

August 26th, 2007
Twenty First Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Luke 13:22-30 " ...Are they few in number who are to be saved?"

We are all very familiar with what is SAFETY. Safety is almost an obsession. In flying anywhere: One can be admitted into an airplane to travel only after being searched completely. It is really hectic to travel. We all have to console ourselves saying that "**better safe than sorry.**"

BUT HOW ABOUT TO BE SAVED, TO BE SAVED ETERNALLY? That is what this Sunday' readings deal with. Entrance to heaven is not easy. It is a case of struggling rather than strolling in. **We can't sit back and take our salvation for granted** expecting God to do everything for us. When asked if there were few to be saved, Christ answered, "**Try to come in through the narrow door.** Many... will try to enter and be unable". Christ's answer was not meant to discourage one from seeking salvation or lead one into despair. On the contrary, his whole life and mission to earth was to bring salvation to man - to make it possible for man to enter heaven. He gave men the means of salvation if only they would use these means.

One may say that the gate to heaven, although narrow, is wide enough to admit any person who seeks to enter, but nothing more. Many try to enter it with bulky burdens on their shoulders - burdens such as pride, or worldliness, or greed or envy. But these burdens are too wide to permit one to enter through the narrow gate. To enter heaven one must divest himself of these burdens. **He must rid himself of pride or lust or envy.** Then he will find that the gate of heaven is more than wide enough to admit him.

One fact is urgent and clear: the door will not remain open indefinitely. The idle, the indifferent and those who put salvation on the long finger may well be too late. Salvation depends somehow on our co-operation, our personal decision and the intensity of our efforts. If we make a response, **God will not fail us, because his generosity is not measured sparingly.** He wants everyone to be saved, his love is unlimited and we shall surely be pleasantly surprised at the company he keeps.

The words "depart from me" are a stark reminder that the danger of missing eternal life is a terrible reality facing everyone. **It would be foolish to turn a deaf ear to the warning.** The stakes are high -eternal salvation and nothing less.

MASS OF THE WEEK

AUG 25 - AUG 31, 2007

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

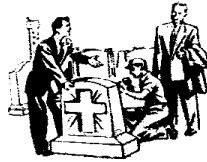
Monday

Tuesday HOLY SOULS
for Emmanuel Nzekwu+ (requested by Ben)

Wednesday for Emmanuel Nzekwu+ (requested by Ben)

Thursday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+
for Emmanuel Nzekwu+ (requested by Ben)

Friday for Emmanuel Nzekwu+ (requested by Ben)



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 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

7th Annual Candlelight Vigil will be held at Touleaville Park (in front of St Mary's Cathedral) on Friday Sep7, 2007 at 6:30pm. The Vigil will be for the Sanctity of Calgary in honour of Our Lady's Nativity.

Receptionist needed at FCJ Christian Life Centre. The position is for evenings and weekends at the busy retreat and conference centre. Please call Mary Robertson at 228-4215.

A Wonders Tour of Europe - a 15 day tour to such places like London, Brussels, Luxemburg, Lucerne, Austria, Venice, Assisi, Rome, Florence, Pisa, French Riviera, Lyon, Paris. Tour begins Nov 9-23, 2007. Cost around \$4000. A priest will accompany the tour as your chaplain, etc. If interested please call Anita Lorena at 264-6478.

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.

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.

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.

Centre For Suicide Prevention will be conducting several workshops about

. *Youth Suicide*

. *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.

ARISE! - Come celebrate and enjoy a night of worship at Our Lady of Assumption Church on Sept 21, 2007 from 7:30-9:30pm. Please call Brenda at 255-4396.

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