

**July 29th, 2007**  
**Seventeenth Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time (C-1)**



*From the Pastor's Desk*

Dear Parishioners,

**" ..Ask and you shall receive.." Lk 11, 1-13.**

*Jesus taught us how to pray. We should address God as Father. We should pray with perseverance. **But will we obtain exactly what we ask? Sometimes we hear a comment like: "What's the point of praying? My prayers are never answered! I don't pray anymore - God doesn't seem to be listening". Today's first and third Scripture readings teach us to pray with perseverance but also offer some insights on what to expect from our prayer of petition.***

*When we pray, nothing is better than to address **THE ALMIGHTY GOD as "Our Father"** . Being parents, we often display a remarkable patience in smilingly listening to the talk of our little children. We see they not only ask questions, they also ask for favors. We listen, **but do we always grant what our little ones ask? Of course not!** The horizons of our children are limited. Often they ask for favors which would hurt them. So it is the same in our relationship with God. We call him our father and ask him things. **He knows better whatever is best for us.***

***" When I called you answered me; you built up strength within me" - Psalm 138.** God always hears our prayers and certainly gives us the strength to handle any situation in life. "Lord, teach us to pray", the disciples asked Jesus once, and ever since, the traditional words of the "Our Father", has become a community prayer for all times and every occasion.*

*Prayer is talking to God - it's an intimate and loving conversation which we carry on as family members with our heavenly Father. It's walking in his company, paying loving attention to his presence and deepening our relationship with him. "Our Father" is a prayer both intimate and open. It is simple, short and yet a profession of faith . When we call him "Our Father" we seek his kingdom and trust him to provide for our genuine needs.*

*It has been said that he who prays rises from his knees a better person. It always happens as we come to know God more, we come to know ourselves better. In the rush and noise of life, which drowns out the voice of God, we must find a time and a place of silence to pray. It is only in silence we can speak to God and God can speak to us.*

## MASS OF THE WEEK

*JUL 28 - AUG 3, 2007*

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

**Tuesday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Thursday**  
**Friday** for First Friday for Don Guerin

## 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 Vidyu 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, Giraline 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, Westley Lowe and Margie Lowe

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

## PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

**Father Quoc** will say Mass this week. Father Joseph will spend a few days with his sick sister in California. Let us pray for his sister.

**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

**GRIEFSHARE** is a weekly support group for people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Meetings will commence on Sept 7, 7pm at St Michael's Catholic Community (4718 Worcester Dr SW). Please call Nadia at 280-8744 for more information.

**PROSPERITY 2006** - The Calgary Low Income Coalition invites those involved with the **Inn from the Cold** or anyone interested in helping those in need, to a film review on people living in poverty. The film will be held at the Calgary Public Library (Downtown) on 31 July at 6pm.

**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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