

**March 25th, 2007
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Jn 8,1-11 " ... Let the man among you who has no sin be the first to cast a stone at her."

God's word to us through this story of adulteress could be : With regard to the past, let us be assured that GOD IS MERCIFUL. With faith in God, let us be full of hope and work for a happy future! Today's Liturgy invites us to be optimistic. Whatever the past, look to the future. Christians are always full of hope. We are optimists by definition.

As far as the past is concerned, we believe in a merciful God who forgives the penitent sinner. As far as the future is concerned, we know that we will overcome misery and evil and build a better future because we have faith in Someone who is stronger than we are.

So, we are forcefully reminded of the readiness of God to forgive sins, bind up broken lives and restore people to his friendship. Today after listening this story of adulteress, let us focus our attention specially on the plight of the sinful woman (it can be surely our own plight) because before God all of us stand silent in our sinfulness.

When we express sorrow for our sins Christ also says : " Neither will I condemn you. Go and sin no more." Lent is an invitation to take a close look at our lives, acknowledge our weaknesses and start anew in the friendship with God.

Lastly, Let all of us refrain from passing judgement or condemning others, but look firstly at our own lives in the sight of God.

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL 2007 St. Francis Parishioner's quota for this ABA 2007 is fifteen thousands:\$ 15,000.00. So far \$230 is collected in past weeks. Please take an envelope today and read ABA's instruction and be an active part of our Parish of St. Francis. Thanks.

LENTEN RETREAT for ALTARS SERVERS
Today Saturday March 24, 2007, the altar servers celebrated the Lenten Retreat beginning at 1pm.

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.



GOOD NEWS! Dr. John McCarthy, our Financial Chairman, has almost completely recovered from a terrible cancer inflicted on him almost one year ago. This is surely due to our prayers. He thanks all of us and will be here with us like before. Thank GOD!

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 this Sunday 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 SatyMarch 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 24th to 30th 2007

Saturday at 5:30 pm for Deceased Members of Canosca Association
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am...
4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo
Monday:
Tuesday Novena to St. Anthony
Wednesday for Holy Souls
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, 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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