

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 7, 2010**

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|                              | <b>Sunday Offerings</b> | <b>Outreach</b> |
| Last Week                    | \$7,372.65              |                 |
| Weekly average, year to date | \$7,649.63              |                 |
| Weekly target to meet budget | \$9,000.00              |                 |

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| <b>Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:</b>                    | <b>\$15,094.52</b> |
| <b>St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:</b> | <b>\$11,280.63</b> |
| <b>St. Vincent de Paul to date:</b> (as of Oct. 25)               | <b>\$28,312.20</b> |

| THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH |   |
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| <b>MONDAY</b>           | <b>No Mass</b>  |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>          | <b>Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Sheila P.]<br/>CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre &amp; bridge]<br/>Holy Hour: 7:30 PM</b>   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>        | <b>MASS: 9:00 AM<br/>Bishop Grandin High School Liturgy: 11:00 AM &amp; 1:00 PM<br/>Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM<br/>Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles)</b> |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>         | <b>Morning Prayer [Doreen Y.]<br/>MASS: 9:00 AM<br/>REMEMBRANCE DAY—OFFICE CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>           | <b>Mass: 9:00 AM</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>         | <b>Reconciliation: 4:00 PM<br/>Mass: 5:00 PM</b>  |
| <b>SUNDAY</b>           | <b>Masses 9:00 AM &amp; 11:00 AM<br/>Coffee after both Masses</b>   |

**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.

**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

**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. **Pick up is Friday, November 12 from 4:30 - 6:00 PM.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:**

The sick, including: Helen Stanko & Arnold Boon  
Those who have died, including: Sr. Theresa Spence & Fr. Keith Sorge

**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. 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. 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 is available on the Hospitality Table to help guide you with information. The boxes can be dropped off here at St. Gerard's in the Gathering Area 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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

A sponsor is needed for a woman who is a candidate on our faith journey. Our candidate's name is Tracee. She has school-aged children, and Tracee & her family have chosen St. Gerard's as their faith community. If you are a woman who would like to journey with this candidate, please speak with Jill Negenman at 403-253-8586.

**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

**HELP IS NEEDED**

Ministry of Collection Counting is in need of more volunteers.

- Once/month; 1-2 hours; daytime; at the church
- Work with a team supervised by a Team Coordinator
- Skill level: able to count money accurately!
- Pay: hosted to a scrumptious luncheon every January!!

If you are interested, please talk to our secretary, Jan, at 403-253-2251, for further information.

**Watch for these Upcoming events in the parish -**

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE CARD PARTY: November 27th  
MISSION MEXICO WEEKEND: December 10th—12th  
JOY TO THE WORLD ADVENT CELEBRATION: December 12th  
CWL CHRISTMAS SUPPER: December 14th  
COOKIE BAKING for the unwell & shut-ins; ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS; ANGEL TREE; INN FROM THE COLD; turkeys/hams for LATOUR CENTRE

**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](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.

**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.

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**PARISH BAZAAR & WHITE ELEPHANT SALE**

Our **Annual Fall Bazaar** will be held **Saturday, November 20 from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**. We are in need of donations of all kinds: Christmas baking, crafts, raffle items and especially items for the Silent Auction. Help is needed in the kitchen, Bake Table, Silent Auction, Raffles, etc. For info, contact Terry Smith, 255-8227.

One of the highlights of our Annual Christmas Bazaar is the **White Elephant Sale**, which is held in conjunction with the bazaar. The White Elephant Sale is sponsored by the St. Gerard's Knights of Columbus, Council #6488, and is an important means of raising funds for their work of charity in the parish and the community. Parishioners are asked to clear out their basements, garages, attics and bottom drawers for surplus items and unused treasures that they might be willing to donate to the Knights for this worthwhile cause. **Please DO NOT donate any furniture or clothing.** Please do **not** deliver any goods to the parish hall **before Friday, November 19**. If pickup is required, please call Paul Farrar, (403) 259-3895

# Who Are the Saints in Your Life?

by Vinita on November 2, 2010

We've just celebrated All Saints Day. Maybe we went to a church service where saints were remembered, where our own "faithful departed" were included on a list of remembrance. For some of us, there are quite a few names to add to that list: grandparents, parents, siblings, friends, children. It's easy to look back at the saints who have graced our lives.

But Christians believe in the communion of saints, and that communion includes people who have died but also people who are alive and with us right now. I propose that we celebrate the saints we eat breakfast with, or the saints we work with, or the saints who live next door.

I am graced by numerous saints: my fellow employees at Loyola Press, who make my work life a privilege and a joy; my longsuffering husband who has stuck by me nearly twenty years; my neighbors, who know my name, say hello, and who called the police when they noticed my front door standing open early one morning; the people I ride the train with, day after day, who can be irritating sometimes but who also show tremendous charity and good humor on many days.

I am graced by long-distance friends who understand when I can't stay in touch better than I do. I am graced by two dogs and two cats, who want nothing more than to be fed, watered, and petted—and, in return offer me snuggles and enthusiasm unconditionally. I am graced by teachers on every side—from esteemed yet gracious professors at the seminary to the adolescent in my home who is, every day, finding her way in the world.

Enough about me. Who are the saints in your life? Have you celebrated them lately?



## 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: Noreen Young (403) 255-9486  
Jim Duncan (403) 252-3163  
**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) [403] 238-1408  
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 (403) 281-5421  
**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) (403) 259-2489  
**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  
**Collection Counting:** Jan Gallant [403] 253-2251

### 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}  
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.