

**July 22nd, 2007**  
**Sixteenth Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time (C-1)**



**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

**"Mary seated herself at the Lord's feet and listened to his words"  
...Mary has chosen the better portion and she shall not be deprived of  
it..."Lk,10,38-42**

*We listen to the story of Mary and Martha, friends of Jesus who were both very hospitable toward our Lord - each in her own way. Mary listened to Jesus' words while Martha was busy with all the fuss of hospitality, the household tasks. Both aspect of hospitality are important, and complementary.*

*But it seems that we are not all at ease with Christ's comment " Mary has chosen the better portion..." Because we all agree that Mary's behavior seems clearly so unfair and our sympathy is rather with the dinner preparing Martha. We are with St. Teresa who said: " if Martha had imitated Mary, Christ would have gone without his dinner"!!!*

*We do not say that Martha and Mary are in conflict in their ways of welcoming Jesus. Rather, they are complementary each other by expressing their hospitality in different aspect: Mary by being a listener; Martha by being a doer.*

*The call to be hospitable is part of the call to discipleship. Hospitality brings forth new life. New possibilities open up to us through it. New parts of our personality begin to develop. Hospitality draws us out of ourselves and involves us in the needs of others. We begin to live in a new way. Through the showing of hospitality, God gives new birth within us and stretches our hearts to new level of loving care for others.*

*Martha and Mary, two sisters who both loved Jesus, represented both complementary aspects of HOSPITALITY. In our DISCIPLESHIP, see to it that we can be DOER like Martha, doing hospitable work, busy about many things. But first we must be LISTENERS experiencing during those moments the precious PRESENCE of a dear person our GUEST. We then could forget any other things but his or her precious presence. That is really the better portion, that the Lord affirm to Mary.*

*The problem with us is that we are often so busy doing the work of the Lord in the good deeds which we perform for our neighbour that we forget the Lord of the work. In listening to the Gospel story of Martha and Mary we are reminded that no matter how busy we are, we should take time to sit quietly, and find the Lord in our world of work, and to be guided by him.*

**MASS OF THE WEEK**

*JUL 21 - JUL 27, 2007*

**Saturday** 5:30pm for Mother Of Abigail Viray +  
**Sunday** 9:00am  
11:00am for Cerila and Bernardo Gallenero+  
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

**Tuesday** for Julie & Stanley Patrao  
Cleto & Lisa Da Costa +

**Wednesday** for Holy Souls

**Thursday** for Hanna Sandberg+

**Friday**

**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

St Francis' parishioners will attend at St Joseph's Cemetery. Those who wish to go there as a group, please call Vidya 263-9274.



**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, Westley Lowe

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

**PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES**

**THANKS** .. Our support collection for future priests in the Diocese of Calgary made last week is \$602.

**Pilgrimage to Lake St Anne** is currently going on this week. Let us take time to join in the beauty of this celebration.

**Newcomer Committee** .. St Francis has established this committee to welcome new parishioners to this church. The members are

Fely de la Fuente : 470-3036

Fena Gallego : 714-7893

Vidya Perai : 263-9274

Newcomers are encouraged to get in touch with them.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION AND HOLY COMMUNION**

Catechism classes for children grade 2 and up is available in this parish and will begin again in September. 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 will also begin after the summer holidays. 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

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

Classes will be held on Tuesday after the summer holidays. For more information, please call Father Joseph at 266-2512.

**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

**Fr Julian and St Michael Parish** invite us to join them for the 2nd annual Fr. Len Hagel Memorial Golf Tournament on 23 Aug, 9:00am tee off. For further information or to register, please contact the office of St Michael Parish at 249-0423.

**Mission Mexico** in Calgary Diocese is now at St Michael Parish. For more information, contact Fr Fred Monk at 545-2023.

**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.

**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.

**ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL (ABA) 2007**

The collection for ABA 2007's St. Francis Quota **\$15,000.00** is lower now to two thousand to go with a little more than thirteen thousand collected during last few weeks. Please be generous. **\$13,500.00** dollars was collected so far.

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