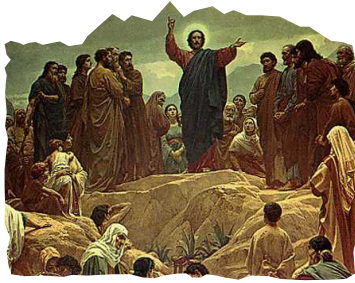


September 9th, 2007
Twenty Third Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Lk 14,25-33 "Any one who doesn't take up his cross and follow me, can't be my disciple."

These are the very words of Jesus on the requirements of DISCIPLESHIP. These requirements are indeed severe in the sense that after everything else a person has to give up (even his parents and family ties), he must also be willing to carry a cross.

These words sound so hard! But Christ is simply setting the price that one must pay to be his disciple. In short, He is saying that his disciples must renounce all things, even the strongest of family ties. His disciples must have greater love for God than for any other human being.

These Christ's words also remind us that there is only one absolute in our lives - that is our love and dedication to Almighty God. Whenever a conflict arises between our devotion to God and some other creature, our choice must always be God. A total commitment of our lives is required for a good discipleship of Christ. There must be no holding back anything for a better dedication to God.

Countless young men and women through ages have been accepting Jesus's call. The parable in the Good News today tells us not to be hasty in our decision to become Jesus's disciples. We must think and calculate carefully. Only after that, we respond to him with joy and willingness, and not by the force of obligation.

The parable makes it clear also to us that to be a disciple of Christ, one must first calculate the cost of it. Then, knowing the price is high, is one prepare to pay for it? When King Henry VIII was king of England, his chancellor, Sir Thomas More, was forced to choose between serving his king or his religious duties; he bravely chose the latter. He showed himself a true disciple of Christ. He is now a saint of God.

Let our choice be like Sir Thomas More's, our commitment to God be a total one, and God for us be the absolute. The reward of being a true disciple is an eternity of happiness. " Any one who doesn't take up his cross and follow me, can't be my disciple."

MASS OF THE WEEK

SEP 8 - SEP 14, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm Our Lady of Vailan Kanni
Thanksgiving Mass

Sunday 9:00am for Sofornia Cataraja+
11:00am Thanksgiving for Manabat
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

and for Josephine's successful interview

Monday

Tuesday HOLY SOULS

Wednesday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+

Thursday

FIRST FRIDAY for Rosa Quiteria Vaz+



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, Giralaine 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

Health Care Apostolate of Diocese of Calgary will be offering the following programs

1. **Pastoral Care Course** : Sep 25 - Oct 30

This course will introduce you to the basic skills for visiting the sick. Please call 218-5501 for registration.

2. **Palliative Care Education Program** : Sep 26 - Oct 24

This course will prepare you to visit those who are palliative in hospices or health care facilities, parish visitation, or your own family and friends. Please call 218-5507/8 for registration.

3. **Mental Health Workshop** : Oct 27

This one-day experimental workshop is suitable for volunteers and anyone working or visiting people with mental illness. Please call 218-5507/8 for registration.

All classes are held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre.

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.

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

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.

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.