

August 5th, 2007
Eighteenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

" There was a rich man who had a good harvest..." Mt.12, 13-21

The **rich fool** Jesus mentioned in the Good News today lived his life without reference to God. Jesus called him a FOOL. (You fool, this very night your life shall be required of you, to whom will all this piled-up wealth of yours go?).

We all have CONCERN for our wealth. We all try to be a legitimate and true owner of our riches. But we seldom try to be a good steward of our property, behaving as bad as the man in the story Jesus tells us. A true and good concern for our wealth must be an exercise of a good stewardship of all what we are and have. **If our concern** becomes greed, selfishness, no keeping up with the neighbors, or is inspired by the philosophy that "we live only once and nothing more", then we will be in great trouble. We are only God's steward of all what we are and possess!

If we seek only values that perish, we will never be satisfied. Life makes sense only if we can relate it to lasting values. Money and all that it can buy cannot impart lasting happiness. Think of the high suicide rate among the wealthy! In passing from this life to the next, the only goods we can take with us are the graces and virtues we have stored within our souls and not the money we have stored in our bank!

Our prime concern on this earth should be what is pleasing and holy before our loving God and our fellowmen. Be far from what we call GREED. Greed elevates the desire for or the accumulation of material wealth in place of the spiritual. It is the service of various idols. The greedy man makes one fundamental error. He tries to serve material wealth. **HE IS THE RICH FOOL.** He found this out when nothing else can do good for him, because death exposed his **REAL POVERTY.** During his life, he behaved as if he was going to live forever. He fails to realise that what counts when we die, it is not wealth but the person we become in the process of living. It is a real foolishness to think that happiness can be attained without taking God and death into the reckoning. We all learn, often through bitter experience, that life is brief and entrance into heaven cannot be bought with riches. We leave the world the same way we came into it. So what is the point of hoarding, when someone else, who may care nothing about us, will inherit and perhaps waste all we have worked to achieve. Are we sometimes trying to become like the **RICH FOOL?**

Let all of us be **GOOD STEWARDS OF THIS BEAUTIFUL PARADISE**
CREATED BY GOD FOR ALL OF US TO ENJOY.

MASS OF THE WEEK

AUG 4 - AUG 10, 2007

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

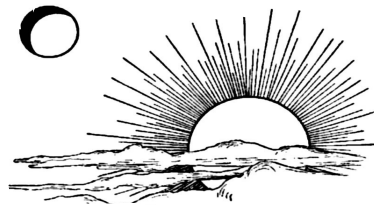
Monday Memorial Mass for Don Guerin
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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 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 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, Westley Lowe and Margie Lowe

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call
Tel 266-2512

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

LATIN MASS -We would like to find out how many parishioners in St Francis would like to attend mass in Latin. Please give your opinion to Father Joseph. If we have enough interest, we would make a petition to our Bishop Henry.

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.

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 just over one thousand to go with almost fourteen thousand collected during the last few weeks. Please be generous. **\$13,850.00** dollars was collected so far.

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