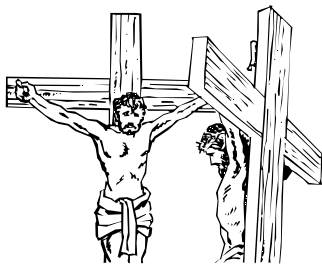


March 04th, 2007
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Lk "...This is my Son, my Chosen One, hear him."

Lent is a precious time for all of us to experience how to pray. The Lord instructs his disciple how they are to pray: with economy, trust, and intimacy. Like making love, prayer is one of the things we all have to do on our own. Nobody can do it for us. We know that praying is speaking with God. Speaking with God is an intensely personal event.

We encounter two extremes that make prayer difficult: The first confuses prayer with our daily routine. Prayerful living is not to be identical with prayer. If getting through the day is the extent of our prayer life, prayer loses its distinctive character. We must have special time and even special place to pray, to be alone with God and nothing else can interrupt this precious activity with our Lord. The second extreme identifies prayer exclusively with surges of mysticism. A rapid pulse and wild transports of spiritual passion are not attractive to many people.

Our prayer should be authentic, in the sense that it comes from our own soul with trust and intimacy to God. There is no need for us to posture before God or recite prayer written by a great saint which we think God will like to hear. Finally let us not forget that we must always be ready to await for the Lord's response. After a while, we will not be greeted by silence. His response is clear if we want to recognize and if we are ready to listen to him.

(ABA) Annual Bishop's Appeal 2007

Pope Benedict XVI reminds us that the practice of charity is as important as proclaiming the word of GOD or celebrating sacraments. In that spirit, St. Francis Church together with all other parishes of Calgary Diocese begins today the ABA 2007 collection. Each one of us is invited to pick an envelope with information on how you can be active in this APPEAL 2007. Thanks.

**LENTEN RETREAT FOR ALL
ALTAR SERVERS**

All altars servers are requested to attend This Lenten Retreat on Saturday March 24th, 2007 from 1:00 pm. in St. Francis of Assisi Church. All other children, who wish to join Altar Servers Club of St. Francis, are also warmly welcomed.



This is a very important gathering for the Altar Servers. It will be time of education, reflection and prayer on the season of Lent. The Retreat lasts about 2 hours and will be followed by a light reception.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

During the Lenten Season, we will celebrate the Way Of the Cross on Tuesdays and Fridays right after the Mass.

LENTEN MISSION

St. Bernard's Parish will have Its Lenten Mission from March 4, 5th, 6th 7th. 2007 at 7:00. Fr. Jack Hunthausen Guest Speaker Tel 283- 3746.

HEALING MASS

On Friday, March 9th, 2007 at 7:00 pm There will be a Healing Mass at St. Anthony's Church 5340- 4th. Street SW With Fr. Fernando Suarez CC.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

Calgary, May 18- 20, 2007. A psychological and Spiritual Journey for Healing after Abortion. For more information and registration please contact the following confidential phone numbers, email, or mailing address:
•Calgary: 218-5506.
•Outside Calgary, toll free 1-877-597-3223
•E-mail: projectrachel@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca
•Project Rachel
•120-17 Ave. T2S 2T2

Calgary Catholic Immigration Society

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

HOLY WEEK 2007

(April 1st –April 8th. 2007)

PALM SUNDAY Masses

Saturday March 31 : 5:30pm

Sunday April 1st : 9:00 am , 11:00am, 4:30 pm

Monday April 2nd Chrism Mass: 7:00 pm at St. Mary Cathedral. All are invited.

Tuesday April 3rd : 12 pm
Wednesday April 4th : 12 pm

Thursday April 5th. 2007 The feast of the last Supper will be CELEBRATED at...12 noon

Good Friday April 6th at 3:00 pm Liturgical Services with Holy Communion.

Holy Saturday April 7th Celebration begins at 5:30 pm

EASTER SUNDAY April 8th. 2007 Masses: 9:00 am 11:00 am and 4:30 pm.

LEGION OF MARY Any Senior requiring visitation from member of Legion of Mary, please call Vidyu at 263-9274. Call the same tel. number if anyone wishes to join the LEGION OF MARY. All the members meet on Saturday at 4:00 pm in our Parish Hall 600-1st Street S.E. Carter Place.

REDISCOVERY CATHOLICISM

See VISION TV on March 25 and 26th at 5:00 pm. All are warmly invited by National Catholic Mission 2007 Don't miss this two very important program for the Lenten Season.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

The Irish Cultural Society is celebrating St.Patrick's Day in the Cathedral St.Mary with Bishop Henry on Saturday 17th. March 2007 with the Irish Choir at 11:30 pm and Mass at 12:00 pm followed by a light lunch in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm. We invite all nationalities and denominations to join with us and pray for peace in our troubled world.

TAX RECEIPT 2007 are available in the Sacristy

Visit us at our website
stfranciscalgary.org

MASS OF THE WEEK

From March 3rd to 16th.2007

Saturday

5:30 PM Claudio Domingo+
Irene Caganon Mariano+

Sunday

9:00 for..

11:00 for Lucrecia Detollo+
4:30 pm Claudio Domingo+

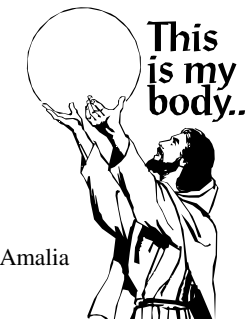
Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday for the souls of Carlos Amalia
and Jose Laxamania +

Thursday

Friday.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Datoc, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borrero, 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 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, Margie Lowe, Debbie Mclachlin and Family, Consuelo Rendon and Family, Jacqueline Restepo, Carlos Rendon

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel 266-2512

INCOME TAX

Canada Revenue Agency is again offering The Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Volunteers prepare Tax Returns for qualifying low income Seniors, Families & Students

When? Saturday mornings from Mar. 3/07-April 28/07 (Excluding Easter Saturday) 8:30 AM-1:30 PM

Where? Harry Building (220-4th. Ave. SE)

Shut-in individuals may also request a volunteer to come out to their residence.

Questions:? Call 691-6996 (Calgary).