

13 December 2009
Third Sunday
of Advent (C-2)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners :
Lk 3,10-18 "...I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap..."

"Cry out with joy and gladness, for among you is the Great and Holy One of Israel.." With his great humility St. John Baptist affirmed about this Holy One:
"I am not fit to loosen his sandal strap."

Yes, this Great and Holy One is ready now to enter into our lives. How sweet and joyful it must be to open wide our hearts in welcome Him, our Lord and Saviour Jesus.

God's children stand tall to rejoice, because salvation from all enemies and evil is at hand. God is indeed our saviour, we must be confident and unafraid. Life gets a meaning from now on. It can also be much more beautiful! It is indeed a great message of hope and rejoicing that we hear in this third Sunday of Advent.

It is clear that this Christian joy does not come from the absence of sorrow, pain or trouble but from an awareness of the presence of Christ within our souls. The secret to attain that joy is to commit ourselves to God's way and in so doing find our peace.

Doing good will produce happiness. Having concern for those in need will lead us on the way of the Lord. No one who has ever experienced this joy would exchange it for all the pleasures and comforts of this world.

"Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not. Our God will come to save us."

Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

MASS OF THE WEEK
December 12, 2009 – December 18, 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 Borrromero, 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, Giralaine 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

LET US SHARE WITH THE UNFORTUNATE – This holy season, instead of having a big Christmas party as usual, this year we encourage everyone to bring something, either non perishable food or warm clothing and place them in a big bin in the church lobby. Merry Christmas to everyone.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

All Roads Lead Home – Diocesan re-start and a city-wide kickoff of the All Roads Lead Home – Adopt a Homeless Family programme. January 30, 2010, 10:00 am – 2:30pm, at St. Thomas More Parish, in Calgary. Currently more close to a dozen parishes are involved in this Calgary Homeless Foundation sponsored programme. This is an opportunity for other parishes to join. The workshop will provide an opportunity for a city-wide kickoff of the All Roads Lead Home Programme, with participants from other denominations and faith groups. Registration \$10.00, includes lunch. For registration or information call 403-218-5511.

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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

On this weekend, December 18-19, during all Masses, we will celebrate Christmas best wishes for all Parishioners, and also we celebrate birthday of those who are born in December. If your birthday falls on any day of this month, please let Father Joseph know so that he can include you in his prayers. He can be reached at 403 2662512 or joseph@stfranciscalgary.org.