

March 18th, 2007
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Lk 15, 1-3 11-32 " ... Father, I have sinned against God, and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son..."

We all have various reasons to observe religious obligations. May be it is out of fear. We play safe because we never know what will happen on the other side of the grave. May be out of our self righteousness, behaving like the Pharisees, we diligently observing the laws of our religion, and we expect God to give us salvation in return. We may say that it is not a perfect way to be called Christian.

The reason we are Christians is that we love God; and it is the best way to show our gratitude to God through His Only Son Jesus Christ Our Savior who died for us. That must be the principal motivation, not calculation or fear. The scrupulous observers of Christianity practice on the legal requirements of Christianity. They forget that salvation cannot be bought. Religion especially Christianity is the most and foremost a matter of the heart.

Our strength against evil derives from our hearts and minds renewed constantly not through fear or any other motives than our effort to increase our knowledge of God as our loving Father, trusting him deeply as well as loving Him joyfully through our prayers.

Lent is not an intellectual exercise in which we try to acquire more information about the moral life. It is time to deepen our relationship with God and learn to control our desires and to let God's Spirit transform us.

Let all of us, wanderings and disobedient and selfish in our waywardness of human lives, to come to our senses and head back right now to face our everlasting father and say to him:

" Lord We have sinned against you.."

We will meet our gracious goodness of God and the length of his merciful arm always ready to hug us his loving children who return home.

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL 2007 St. Francis Parishioner's quota for this ABA 2007 is fifteen thousands:\$ 15,000.00. So far \$150 is collected last week. Please take an envelope today and read ABA's instruction and be an active part of our Parish of St. Francis. Thanks.



LENTEN REATREAT for ALTARS SERVERS on March 24th beginning at 1:00 pm in St. Francis of Assisi Church. All Altars Servers and Children from 5 of age and above are cordially invited.All must be accompanied by their parents or Guardians. The program:
1) Registration at 12:30 pm
2) Sharing the meaning of Lent..at 1:00 pm
3) Election of various officers for 2007-2008 at 1:30 pm
4) Rehearsal the role of Altars Servers for the Holy Week at 2:00 pm
5) Refreshments... Easter-Bunnies, Gifts for each attendant.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

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

24th. Annual Outdoor WAY OF THE CROSS on GOOD FRIDAY April 6th,2007 from 9:30 am -12:00 Noon. Begins and Ends at St. Mary's Cathedral, 219-18 Ave. SW. All are welcome to join in this prayerful Walk Through The Inner City.

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@fejsisters.ca

GRAND OPENING of store room of St. Francis of Assisi Church will be on March Wednesday 28th. 2007 from ten in the morning to 2:00 pm. If you are in need or shoes, jacket, socks etc. You may come to make a choice. Every thing is free. Just give a prayer for its donors.

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 Chrim 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.

The **National Catholic Mission** will present March 25th. at 5:00 pm on VISIONTV. "THE REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM " Part 1.

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

CANOSCA ASSOCIATION will be celebrating Saturday March 24th at 5:30 pm to pray for all the deceased members of the Association. All living members are invited to attend this yearly Mass.

ST. MARY S UNIVERSITY will present the **TEMPEST** in rock n roll musical **Return to the Forbidden Planet** on March 28,29 and 30 at 7:30 pm Joan MacLeod theatre at Bishop Grandin High School, 111 Haddon Road T.W. Tickets ? tel.254-3705 or 531-9130. You may buy tickets at the door also.

MASS OF THE WEEK

from March 17th.to 23rd. 2007

Saturday at

5:30 pm for Rosario Chavez

Sunday 9:00 am. for ..

11:00 am...

4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo

Monday: Feast of St. Joseph

Tuesday Novena to St. Anthony

Wednesday for Thomas and Mary Quinlan

Thursday for Holy Souls.

Friday for Francis Vaz



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, Giraldine 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).

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