

**April 1st, 2007
PALM SUNDAY
(C-1)**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Phil. 2, 8-9 " Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the CROSS."

Our reflection today is on the Cross of Christ. Christ died crucified on the Cross in the GOOD FRIDAY. The Cross of Christ shows us two simple directions: Vertical and Horizontal.

Vertical Direction means lifting us up to God, by loving God with all our being. Horizontal Direction means reaching us out to touch, to love our fellowmen as ourselves.

It all comes together on the Cross. The Cross is really the central devotion of Christian spirituality. If we could point to any one symbol that captures everything Jesus was and is, everything He said and did, it would be the crucifix...The Cross contains all kinds of meanings.

It speaks to us a great deal about mankind and about God; it says much about love and about hate; much about sin and about grace. It is as though all the parables, healings and discourses of the Lord imploded into the cross of Christ and Christian thinkers have spent centuries drawing that meaning out.

We bring our own meanings to the Cross as well. It is the one constant in our lives from the time we were children. It is no surprise that the crucifix has a central place in all Christian churches. Like the bronze serpent which Moses raised in the desert, it is once a SYMBOL AND AN INSTRUMENT OF HEALING.

Generations of Christians have looked to the cross as the most dramatic and profound symbol of the meaning of Christ. It freezes the moment of death, of human excess and, as John's Gospel emphasizes, the moment of new life as Jesus hands over the Spirit.

*As Christian, we have to exercise often our spiritual sight and look at our lives in the light of the cross. It is the perfect image of God's love and the reach of human love as well. **The real meaning of love is shown by the Cross.***

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

**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 Chism 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.

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



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!

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.



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.

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

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - If you are planning to celebrate your Silver, Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries in Church, please call 266-2512 or Mary Jane at 258-3909 or 615-0144. Wedding anniversary masses will be celebrated every Saturday during the 5:30 pm Mass.

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MASS OF THE WEEK

from Mar 31st to Apr 6th . 2007

Saturday at 5:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
11:00 am...
4:30 pm
Monday:
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Please see the Holy Week Schedule on your left



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, 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, 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).