

7 March 2010
Third Sunday Of Lent (C-2)



FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners :
Lk 13,1-9 “...Look here ! For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree and found none. Cut it down. Why should it clutter up the ground?”

The parable of the **fig tree** reminds us of the **necessity** of reform and **penance** in our Christian lives . We must pay attention constantly **ongoing reform** and **growth** into what God has **designed** for us.

A **happy and meaningful life** is attained by “**to keep growing**”. St. Paul speaks of “**maturing in Christ**”. This is a **lifetime job!** A **point** that comes **across** clearly in the **message** of the **fig tree** is that we are **expected** to be **fruitful** and perform **good works** in a **limited time**.

That we are called to **repentance** is not **merely** a call to turn **away** from **evil**, but to **produce** the **fruits** of good living. The **unfruitful fig tree** is not to **frighten** us but to **remind** us that we have only **limited time** of doing **good**. The time is **fast running** out.

Let no one keep **putting off** good works **indefinitely**, otherwise there is **often** no **tomorrow** and we will be found **wanting**. The challenge **confronting** us now is to **hoe** the **ground** around our **hearts** in the **expectation** that it will produce **good fruit**.

Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

MASS OF THE WEEK
March 6, 2010 – March 12, 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

MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION will be held on the weekend of March 20 and 21 at the end of all Masses. To help Father Joseph to prepare the correct number of gifts, parishioners born on the month of March, please contact Father at joseph@stfranciscalgary.org or phone him at 403 266-2512.

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.

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.

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.

PASTORAL CARE: If you are sick, lonely, disabled, or shut-in and would like a pastoral visit or Communion brought to you, please phone Angie Webster at 271-6258.

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY

Good Friday Outdoor Way of the Cross – April 2, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. This walk begins and ends at St. Mary's Cathedral (219 – 18 Ave SW) and takes approximately two hours. Christ shared in our human suffering, even in death itself. We will walk in solidarity with him and with all our suffering brothers and sisters who are thirsting for compassion and justice in the world today. Everyone is welcome! For information call 403-218-5519.

Earthquake in Chile – CCODP news release: CCODP has made an initial contribution of \$50,000.00 to the emergency relief for the earthquake victims in Chile from the portion of its annual budget set aside for emergency relief operations. It will accept donations from Canadians for further help. Cheques can be made out and sent to your parish, or they can be made out and sent to the Diocese of Calgary earmarked 'Chile earthquake'.

LITURGY

St. Mary's Cathedral invites you to a Lenten service of prayer, "The Way of the Cross" with the Calgary Renaissance Singers and Players on **Friday March 12, 2010** at 7pm. For more information please contact the Cathedral at 403-228-4170.