

**January 28th.,2007
FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME (C-1)**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Today's third Reading: **Gospel Lk 4, 21-30**

In the synagogue of his hometown Nazareth, Jesus declared Himself the long-awaited Messiah of whom Prophet Isaiah declared many years before: *He would bring Good News to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, give sight to the blind and set the down trodden free. All who were present spoke favorably of him. They marveled at the appealing words which came from his lips. But many of them also asked, "Is not this Joseph's son?"*

To his own he came but his own did not accept him (John 1:11). The rejection of Jesus as the Messiah by his own townfolk must have sincerely grieved Jesus. They rejected him because the message of Jesus is a disturbing one, they could not accept it. They felt threatened by it. They realised that they were being challenged to change their ways. So they did not like it. Their interest in **things spiritual** was then at a very low ebb and therefore the message of Christ had little interest for them. *They did not want a spiritual kingdom, that Jesus is speaking about.*

In spite of their opposition, however, Jesus spent his public life amongst them. He gave them the first offer of entering this new spiritual kingdom. Jesus was not in the popularity game. He had come to preach the **Good News** regardless of how well it would be received.

How often do we, like the locals in Nazareth of Christ's day, have no interest in the Good News, in Christ. We bend all our efforts to building for ourselves another kingdom of power of wealth in this passing world, a kingdom which we will have to leave sooner or later ?

The mission of Christ become ours when we are called at baptism. That is to become new creatures to preach and be witnesses of the kingdom of God's values, of which Jesus as the way, the truth and life, represents. For that we are to take a stand with him even against our old selfish selves with our own weaknesses.

We are to love more tenderly, showing patience with shortcomings among our loved ones, as well as with friends and neighbours. We are to have a readiness to reconcile, to help, to forgive like Jesus did. But also we are called to confront very often against the new trend and shake people out of their complacency. People are too comfortable in their sins and they resent interference. Remember that with Christ we can touch people lives very powerfully. We touch them with Jesus's strength and be their healers.



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.

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.

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.

HEALING HOPE

St. Thomas More Church will hold a Mass for Cancer Patients with Sacramental Anointment at 7:00 pm Feb. 13, 2007.

ST. LUKE'S PRAYER GROUP

will be having a Life in the Spirit Seminar beginning Tuesday Feb. 6th 2007 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

CULTURAL PILGRIMAGE OF THE BALTIC STATES AND RUSSIA

from Sept 20 to 25th ,2007. The tour will visit THE HILL OF CROSS in Lithuania, St. Jacob's Roman Cathedral the Dominican Monastery in Tallinn, the Trinity Monastery of St. Sergius If interested, please call Liz at 1-888-565-9922. Fr. Dennis Polanco S.A. will lead the group.

RETROUVAILLE A life line for Married Couples. A three month program for married couples who feel anxious about their marriage relationship. Who feel alone or distant from their partner. Who feel disillusioned or bored in their marriage etc. Next program in Calgary: Feb. 16-18, 2007 Call (403) 218-5504 for information or visit the website at: www.helpourmarriage.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

thanks all our parishioners who help to prepare and deliver those cherished hampers last Saturday January 20th. There are still so much work to do for so many people in need here in Calgary. Let all of us be ready to engage in this kind of charitable work among our dear people right here in this city. God always blesses all those who do his work any where with his people.

CARICO: The Finest Quality, Health Wellness and Elegant Lifestyle Products

The member of this company will hold a talk in our Parish Hall on Saturday Feb.10th at 4:00 pm. Everyone is welcome.It is free and everyone are invited to enjoy a delicious snack after the talk. Please come.

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*******2007*******

Mass of the Week:
from Jan.27th., to Feb. 1st.,007
Saturday 5:30 pm for...
Sunday: 9:00 am for.. .
11:00 am for:
4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo +
Monday
Tuesday for Alec, Mary, Pat & Brenda Greenwood+
Wednesday for Colin, Florence and Larry Mc Rae+
Thursday for ...+
Friday for First Friday ANOINMENT OF THE SICK after the first Friday Mass.



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, Giraline Whale, Mrs Pe Benito, Lea Comeau, William Rudd, John Puchniak, Barry Hamleley, Louis Roy, Mrs C.Blue, Aurea Eusebio, Karol Kramer, Jean Kramer, Johanna Brianti and James, Linda, Anthony & Mireya & the Kelly Family, Irene Arthurs, Bruce Mitchell, John McCarthy

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel 266-2512



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