

**January 21st.,2007
THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (C-1)**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

"...The long-awaited Messiah would bring GOOD NEWS to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, and set the down-trodden free..."

Lk 1, 1-4;4,14-21 *"...Today this Scripture passage is being fulfilled in your hearing."*

In a synagogue of Nazareth, with a great multitude of people mostly from the city, where He had been brought up, Jesus opened the scroll and read that passage from the prophet Isaiah, who many years before, declared that the long awaited Messiah would bring Good News to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind and set the down-trodden free.

With the full attention of the congregation, Jesus calmly and deliberately announced :**"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled even as you listen."** It was a declaration that the moment of salvation had arrived and that **he was the long-awaited Messiah**, He is the fulfillment of Israel's hopes and dreams. The hope of ages had been born in their midst.

The message Jesus first preached in Nazareth about himself the Messiah, is to be spread today through us. There are so many ways we can make these words of Christ, **OUR OWN SELVES (as a living body of Christ)** by bringing that glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, give sight to the blind, and let our selves be fulfilled today and through ages. We can do that when we help those whose hearts have grown cold, those who are heavily weighed down by the humdrum daily routine. The love of God must then shines through us, making them realise that Jesus Christ is not a mere memory but is living among us today.



Fr. James Profit, sj. will preach "Emmaus Lectures 2007" about Peace on Earth, Peace *with Earth.* The Lecture is on Friday Feb. 2,2007 and Saturday Feb. 3, 2007 in FCJ Christian Life Center. 219- 19th. Ave. SW Calgary, AB. T2S OC8 Call 228-4215 To register.

The 2007 THE ANTHONY JORDAN LECTURES "HOPE and CHALLENGE" *in a time of Receding Transcendence* Speaker: Fr. Rolheiser.
To register: call: 780- 447-2993
The Newman Theological College. Edmonton.

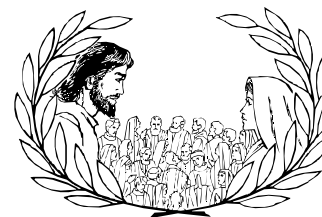
GUARDIANS OF ST. FRANCIS: All Guardians are invited to attend a meeting on February 10, Saturday from 3 to 5 at the Parish Office: 604-1st S.E. This is also an invitation for those who are interested in Joining this ministry.
Call: Carol 263-0491 or 693-6125.

LECTORS WORSHP will be held on Saturday, January 27th.,from 2 to 5 pm at the Parish Office, 604-1st S.E. If you are interested in joining please call Rico at 693-6125.

THE OFFERING ENVELOPES YEAR 2007 are still available in the Sacristy. Please look for your name or number ? Or take a number with no any name, and begin to use those unnamed envelopes 2007. St. Francis Church needs very much your contributions. Thanks.

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society urgently needs many volunteers. Those compassionate individuals will help the newcomers a couple of hours each weeks to adjust their new homes in Calgary. Tel. Beata 290-5752. Vicky or Chantal at 262-2006.

Ecumenical Prayer Service
Tuesday Jan. 23,2007 7:30 pm
Guest Speaker: Rev. Philip Behmann & Rev. Marc Leffelaar Chaplains at Alberta Children's Hospital.
"BE OPEN" Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. At Sandstone Valley Ecumenical Centre 1100 Berkshire Blvd NW. All are warmly welcome!.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL invites more men and women volunteers to prepare and deliver those **CHERISHED HAMPERS** to the needed people. If you are free on Saturday January 20th., and want to do "that something of love", then please come to the **PARISH HALL** at 600 1st., Street S.E. Calgary, to do the task from 10 am that Saturday.

Also St. Francis Parishioners are asked to share any excess nonperishable food they may have. Please place the items in the box provided in the Church. The Hampers will be made up in the last weeks of Jan for those in need. Elaine Cadrin tel. 238-2167

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
*****2007*******

Mass of the Week:
from Jan.20th., to 26th.,007
Saturday 5:30 pm for Generosa Ballerast+ and Filomena Sabeniano+
Sunday: 9:00 am for .
11:00 am for Charmaine Lafayette+
4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo +



Monday
Tuesday for Holy Soul: Yonas Amahazion+
Wednesday for Paquito Sampiano+
Thursday foe Ernie Reyes+
Friday for the intention of Dean, Shannon, Mackenzie&Ethan Skelton.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion
Catechism for children grade 2 and up began on Sept 9. Classes are held every Saturday from 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required. To register, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

Confirmation and RCIA
Classes began on Saturday Oct 7. Classes are held every Saturday from 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. For more information, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

MARRIED COUPLE'S Weekend Retreat: March 02-04 at Mount St.Francis Retreat Centre. Call Jerry or Ann at 286-8445 to register or for information.

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