

**June 24th, 2007
BIRTH OF
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

" There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came to bear witness to the light, to prepare an upright people for the Lord." Jn 1, 6-7; Lk 1,17

Jesus gave a fine tribute to that man "John" when he said " Never has there appeared on earth a mother's son greater than John the Baptist."

In the early days of the Church it was difficult to mention Jesus Christ without referring to John the Baptist so much were their lives woven together. John was born in Judea, six months before Christ, of aged parents and Elizabeth his mother was a cousin of Mary.

Through what we know from those pages of Scripture, we see that St. John was an unusual character, an eccentric who from his earliest years lived in the wilderness - what we would call a drop-out from normal society. A man lived in solitude, with long hair, flashing eyes, rough camel hair coat and diet of locust and wild honey. He was fearless in denouncing evil and a thorn in the flesh of those who did not want to face the truth in their lives.

He was very clear in fulfilling his role of being a voice crying in the wilderness preparing a way for the Lord, and making straight his paths. His whole life was absorbed in being a fearless speaker for God and a supporting character to Jesus.

John represents the continual need we have for repentance to prepare for the irruption of God's presence into our lives. John's whole mission in life was to point the way to Christ. That is very much the heart of the Christian vocation.

Like the other great men of the Bible, John got his name from God. "John" means "God is graceful". John preached to sinners that God is graceful, provided that they turn to him.

Lastly John challenges you and me to repentance. He reminds us that we all must continually praise God for we are wonderfully made.

MASS OF THE WEEK

JUN 23 - JUN 29, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for Concepcion Ruelos+

Sunday 9:00am for
11:00am for
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Tuesday for

Wednesday for Mariano Tarroja+

Thursday for

Friday for Dolores Tarroja +

MASSES IN THE CEMETERY

during the Summer Month 2007

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 Borromero, 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, Giralaine 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 and Ms. Andrea, Don Guerin

**Anyone requesting for prayers, please call
Tel 266-2512**

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

BISHOP'S DINNER 2007

WHEN : Thursday Oct 25, 2007

WHERE : Stampede Park

Roundup Centre, Hall "C"

13th Avenue & 3rd Street SE, Calgary

TICKETS : \$125 per person, \$1000 per table of eight

COCKTAILS : 6pm - Dinner : 7pm

DRESS : Business Attire

For further information, please call the Catholic Pastoral Centre at 218-5521

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE 40th Anniversary Celebration

When : 2pm Sunday June 24th

Where : St. Mary's Cathedral, 219 18th Avenue SW

KNITTING WITH INTENTION

June 24 - 1:30 to 4:30pm

You are invited to join with other knitters in the group, in the creation of a shawl. This group is open to all...experienced and beginner knitters are welcome. Cost: \$5/donation/session. With Shelagh Lennon, Calgary, AB. For more information call 228-4215 (FCJ Christian Life Centre)

CATHOLIC YOUTH RALLY - The Diocese of Calgary will be hosting the 2007 Catholic Youth Rally on Saturday, Oct 26, 2007. The Rally will be held at Holy Trinity Academy, Okotoks AB. Registration deadline : Oct 3, 2007.



ANNUAL 9-DAY NOVENA to Our Mother of Perpetual Help hosted by Holy Trinity, St Mark, St Thomas More, Corpus Christi Churches from June 16-24, 2007. All are invited to participate in this celebration. See poster at Church Lobby for the celebration times.

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.holyfamilycyberhigh.ca Phone : 780-324-3008.

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL (ABA) 2007

The collection for ABA 2007's St. Francis Quota **\$15,000.00** is lower now to two thousands to go with a little more than thirteen thousand collected during last few weeks. Please be generous. **\$13,000.00** dollars was collected so far.

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!

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.

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.

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stfranciscalgary.org**