

August 19th, 2007
Twentieth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

"...I have come to light a fire on the earth..." Lk 12,49-53

Those are the words of Jesus, words of challenge, words of division, words of supercharged meaning, that breathes of violence, of battle. Jesus is addressing them to us today. He forces us to enter a struggle within ourselves for our own betterment.

Jesus counts on us to stand up and be counted. He asked us to work harder in such a way that his message could be heard through our own voices and actions, when our principles are at stake. Let none of us remain as a part of silent majority, lacking the moral courage to prudently speak out, when needed.

Christianity is not the type of religion that will permit peaceful coexistence. Christ said not to hide your light under your basket, but rather to let it burn for all men to see. We are facing the fact that being followers of Christ, conflict and tension are unavoidable for all Christians. Jesus never promised that the journey would be without its crosses. On the contrary, the crosses are an inevitable part of Christian life.

The uncompromising nature of the gospel message is like the light, exposing the darkness of a crooked world. Let all of us work harder to make this world we live in a better place for all.

Surely the fire of Christ is not burning within our hearts, if our way of living contains nothing that is reflected by these words of Christ. We are then falling short of being whole-hearted, genuine Christians.

We are all called Christ's messengers in action. Be ready to stand up, and be counted. Even when we will be persecuted and crucified in His name. We all will be great in heaven. " I have come to light a fire on the earth."

MASS OF THE WEEK

AUG 18 - AUG 24, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for Nicholas Yaz+

Sunday 9:00am

11:00am for Bernardo & Cerila Gallenero+

4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday

Tuesday HOLY SOULS

Wednesday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+

Thursday for Flomena Barretto+

Natividad Ramirez+

Friday



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Dato, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borrero, 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 Hamle 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 Gueril

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

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL (ABA) 2007

The collection for ABA 2007's St. Francis Quota **\$15,000.00** is lower now just below one thousand to go with over fourteen thousand collected during the last few weeks. Please be generous. **\$14,150.00** dollars was collected so far.

PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to Ms Laurie Callao, an altar server in St Francis for winning three Gold medals in an International Singing Competition held in Los Angeles, California last month.

Father Quoc will be celebrate daily Mass this week. Father Joseph will have spending the week with his sister in Los Angeles. Please continue to pray for his sick 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.

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

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

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.

Centre For Suicide Prevention will be conducting several workshops about

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. *Self Harm*

. *safeTALK*

during the months of September to December 2007. For more information, please call 403-2453900.

PROMISE KEEPERS will be hosting a conference in Calgary. The theme for 2007 is **Pure Power**. For more information, please call 1-8888-9019700.

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