

14 February 2010
Sixth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-2)

FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners :
Lk 6, 17-26 “ ...Blest are you
poor in spirit; the reign of God
is yours...”



On the **Mount of BEATITUDES**, the **pilgrims** to Holy Land can read this **eight Beatitudes** in **golden** letters inside the octagon dome of its famous basilica. The “8 BEATITUDES” **spoken** by Christ we hear today from Luke Gospel have been **read and meditated** over and over again for **all times**. Their **meaning** may take a **lifetime** to learn. Their message is **deep**. They **explain** how to **spend** this life in order to **attain** everlasting **happiness**.

Let us, this morning, **focus** on only **one** of the famous eight: “**POOR IN SPIRIT**”. We surely **point** our mind to what is the **responsible stewardship**.... If the **have's** are constantly **aware** that they do **not own anything**, but that they are just **God's stewards**, and that having more means **more responsibility** (*social justice, charity by sharing*), then they too will **receive** their **reward** in heaven. They are **true** “**poor in spirit**”

More will be **asked** of the man to whom **more** has been **entrusted**. (Lk 12, 48). God's words to the **wealthy** Christian is: With your **money and talent for management**, are you **actively** involved in **any program** to make the poor **help themselves**? If there is **none**, **start one!**

This **sermon** on the Mount gives us **challenge** to **perfection** directed to all who **seriously search** for happiness. Christianity is really a **sound** philosophy of **life**. It aims to **obtain a true happiness** that can fully **satisfies** the human **heart**. The 8 Beatitudes contain **fully** that **wisdom**.

They tell us that we are **not to worship wealth, food or comfort**, but to **worship the God** who **alone** can grant us all **good things**.

Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

MASS OF THE WEEK
February 13, 2010 – February 19, 2010

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



Monday
Tuesday THE WAY OF THE CROSS
Wednesday Devotion to our Mother OLPH
Thursday
Friday THE WAY OF THE CROSS

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, Juanita Yetman



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PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

A WARM WELCOME to the very Reverend Father Joseph Tran Trung Liem. Father Hau will be away for three weeks in Vietnam.

2009 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS are ready for pickup in the Sanctuary.

OFFERING ENVELOPE 2010 are still available in the sanctuary. All are invited to use the offering envelopes. Please take one box with no name on it.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION will be celebrated during this weekend, February 13 and 14, at all Masses. We pray to God for the Gift of Life and sing Happy Birthday for those who are born in February. At the end of the Mass, birthday celebrants come forward to receive a blessed birthday gift. Then we share together a piece of delicious birthday cake at the Church lobby.

PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY LAND

The pilgrimage will now only be to the Holy Land starting on April 10, 2010 to April 20, 2010. The cost is now reduced to CAD \$2279. Those who are interested, please let Father know to obtain the detail itinerary.

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

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

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 64 -1st Street S.E. For more information, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

Visit our website :
www.stfranciscalgary.org

LENTEN SEASON 2010 PROGRAMME

Ash Wednesday : February 17 - There will 2 Masses, one at Noon and the other at 5:30pm. You may receive ash right after the Homily.

The Way of the Cross will be celebrated solemnly right after the Mass every Tuesdays and Fridays. The first celebration will be on Friday, 19 February after the Noon Mass.

First Sunday of Lent : February 21
Second Sunday of Lent : February 28
Third Sunday of Lent : March 7
Fourth Sunday of Lent : March 14
Fifth Sunday of Lent : March 21

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday : March 28
Holy Thursday : April 1 - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 5:30pm
Good Friday : April 2 - Celebration of the **Lord's Passion** will be held at 3pm
Holy Saturday : April 3 – **Easter Vigil** will be celebrated at 5:30pm
Easter Sunday : April 4 – Solemn Mass of the **Resurrection of the Lord** will be celebrated at 9am, 11am and 4:30pm

DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE

The Diocese of Calgary is participating in the humanitarian aid relief for the earthquake victims in Haiti, launched by the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace (CCODP). All donations received by CCODP will be sent directly to its partners on the ground in Haiti, mainly Caritas Haiti. Please make cheques out to your parish, earmarked “D and P Emergency Haiti”.

LIVE-IN CAREGIVER NEEDED

A loving home is in need immediately of a live-in caregiver to care for an elderly Filipino lady. Please contact Guia at 403 475-2027 or Cecilia at 403 275-4717 after 6pm. Also you can reach Guia at her cell 403 991-2427.

CHRISM MASS CHOIR

Music is an important part of liturgical celebrations. The annual Mass of Chrism offers a special opportunity for choristers to share their artistic gifts with the Diocese and to facilitate the participation of all who attend. The Diocesan Sacred Music Committee (SMC) invites you to join the Chrism Mass Choir in 2010! The first practice will be held on Sunday, Feb 28 (2 to 4 PM). For more information, please visit: <http://CalgarySMC.wordpress.com>