

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
OCTOBER 31, 2010**

	<b>Sunday Offerings</b>	<b>Outreach</b>
Last Week	\$8,063.25	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,656.07	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

<b>Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:</b>	<b>\$15,084.52</b>
<b>St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:</b>	<b>\$11,088.52</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul to date:</b> (as of Oct. 25)	<b>\$28,312.20</b>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM ALL SAINT'S DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Jean D.] MASS: 9:00 AM ALL SOUL'S DAY CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre &amp; bridge] BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>MASS: 9:00 AM Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles)</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>Morning Prayer [Jean D.] MASS: 9:00 AM Scripture Study - John's Gospel: 9:45 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM</b>
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Mass: 9:00 AM 1ST Friday COFFEE/MUFFIN Social: 9:30 AM Exposition: 10:00 AM—12:00 AM</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>BRIDGE TOURNAMENT: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM (parish hall) Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM Don't forget to turn your clocks back!</b> 
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Masses 9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses</b>

**ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS**

**All Saints – solemnity – Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> Mass in the parish at 9:00 AM**

**All Souls – Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass in the parish at 9:00 AM**

**FOOD COLLECTION FOR OUR VETERANS**

In conjunction with our Canadian celebration of Remembrance Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>, St. Gerard's will again be collecting foods for the Legion Veterans' Food Bank. Food may be brought to the church and left in the Gathering Area from Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Please be generous.

**REGISTRATION FOR SACRAMENTS FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**

For parents who were not able to attend the registration meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be a **registration evening on Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011**, in the parish hall.

**CHICKEN/MEAT SALE**

The annual Knights of Columbus Boxed Meat/Chicken Sale has begun. This sale is an important fund raising event for Bishop Klein Council #6488 at St. Gerard's, and we hope that all members of our Parish will support the Knight's efforts to fund our charitable work in the Parish and the Community. **Order forms are available at the hospitality desk. Order deadline - Friday, November 5, at 3:00 PM. Pick up is Friday, November 12 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM.**

**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](http://www.samaritanspurse.ca) and follow the link to donate a shoe box on line.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

Candidates will be introduced to the community over the next few months. Make them welcome in our faith family. Jill Negenman is the coordinator of female sponsors. Jill finds willing sponsors within our parish for our female candidates. John Skelton is the coordinator of male sponsors. John finds willing sponsors within our parish for our male candidates. If you would like to prepare yourself to be a sponsor for a candidate, please talk to Jill or to John and get your name on their list.

**ROLE OF SPONSOR:**

- Meet with the candidate on a weekly basis [1 hour] to share faith journey/life experiences/address questions/involve in community
- Be with the candidate for sessions of 'breaking open the Word' and catechesis, as often as possible
- Introduce the candidates to members of the community, whenever possible; especially at Sunday coffee gatherings
- Bring the candidate to Parish Mission
- Involve yourself and your candidate in ministry opportunities: ie... Christmas cookie baking; St. Vincent de Paul hampers & food delivery; Inn from the Cold; pastoral care visits; serving coffee & goodies after a mass; joining the music ministry; offering assistance to the children's sacramental preparation coordinators; etc etc
- The primary role of the Sponsor is to initiate the candidate into the faith community by *example*.
- However, at a broader level, all of the faith community are 'sponsors', particularly pastor, rcia team members, possibly family members & co-workers

**FAMILY SUPPER**

Under the umbrella of our parish Stewardship Committee [a group of very joy-filled & energetic people], a lovely FAMILY DINNER was held in our parish hall on October 16<sup>th</sup> [feast day of St. Gerard!]. Over 100 people enjoyed a fine supper together. Everyone loved the lasagna and caesar salad provided by Roma Catering. The kids were most drawn to the Jelly Bean Count, and there were great raffle prizes. If you didn't get to this supper, make sure that you come to the next one. In fact, our individual thanks to the Stewardship Committee may encourage them to offer this supper again! We can hope...

**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 shruns (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](mailto:pjamnicz@yahoo.ca) or call the parish office.

**PARISH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP**

Of all the experiences faced by families and individuals, the most stressful is the loss of a loved one through death. Granger E. Westberg, author of [Good Grief](#), said that while he was working as a clergyman in a medical center, he became aware of the fact that many people were ill as a result of unresolved grief. "There is a stronger relationship than we have ever thought between illness and the way a person handles a great loss," Westberg said. St. Gerard's Grief Group is open and welcoming to all. Our Grief Group's purpose is to help those who grieve to find healing. This is accomplished through mutual support, sharing, and understanding from other members of the group. We meet once a month in the parish hall. Our next gathering will be on **Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM**. If you would like to have one of our group coordinators contact you with more information, please contact the parish office, and your name & phone # will be passed on.

**FOUR FACES OF JESUS – A Retreat Day**

Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>; 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM at the FCJ Christian Life Centre Cost: \$75, includes lunch

Rev. Bob Glasgow, former chaplain of the Rockyview Hospital and founder of the Grief Support Program, will lead this one-day retreat. Come & reflect on the person of Jesus in his roles as: Servant Leader; Humble Teacher; Loyal Friend; Gentle Healer. Please call 403-228-4215

**FRANCISCAN and FRIENDS**

Missionary work is happening in our own city, and amongst people we know. "Conquer with love" St. Francis de Sales

Dear Franciscan and Friends,  
It is normal at this time of year for people to approach me with the question, "When are Franciscan and Friends coming?" I am always encouraged by such interest because it speaks both of our people's desire for God and of the ways in which he uses you as his instruments of peace. Perhaps for many people in North America, the word "Caribbean" is immediately associated with hammocks hung between coconut trees on white sandy beaches. We are grateful to God for the natural beauty which surrounds us. At the same time, our islands are not without their share of disfigurement. Just recently in Barbados, two young men seriously wounded the owner of a downtown store and set fire to it. Six persons lost their lives in that blaze. We are grateful that you come to us with a very different sort of fire. May the light of Christ which shines through you continue to illumine the hearts, souls and minds of those you reach out to during your mission; the addicted, the homeless, the forgotten, the lost. We look forward to your arrival and we keep you in our prayer. See you soon. Ian Camacho, Living Water Community, Barbados

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**Please pray for our ill community members: Helen Stanko, Arnold Boon**

## ALL SAINTS & ALL SOULS

### {COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED}

Many Christians in Canada honor all the different saints, particularly those who do not have their own feast day, on All Saints' Day on November 1 each year. Some eastern churches in Canada celebrate this day on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It is also known as All Hallows Tide, All-Hallowmas, or All Hallows' Day.

According to some sources, the idea for All Saints' Day goes back to the fourth century when the Greek Christians kept a festival on the first Sunday after Pentecost (in late May or early June) in honor of all martyrs and saints. Other sources say that a commemoration of "All Martyrs" began to be celebrated as early as 270 CE, but no specific month or date is recorded. Pope Gregory IV made All Saints' Day an authorized holiday in 837 CE. It is speculated that the chosen date for the event, November 1, may have been an attempt to supplant the pagan Festival of the Dead.

Many Christian churches in Canada annually mark All Souls' Day on November 2. All Souls' Day is a time for many Christians to remember deceased family members or friends.

All Souls' Day was first instituted at the monastery in Cluny in 993 CE and quickly spread throughout the Christian world. People held festivals for the dead long before Christianity. It was Saint Odilo, the abbot of Cluny in France, who in the 10th century, proposed that the day after All Saints' Day be set aside to honor the departed. All Souls' Day is marked on November 2 in many church calendars in Canada.

The Church prays for, and remembers, the faithful departed throughout the entire year. However, All Souls is the general, solemn, day of commemoration, when the Church remembers, prays for, and offers requiem masses up for the faithful departed. Typically Christians will take this day to offer prayers up on behalf of their departed relatives and friends. It is also an opportunity to pray for individuals that they never knew personally, such as government officials, musicians, religious leaders, etc.

**Day of the Dead** ([Spanish: Día de los Muertos](#)) is a [holiday](#) celebrated in [Mexico](#) and by [Mexican Americans](#) living in the [United States](#) and [Canada](#). The holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died. The celebration occurs on November 2 in connection with the [Catholic](#) holidays of [All Saints' Day](#) (November 1) and [All Souls' Day](#) (November 2). Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars honoring the deceased using [sugar skulls](#), marigolds, and the favorite foods and beverages of the departed and visiting graves with these as gifts. The Day of the Dead is a time of celebration, where partying and eating is common. In [Brazil](#), [Dia de Finados](#) is a public holiday that many Brazilians celebrate by visiting cemeteries and churches. In [Spain](#), there are festivals and parades, and, at the end of the day, people gather at cemeteries and pray for their dead loved ones. Similar observances occur elsewhere in Europe and in the [Philippines](#), and [similarly themed celebrations](#) appear in many [Asian](#) and [African](#) cultures.

## MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, a **Book of Remembrance** is displayed in the Gathering Area. Our community is invited to write down the names of people who have died whom they would like to especially remember. On **Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM**, a Memorial Mass will be celebrated for all the deceased members of St. Gerard's Parish, for all the deceased people listed in our Book of Remembrance, and for all of our deceased family members and friends. This mass is coordinated by our Parish Grief Support Group. It includes the reading of all the names listed in the Book of Remembrance and the symbolic action of lighting candles in memory. A social is hosted in the parish hall after the mass. Everyone is encouraged to attend this lovely celebration.

## 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

Doreen Yochim {[doreen@stgerards.ca](mailto:doreen@stgerards.ca)}

Bogdan Sianozecki (Pastor)

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Jan Gallant {[jan@stgerards.ca](mailto: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.