

**4 December 2009
Second Sunday
of Advent (C-2)**



**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK:**

Dear Parishioners :

**Lk 3,1-6 "...and mankind shall see the salvation of
God...:**

We see how John **prepared** for Christ's **coming**. It is our **turn** now to **continue** it, so that all mankind shall see the **salvation** of God.

In waiting for Christ's **arrival**, we must learn to **value** the things that **really** matter. The message all hear today is **faith in a better future**. Advent is a period of **preparation**, of **hope**; and of **building** up for a **better** future. The reality of **hope** and **renewal** of which we are **reminded**, from the Scripture Readings during this time of Advent, is **transforming** us. We are **empowered** by the **living words** of the Lord. And we **are to build** a **better future** for us, and for all **mankind**.

But first let us **listen** to John. He calls us for a **change** of the **whole person**. He gives us a down to earth **advice** on how to **smooth** a **passage** way for Christ coming into our **lives**.

We are **first of all** to make a **clear pathway** for God to come **into** our **hearts**. We must then to **turn away** from **sins**, **resolve** to conduct ourselves **better** and **humbly** ask Jesus to **give** us **his light** on our path of life.

We must **imitate** St. Francis of Assisi, who **did not** **calculate**, but by a life of **poverty**, effected a **change** in the Church back to evangelical **simplicity**. People of Zion! The Lord **will come** to save **all nations**, and your hearts will **exult** to hear his **majestic voice**.

Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

MASS OF THE WEEK

December 5, 2009 – December 11, 2009

**Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm** Claudio Domingo+

**Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday**



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

***Please pray for our parishioners who are
sick***

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Datoc, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borromero, Irma Ponce, Douglas Keller, Milagros Velasco, Joseph Cortez, Marlisa Wolfe, John&Rose Lafferty, Stephen Hungerford, Nora Li, Mark Cavelo, Katherine Haynes, Oli Figel, Micheal Schneider, Julialita Hermano, Don Skilling, Vic Spiegelman, Leslie Tibor, Lali Anika, Serena D.Blances, David, Dona, Richard, Julia Almeida, Maria Pachecos, Laurence Smolinski, Debbie Nizrik, Debbie Galligler, Cirilo Salvador, Giraline Whale, Mrs Pe Benito, Lea Comeau, William Rudd, John Puchniak, Barry Hamle Louis Roy, Aurea Eusebio, Johanna Brianti and James, Linda, Anthony & Mireya & the Kelly Family, Irene Arthurs, John McCarthy, Debbie Mclachlin and Family, Consuelo Rendon and Family, Jacqueline Restepo, Carlos Rendon and Ms. Andrea, Cathy +Dennis & Family, Mrs Shashwork Beraki, Vickie, BJ & Family, John Corrigan, Susan Luz Bella, Antonio Carvalho, Leonisa Alonzo, Joanne Alonzo, Angela Mitchell

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ST.FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH PROGRAM

2009 ADVENT & CHRISTMAS ADVENT CELEBRATION

Saturday December 5th, 2009 at 4:30 pm

A First Penance Service of Advent for Members of Legion of Mary, Guardian Angels and all Choir Members

Saturday December 12th, 2009 at 4:30 pm

A Second Penance Service of Advent for all Parishioners

Saturday December 19th, 2009 at 5:30 pm

The Advent Mass of Christmas "Best Wishes" for all Parishioners

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

THURSDAY , DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE

1. The Solemn Mass at NOON (12:05 PM).
2. The Solemn Mass at 5:30 PM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY CELEBRATION

1. The Solemn Mass at dawn.... 9:00 am
2. The Solemn Mass during the day at 11:00 am
3. The Solemn Mass in evening at 4:30 pm

THURSDAY, December 31

NEW YEAR EVESolemn Mass at noon followed by a Benediction

FRIDAY January 1, 2010 (Holy Day of Obligation) NEW YEAR DAY

1. The Solemn Mass at dawn.... 9:00 am
2. The Solemn Mass during the day at 11:00 am
3. The Solemn Mass in evening at 4:30 pm

SUNDAY January 3, 2010

Epiphany of the Lord

1. The Solemn Mass at dawn.... 9:00 am
2. The Solemn Mass during the day at 11:00 am
3. The Solemn Mass in evening at 4:30 pm

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

GUARDIANS MEETING - All Guardians are invited to attend the monthly meeting to be held on Sunday, December 13 from 1:00 to 3:30 pm at the Parish Office, 604-1st Street S.E.

14 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

We are preparing this pilgrimage sometime after Easter. Time and price will be announced at a later date. Those who are interested, please let Father know.

10 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO FOLLOW THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (Aug 14 – Aug 24, 2010)

Those interested, please let Father know at 403-2662512 or joseph@stfranciscalgary.org

CONFIRMATION AND RCIA : Classes for RCIA are held every Saturday from 7:00 pm. Confirmation classes are held every Saturday at 8:00 pm. Both Classes will be at the Parish Office, located at 604 -1st Street S.E.

LET US BE REMINDED THESE LOVELY COURTESY :

1. Please give your seats to seniors who arrive for Mass later than you.
2. Please move in when there is an empty space beside you so that others may sit down.
3. Please turn off your cell phone and other portable devices during Mass and any other celebration.
4. Remember to check that you have all your belongings before leaving the Church

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL FESTIVAL

The Calgary Catholic School District continues its tradition of presenting the Advent & Christmas High School Choral Festival on Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. This year's festival features choirs from Bishop Grandin, Bishop O'Byrne, Notre Dame and St. Mary's High Schools, as well as a special guest appearance of the District Music Ministry's own "Arabesque" Women's Chamber Choir. Parents, family members and friends of choral music are invited to attend. Please come and support the musicians of the future at this special event.

A GRECCIO CHRISTMAS: The Friars of Mount St. Francis will be celebrating St. Francis' inauguration of the Christmas Crib in Greccio Italy in 1222. Everyone is welcome to this outdoor event. St. Mary's Fraternity of the Secular Franciscans order has scheduled a bus to leave St. Luke's church at 6:15 P.M. on Dec 15th. To assist those who don't want to drive. Tickets to provide the bus are \$10 each and can be obtained from Patrick Coffey at 403-281-6025.