

September 2nd, 2007
Twenty Second Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Lk 14,1.7-14 " ...My friend come up higher...who humbles himself shall be exalted."

*Jesus gives us today an exhortation and a parable. He exhorts us to be humble and He talks to us about the Messianic Banquet of the end-time. Attendance depends on the invitation of God. He tells through this parable that **only those who are humble and in need of salvation will be there.***

*His exhortation to us suggests that our acceptance of fellow humans now has something to do with our own acceptance at the Messianic Banquet later. **Learn to be humble and practice it in our everyday life. "Learn from me because I am humble of heart..." says Jesus.***

*In a world of power and privilege where the fittest survive, and where those who push themselves forward succeed, Humility does not rate highly. It doesn't get good publicity these times. But it is a rare and very precious virtue. **We must learn to acquire it, and practice it in our daily life.***

Humility is an attempt to try and see ourselves as God sees us. It's taking an honest look at ourselves without being boastful, pompous or proud, realising that we are what we are before God and nothing more.

*Humility is a virtue in which one acknowledges his lowliness and dependence upon almighty God. Because the truth is that **we are all vessels of clay, we have much to be modest about it. In one sense we are worthless, merely dust and ashes. God took hold of our worthless dust and gave it eternal value by turning it into his own image and likeness. We are all his precious children.***

*Humility is the opposite of the vice of pride, in which one stresses his own self-importance and independence of almighty God. **Pride cuts off from reality and makes us prisoners of ourselves.***

*In God's eyes the proud man takes a very lowly place because God rejects the proud and raises up the humble. We need to practice humility if we are to be true to ourselves and God. **It is a key which opens the gate of heaven for us. "Who humbles himself shall be exalted."***

MASS OF THE WEEK

SEP 1 - SEP 7, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for Emmanuel Nzekwu+ (*requested by Ben*)

Sunday 9:00am for Felomina Malata+
Aida Ramos+
Birthday of Marie Jessha C. Songalia

11:00am

4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

FIRST FRIDAY for HOLY SOULS



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, Geraldine 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, Cathy + Dennis & Family

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call
Tel 266-2512

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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 or call Father Joseph at 266-2512.

St. Mary's University College is still accepting applications for full or part time studies for the Fall semester commencing September 5, 2007. Please contact us asap at 531-9130.

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.

RACHEL VINEYARD RETREAT - A journey of hope and inner peace. There will be a retreat from Nov 9-11, 2007. For registration, please call 218-5506.