

March 11th, 2007
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Lk. 13,1-9 "...perhaps it will bear fruit. If not, it shall be cut down."

Formerly, people used to think that disaster and suffering were caused by sin. Jesus corrects this way of thinking. He emphasize about penance, reform and joyful growth, using the parable of the fig tree to illustrate his lesson.

We are all in the process of growing, we are alive. Lenten season is a time of paying renewed attention to our growth as persons. The key to a happy and meaningful life is to keep growing in holiness. St. Paul speaks of "maturing in Christ". This is a lifetime job.

In growing nicely, yearly we are all called to repent, be converted and return to the Lord our God, in this pivotal parable of the fig tree spoken by Jesus. The Lenten invitation to repentance is not merely a call to turn away from evil but a plea to produce the fruits of good living.

Like the Jews in the gospel, who thought they were sinless, because they had been spared death in a local massacre, they didn't have a need for repentance. We can fool ourselves into feeling that all is well. We are in good spiritual shape and have no need for repentance because no calamity has come our way. The absence of misfortune does not mean the presence of virtue.

The warning about the unfruitful tree is not given to frighten us but to remind us that the time for doing good is limited and is fast running out. We can't keep putting off good works indefinitely, otherwise there will come a time when there is no tomorrow and we will be found wanting. Let us not forget the real purpose of why God gave us life. Be happy and be fruitful in our life.

(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 has begun 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.

Guardian of St. Francis Meeting -

All Guardians are invited to attend the meeting on March 17, Saturday, from 3 to 5 pm at the Parish office, 604-1st S.E. This is also an invitation to all ladies interested in joining this ministry. Call Carol at 693-6125 for information.

L'ARCHE CALGARY requires an experienced mature individual to provide support to adults with developmental disabilities in the Supported Independent Living Program (SILP). Must be available to work Sunday to Thursday inclusive. This is full time position with a competitive salary and benefits. For further information please visit our website at www.larchecalgary.org or call human resources at 571-0155 ext 15.

COOK NEEDED IMMEDIATELY Full time/part time for busy retreat and conference center. Competitive wages. Benefits available(f/t), Friendly staff. Call Robertson director at 228-4215 for more information FCJ Christian Life Center 219-19th. Ave. SW. Calgary. Email: mrobertson@fcjsisters.ca

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

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stfranciscalgary.org

MASS OF THE WEEK

from March 10 to 16th., 2007

Saturday at 5:30 pm for...

Sunday

at 9:00 am Felipe Anotado+

11:00 am for Juan Joaquin+

4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo+

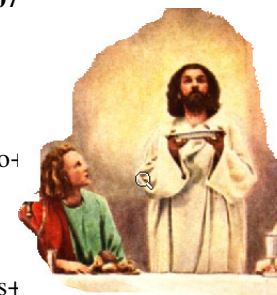
Monday

Tuesday for Joan Joaquin+

Wednesday

Thursday for Manuel Seveves+

Friday for Menino Seveves+



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).