

July 1st, 2007
Thirteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

" I will be your follower wherever you go" Lk 9,51-62

There is nothing about being a follower of Jesus that does not demand effort. On his journey to Jerusalem Jesus meets three men who are anxious to follow him but who are unfit and unprepared for the challenge involved. Jesus answers negatively right away to their asking .

Jesus dampens their spirits and warns them off with the caution that "the Son of Man didn't have a home to call his own." Jesus is only being fair when he makes it clear in a very direct speech what is expected of those who wish to join his group.

It is crystal clear that to follow Jesus to Calvary can be no casual accompaniment of a wandering preacher. If one wants to follow Christ, one must be aware of the cost of Discipleship which is not small. Take up your daily cross and enter into a narrow road that lead to eternal life.

In reading today's Gospel, one is also amazed that Christians of our time dare to take the *easy way*. The founder of Christianity did not mean it to be that way. True, not all Christians are called to give up everything in life. Neither must all become martyrs, but a firm commitment to Christ and what he stands for in our own life situation must be a part of everyone of us. It is an enormous requirement.

The cost of Discipleship of Christ is indeed enormous. Yet millions and millions of Christians, our brothers and sisters through many centuries have, ahead of us, have entered into that narrow gate into a true path leading to eternal life.

Christ gives us that demanding avenue of personal conversion and soul-exposing prayer. It is good to ask ourselves now how strong our commitment to Christ is?

IMPORTANT NOTE : On this First Friday July 6, Benediction and Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 11.30am. The Church doors will only open at 11:30am. Mass will be at noon as usual. This is because of the Stampede March that will pass by the Church.



MASS OF THE WEEK

JUN 30 - JUL 6, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday for Elena 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 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, 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

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.

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.

IF YOUR MARRIAGE NEEDS HELP - Retrouvaille Calgary can help. Call 403-257-9638/403-218-5504 or email rfietz@telus.net

AWAKENING HOPE FOR LIFE Conference featuring Rev Dr Tad Pacholczyk, will be held at St Mary University College on Fri Oct 19 and Sat Oct 20, 2007. For more information, please contact by phone 218-5504/218-5505.

The Calgary Catholic School District Reception Centre will be open throughout the month of August to register students new to the District who were born outside Canada. Please call 290-0647 or 206-6575 to make an appointment.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST - Please join the St Mary's University College community for a Stampede breakfast. This will be held on Thur July 12 from 9am-10am at the College Auditorium.

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.

HAPPY CANADA DAY!

O CANADA
R.S. Weir, 1908
O CANADA
C. Lavallée, 1842-91

O Can - a - da! Our home and na - tive land!
True pa - triot - love in all thy sons com -
mand. With glow - ing hearts we see thee rise The
True North strong and free; And stand on guard, O
(*From far and wide)
Can - a - da. We stand on guard for thee.
O Can - a - da! Glo - rious and free!
(*God keep our land)
*As introduced in the House of Commons 1972
We stand on guard, we stand on guard for thee.
O Can - a - da! We stand on guard for thee.

O CANADA

O Canada! Terre de nos aïeux,
Ton front est ceint de fleurons glorieux!
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits.
Et ta valeur, de foi trempée,
Protégera nos foyers et nos droits.
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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.

Visit us at our website :
stfranciscalgary.org