

May 20th, 2007
FEAST OF ASCENSION
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From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Lk 24, 46-53 "...He then let them out near Bethany, and with hands upraised, blessed them. As he blessed, he left them, and taken up to heaven."

Jesus' life must be well reflected, before we expect to grasp some meaning of the exaltation of his humanity as we celebrate it today : THE ASCENSION FEAST.

The feast of Ascension, celebrated by the Universal Church, proclaims that Jesus, who spent his life in Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside, achieved the work he was sent to do and is now in heaven in the company of God the Father, beyond the boundaries of death and decay. It spells out for us Christians, in no uncertain terms that OUR HOME LAND IS HEAVEN. Where Christ has gone we hope to follow, once our earthly journey is over.

The Ascension assures us that the longing for happiness and fullness of life, which is deeply imprinted within every person, can ultimately be realized. This is the joyful hope we have as a safe and sure anchor for our lives.

As Christians we are meant to be optimistic people, by virtue of our calling at baptism. The Ascension, which marks the final departure of Christ from his friends on earth, CELEBRATES THAT OPTIMISM THAT HOPE.

That hope is empowering us to carry on Christ's ministry more by what we are than by what we say or do. If the love of God burns in our hearts, and flows to others, people will see from our joy that life is good, has a purpose and is worth living.

We then become Christ's healing hands, Christ warm smile and Christ's comforting words. The faithful love a husband for his wife and concern shown for the welfare of their children speaks more effectively about marriage and the family than any sermon. The Ascension reveals the work we must do in order to be with Christ forever.

MASS OF THE WEEK MAY 19 - MAY 25, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for
Sunday 9:00am for Ehmie Barcoma's Family
11:00am for
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Tuesday for
Wednesday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+
Thursday for
Friday for

MASSES IN THE CEMETERY during the Summer Month 2007

St Mary's Cemetery.....Tue, Jun 19 at 7:30pm
Holy Family Cemetery.....Wed, Jun 20 at 7:30pm
St. Joseph Cemetery.....Wed, Aug 15 at 7:30pm
Good Shepherd Cemetery.....Thur, Aug 16 at 7:30pm



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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, 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, Giralidine 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 Mictchell, 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***

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

FATHER JOSEPH will be in Los Angeles. His sister is in hospital for treatment for cancer. Let us join together to pray for his sister, so she would be willingly to put her life in the hands of our loving Lord. Father Regalado Tiongson and Father Rustico Recepcion will celebrate Mass in St Francis during Father Joseph's absence this week.

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.

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL (ABA) 2007

The collection for ABA 2007's St. Francis Quota **\$15,000.00** is lower now to Seven thousands to go with a little more than eight thousand collected during last few weeks. Please be generous. **\$8250.00** dollars was collected so far.



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stfranciscalgary.org***

MISPLACED ANGELS :

May 26th at 11:00 am at St Michael's Parish (4718 Worcester Drive SW) will be honoring children lost through miscarriage or stillbirth with a Memorial Eucharistic Celebration. For those wishing to honor their children, please call Carol @ 249-0423 to register. Families and friends are invited to attend. Lunch will be served after mass.

HOLY FAMILY CYBERHIGH is a leader in Online Education, serving the needs of students from Grade 7-12 all across Alberta. For those who are interested, please visit their website - www.wholyfamilycyberhigh.ca Phone : 780-324-3008.

SACREMENTAL ANOINTMENT for cancer patients, their families and caregivers will be held on May 29th at 7:00pm at St Thomas More Church (15 Templebow Rd NE, Calgary)

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

ST FRANCIS'S STORE ROOM

The store room will be open Saturday May 26 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Every thing are 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.

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!

