

**CHRIST THE KING
NOVEMBER 21, 2010**

	Sunday Offerings	Outreach
Last Week	\$6,740.03	
Weekly average, year to date	\$7,659.16	
Weekly target to meet budget	\$9,000.00	

Annual Bishop's Charity Appeal to date:	\$15,834.65
St. Gerard's Parish collection for Mission Mexico to date:	\$11,868.89
St. Vincent de Paul to date:	\$28,312.20 (as of Oct. 25)

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY	No Mass Baptism Prep: 7:00 PM	Stewardship Mtg: 7:30 PM
TUESDAY	Morning Prayer: 8:40 AM [Agnes B.] MASS: 9:00 AM CARD PLAYING: 9:45 AM [euchre & bridge] BOOK CLUB: 7:30 PM	Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
WEDNESDAY	MASS: 9:00 AM	Art & Environment Mtg: 9:45 AM Jean Vanier Videos: 9:30 AM Little Rock: 7:30 PM (Acts of the Apostles) Knights of Columbus Mtg: 7:30 PM
THURSDAY	Morning Prayer [Agnes B.] MASS: 9:00 AM Choir Practice: 7:30 PM	
FRIDAY	Mass: 9:00 AM MOVIE MORNING: 9:45 AM (DEPARTURES) Advent Set-up: 9:45 AM	
SATURDAY	Reconciliation: 4:00 PM Mass: 5:00 PM	RCIA: 6:00 PM LITURGICAL CARD PARTY: 6:00 PM
SUNDAY	Masses 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM Coffee after both Masses	

Faithful Friends and Spirit Seekers are meeting this Sunday, November 21 from 2:30—4:00 PM. We are making Advent Calendars and doing other fun, exciting things. This is a drop in group with no need to pre-register.

CHRIST THE KING
[34th or last Sunday in Ordinary Time]
Today is the liturgical celebration of 'Christ the King'.

The last week of our liturgical year is devoted to eschatological themes: Christ the King will restore all creation and restore his kingdom to the Father. The risen people of God will rejoice in a new heaven and a new earth; we will be freed from the corruption of sin and death, and sing God's glory with every created being.

In Christian theology, **Christian eschatology** is the [study](#) of its religious beliefs concerning all future and final events (End Times), as well as the ultimate purpose(s) of the world (i.e., mortal life), of mankind, and the Church. Where eschatology (Greek: *eskhatos* "last," *logia* "discourse") refers to doctrine that represents a history of inquiry into the concept of *the destiny of all things*, in Christian context, this inquiry is vested in the prophesied purposes of God as documented in the Bible.

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 30th 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. All music people invited to be part of the choir.

MOVIE MINISTRY MORNING

Friday, November 26th, in the hall, after morning mass.
DEPARTURES – 2009 winner of an Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film
Daigo Kobayashi is a devoted cellist in an orchestra that has just been dissolved and finds himself without a job. Daigo decides to move back to his old hometown with his wife to look for work. He answers a classified ad entitled "Departures" thinking it is an advertisement for a travel agency, only to discover that the job is actually for a "Nokanshi" or "encoffineer," a funeral professional who prepares deceased bodies for burial and entry into the next life. While his wife and others despise the job, Daigo takes a certain pride in his work and turns it into a spiritual journey for himself as well as for the departed and the family of the departed. Daigo learns to perfect the art of "Nokanshi," acting as a gentle gatekeeper between life and death, between the departed and their family. The film follows his profound and sometimes comical journey with death as he uncovers the wonder, joy and meaning of life and living. This movie provides the viewer with a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the sacredness of the body, on familial bonds, on the bonds of friendship, and on the gift of memories. This movie is 130 minutes in length. For those who are able to stay for a bit after the movie, bring a sandwich and we'll spend a half hour having our lunch and discussing the film.

LITURGICAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Saturday, November 27th; parish hall; eats from 6:00 – 7:00 PM; card party begins at 7:00 PM CRAZY WHIST – lots of fun; a great mixer \$5.00/person for the Cash Prize Pots.

We set up as many tables of 4 as we have people. You do not need a partner; everyone is 'mixed' up when the tables are assigned. Bring along as many people as you would like, however; everyone is welcome. Takes approximately 3 hours to play through all the sets. Phone the parish office with your name & phone # & the # of people coming with you. You are invited to bring an hors d'oeuvres or a hot dish or a salad to share potluck between 6:00 & 7:00 PM. BYOB – if you wish to have refreshments other than coffee/tea.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

To our generous parishioners who gave so abundantly to the food collection for the Veterans' Food Bank. And a very special Thank You to Stan Summers [& our Gordon] for loading the food and driving it to the Food Bank. Just a little reminder: our St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank is in need of food on an ongoing basis, so please continue to bring foodstuffs and paper products to their bin in the Gathering Area. Every Thursday & Friday, year round, our parish volunteers deliver food hampers to individuals and to families who do not have enough money to buy the food they need. Our Society is gearing up for the big Christmas Hamper weekend the 3rd week of December. If you would be interested in volunteering with St. Gerard St. Vincent de Paul Conference, please talk to Geri Schmidt.

TURKEYS & HAMS; HAMS & TURKEYS

Once again we are providing our faith community with the opportunity to donate to the Christmas food gifts for the clients of the Latour Native Ministry. If you would like to donate a turkey or/and a ham, or monies, please bring your donation into St. Gerard's parish office during office hours from now until December 14th. This is a ministry of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary; the director is Norline Johnson.

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.

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

We encourage all the families and friends of St. Gerard's to pack a shoebox and discover the power of a simple gift. Plastic containers from the dollar store that are the same size as a regular shoe box work very well and the children can use the container after to store many items. The boxes can be dropped off here at St. Gerard's in the Gathering Area during the National Collection week of **November 15-28. Shoeboxes will be picked up after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 28.**

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY for ST. GERARD'S PARISHIONERS

Coordinator of Pastoral Care: Sheila Padley

Help is very much needed for this ministry of visiting with and taking Eucharist to our sick, to our shut-ins & mobility-challenged, and to our dying members. Assess your time commitments. Is this a ministry in which you could serve once/month? Singles, friends, husbands & wives, families with children – please pray about this call to serve. If you would like more information, contact Sheila Padley.

MISSION MEXICO

Start saving your loonies & toonies. The weekend of December 12th is designated as Mission Mexico awareness weekend. We will be encouraging donations to this mission; we have invited our Latino community members to host a Friday breakfast, and coffee after all the weekend masses; our liturgy will include music & petitions inclusive of our Latino community. If you would like to be involved in any way with this endeavor, contact Anna Schultz [her name may not sound Latino, but she is truly one at heart].

FAMILIES PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS

Parents – please remember to bring in your 'homework' soon. The little wooden figures that Judy asked you to decorate representative of your child/children are being displayed in the parish hall. Judy needs those figures. Bring them to church on a weekend and place in the Sacramental Preparation mailbox [hallway to bathrooms]. **Parent meeting & registration for those families not yet registered: Friday, January 14th at 6:30 PM.** If you did not attend the meeting in October, you must come to this registration if you are planning to celebrate sacraments in the spring of 2011.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE MASS at 5:00 PM

The children and youth of the parish are invited to fully participate and host the Christmas Eve Mass at 5pm. We need children and youth, 18 and under, to fill the following ministries: readers, singer of the psalm, gift bearers, choir members, candle bearers, ushers, altar servers, actors/actresses, hospitality greeters.

Please only sign up for the choir, singer, reader or pageant roles if you can attend a practice.

Rehearsals for the choir will be held on Sunday, Dec. 5 and Sunday, Dec. 12 from 10:15 - 10:45 AM.

Rehearsals for the readers and pageant will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 (right before Faithful Friends and Spirit Seekers) Sign up sheets are in the link after mass, and will be posted in the church. If you have grandchildren, nieces or nephews that will be coming, they can help with the mass without having previously signed up. If you have any questions, please call Denise, 253-5139, Lorelei, 686-1813 or Sheila O, 255-4314.

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THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Church's arrangement of the Sundays, seasons and feasts is known as **the liturgical year**. Centered on the weekly celebration of the Lord's Day, our year of praise celebrates the Paschal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. The liturgical year ends with an *eschatological* theme: the last Sunday {today!} is the feast of Christ, the King, and the weekday readings focus on the fulfillment of God's kingdom. This year, the 1st Readings, during this last week, are taken from the Book of Revelation. The *liturgical year* begins with the 1st Sunday in Advent. The season of Advent consists of 4 weeks and ends with mid-afternoon prayer on Christmas Eve.

The theme of this coming church year is THE YEAR OF GRACE. [look for liturgical calendars on the bulletin boards] The theme of the year focuses on *justice & peace*. We Christians are called to mission: to bring the teachings of Jesus to fruition. We are called to be peaceful people, to build bridges and to heal divisions. We are called to embrace and to take care of the outcasts, the downtrodden, the sick, the poor, the hungry – those who stand on the edges of our societies, the lost and the forsaken, the forgotten and the lonely.

Next weekend, we begin a new liturgical year. So, perhaps you might consider marking this special occasion in a unique way with your family. Celebrate the NEW LITURGICAL YEAR weekend by doing something that will mark the occasion & be a learning opportunity for your family. The Liturgy Committee would be interested in feedback from families who do this.

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ECUMENICAL EVENTS

Mark Wednesday, January 19th on your calendar and plan to have lunch in our parish hall with members from our neighbourhood churches. It will be a 'soup & bread' lunch, with food contributions from each congregation. We are encouraged to bring the 'speciality' bread of our parish events...would that be egg salad sandwiches??? We need your input. Nearer to Pentecost [June], we are planning a 'church crawl' – visiting one another's places of worship.

In Lent, 2011, we are again going to have a Scripture Study with Shepherd King Lutheran Church [75th & Elbow]. Our combined study this past Lent was so successful that everyone wanted to have another. So plan to join this ecumenical Bible Study; we will reflect on the passion narratives & the resurrection narratives of each of the gospels. Wednesday mornings, 10:00 – 11:00 AM, Lent, 2011; half the sessions at Shepherd King parish & half the sessions at St. Gerard's parish.

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

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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.