of Jesus and Jesus' great love & compassion for the poor, the excluded, the suffering, as seen through the words of John's gospel. This is a weekly opportunity to become more centered on the spirituality of Jesus, the spirituality/mission of service. Drop in for this one hour offering any time you are able. Wednesdays: 9:30-10:30 AM in the hall. After we have finished watching the Vanier videos, we will continue this Wednesday morning formation/reflective time with: **ADULT CHRISTIANITY AND HOW TO GET THERE with Ronald Rolheiser, OMI & Richard Rohr, OFM;** and **THE COSMIC CHRIST – a teaching by Richard Rohr, OFM.**

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.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
THE POWER OF A SIMPLE GIFT**

Operation Christmas Child is a project designed to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way and together with the local church worldwide, to share the good news of Jesus Christ. It's that special time of year again when we give of our hearts and pack a shoebox for those whose only gift at Christmas will be that shoebox. We encourage all the families and friends of St. Gerard's to pack a shoebox and discover the power of a simple gift. In 2008 we delivered 102 shoeboxes and last year our St. Gerard families donated 62 shoeboxes. Lets see if we can get our number back up over 100 again. Once again you will not see the shoeboxes at your local Safeway stores: they are no longer a sponsor for Samaritans Purse. You still have many ways of obtaining a shoebox. It is suggested using any box that your shoes, **[not boots]** would come in. Plastic containers from the dollar store that are the same size as a regular shoe box also work very well and the children can use the container after to store many items, or if you are unsure of what the size should be simply take a brochure from here at the church, open it up completely and that is about the size they are looking for. Don't forget, you can add personal information about you and your family and place it inside the shoebox...there is a 2 page "All About Me Activity Page" that will be available at the church very soon to help guide you with information. The boxes can be dropped off here at St. Gerard's during the National Collection week of **November 15-21**. Once again I will be volunteering at the warehouse here in Calgary, so I will be delivering the shoeboxes personally. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Lisa Cronan at (403) 253-1341 and leave a message. This year there is a new way to pack shoe boxes and support the rebuilding work Samaritan's Purse is doing in Haiti. Please consider packing an additional shoe box online and it will be given to a child in need in Haiti. Go to www.samaritanspurse.ca and follow the link to donate a shoe box on line.

DO YOU KNIT OR CROCHET? NEED A PROJECT?

Hand made knitted or crocheted items are being made by a group in the parish to be given to charity. Last year we made afghans and shrugs (shawls with sleeves) for some residents of the Mayfair Nursing Home. We haven't decided on our projects for this year, but more of the same, or perhaps mittens, scarves, or hats for the homeless or newly housed are possibilities. We use donated wool and would be happy to receive any odds and ends you might have. If you are unable to join us in the hall, you could work at home and we will find a way to connect with you. For more information or to donate wool, contact Pat at pjamnicz@yahoo.ca or call the parish office.

"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

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.



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.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY MISSION: IT'S OURS TO DO!

Luke 18:9-14 Parables were used by Jesus to try and turn the societal norms 'upside down'. What 'twist' do you hear in this parable? What 'revolutionary thought' is Jesus putting forth within the context of this parable? What does the parable in today's gospel mean to our lives? or do we not bother to apply the teachings of Jesus to our own lives?

Do I pray like the tax collector or the Pharisee?

"The everything of a deep and demanding prayer life is an awareness and acceptance of the self. No rosary, no icon, no prayer corner can replace the raw material of prayer which is the *self-knowledge* that cements the relationship between the self and God.

The temptation with which we must grapple if we really want to learn to pray is the temptation to pray as if we were more than we are. More pious, perhaps. More accepting of the will of God, maybe. More ethereal in our concerns. More otherworldly, more a citizen of the next world than a pilgrim in this one.

But when all we bring to prayer is our holiness, what is the use of being there? What am I not facing in myself that really needs my prayer if I am ever to grow in the art of prayer and the mandate to become fully human — if I am ever to become more than I am in the spiritual life?

To grow spiritually, then, I cannot hide — even from myself. I must pray for self-knowledge, for the searing honesty that, with the grace of God, can bring me to the heart of God."

-from *The Breath of the Soul: Reflections on Prayer* by Joan Chittister

Our Baptism was an acknowledgement that we are children of God; that Baptism also indentured us for *service*: the *service* which fulfills, in every age, the mission of Jesus. We are sent forth from every Eucharistic celebration to do the work of Jesus in our world. In our family units, amongst our friends and co-workers, in our communities... we are called to serve others and to spread the Good News of the love of God for all. **Prayer & service** are the two sides of the coin of Jesus' mission; we can't do one without the other. October is the time of year when our church reminds us to reflect on our call to *mission*. It is a good time to ask oneself: am I doing the missionary work to which my

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 Luijck (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.