

May 6th, 2007
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Jn 13,34 "This is how all will know you for my disciples: your love for one another"

It is easy to love those who are kind and loving towards us but Christian love calls us to do more than this. Our love should not exclude any one, even enemies, those who have done us harm and perhaps still do. We must banish from our hearts what is "retaliate" towards our enemies.

Christ paid a great price to love us. It meant crucifixion and death on the cross at Calvary. If we are to live by this new commandment of the Lord " Love one another", we must undergo many trials, for this love makes as many demands upon us as it did upon Christ.

We all need to experience as Christians the kind of love that Jesus lived and preached. This is the one Commandment on which we are called to base every action and it is very core of the Gospel. This love has the power to give meaning to impossible situations, to bring light into darkness, to inspire people, fill them with hope and give them the courage to continue on the road ahead.

The Gospel today is an invitation to look into our hearts and see how we are answering this call to love in our lives. We need to learn how to go about loving others for the sake of God because, in the evening of life, we will be judged on how well we have loved. It is clearly to see now that the making of ourselves into real Christians is the difficult work of a lifetime.



Remember to celebrate Mother's Day this coming Sunday May 13!!!

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!

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion

Catechism for children grade 2 and up began on Sept 9. Classes are held every Saturday from 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. A copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required. To register, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

Confirmation and RCIA

Classes began on Saturday Oct 7. Classes are held every Saturday from 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. For more information, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

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.

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

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT: A Psychological and Spiritual Journey for Healing after Abortion Calgary, May 18-20, 2007. A journey of hope and inner peace. Any one who is struggling with the emotional or spiritual pain of an abortion. Call 218-5506 for more details.

THE DIOCESE OF NELSON offer a conference : "We are Church and We celebrate" June 18-22 at the Naramata Conference Center. Write to Nelson Diocese Liturgy Committee c/o Flo Reid, 828-14 Street South, Cranbrook, BC V1C 1X9

COME AND SEE for discernment weekends. For young women wanting to find out your meaningful life contact Sr. Chantelle Bonk tel.306-244-0726 Fax 306-244-0726 Website: www.presentationofmay.ca

ST AUGUSTIN FINE ARTS SCHOOL announces for September 2007 grades 7-9. New parents and Students Information Night at 7:00 pm Tuesday April 24 and Wednesday May 23. Come learn about this dynamically unique Fine Arts integrated academic program that will begin in September 2007 . 7112-7th St. SW Calgary. Tel. 252-7557

NEWMAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE offers something for everyone this coming summer:

- 1. One week conferences for parish assistants, volunteers, people in aboriginal ministry.:
 - a. " Leading Scriptural Reflection: May 28-June 1.
 - b. " Leadership and Administration in parishes" June 4-8
 - c. " Direction in Aboriginal Ministry July 16-20
 - d. Two and three-week courses in July for those pursuing Certificates or Degrees. Summer Courses 2007 BTH and MDIV courses.
 - e. Summer School in Liturgical Studies 2007- Two Sessions -July 2-12 & 16-26
- Please call or e-mail for information or additional brochures. Tel.1-800-386-7231 or 1-780-447-2993 Ext244 Website www.newman.edu

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE will be having an open house on Wednesday, May 9 at 4 pm to 8 pm located at 13500 Bannister Road S.E. Learn about BA degree programs and studies in the liberal arts and sciences. For more information please visit www.stmu.ab.ca

CATHERINE ECKER presents a workshop about confirmation program : "Alive in the Spirit" Friday May 25th., 2007 10 to 2:30 pm St. Cecilia's Parish Calgary 321-90 Ave. S.E. Cost \$20.00 includes lunch.

ST FRANCIS'S STORE ROOM will be open Saturday May 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Everything is free. Just give a prayer to the donors of these articles. You may come to make a choice of shirt, shoes, pants etc. etc. what you name it. It is located at Parish Hall 600-1st street S.E. Calgary.

Visit us at our website
stfranciscalgary.org

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL 2007. The collection for ABA 2007's St. Francis Quota \$15,000.00 is lower now to Nine thousands to go with a little more than six thousand collected during last few weeks. Please be generous. \$7035.00 dollars was collected so far.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE SICK

Andrew & Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Datoc, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borrromero, 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, Julia Lita Hermanto, 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 Hamley, 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 and Ms. Andrea

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel 266-2512

MASS OF THE WEEK
from May 6 – May 11, 2007:

- SATURDAY: 5:30 pm for:
- SUNDAY: 9:00 am for:
- 11:00 am for+
- 4:30 pm for Claudio Domingo+
- MONDAY...
- TUESDAY for: Xavier Sequeira+
- WEDNESDAY for: Gloria Baluyot Vituc+
- THURSDAY for:
- FRIDAY for