

**September 16th, 2007**  
**Twenty Fourth Sunday of**  
**Ordinary Time (C-1)**

**From the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,



**Lk 15,1-32 "Let us eat and celebrate...because my son was lost and is found now..."**

*There are many of us, Pharisees in our modern world today. We are the proud and self-righteous people, the type of people whom our Lord chastized. It was for the benefit of us that Jesus told the parables of the lost sheep and the prodigal son.*

*God's word to us today is clear. It is through Jesus Christ, his meritorious death on the cross and his constant pleading for us in heaven, that God forgives our sins, "I...will return to my father" .. This is what the sinner should do, and God will show mercy.*

*Paul always refers to himself as a former sinner (Acts 8,1-3). God forgave him because of Jesus's death on the cross. **Paul is grateful for God's mercy, as all sinners should be.** Today's Bible readings deal with God's mercy and our willingness like Paul to admit that we are wrong as a condition for restoring a broken relationship with God.*

*Any one can make a lot of mistakes in the process of growing up. **But the problem arise when we do not recognize our mistakes and we do not feel sorry for them.** So we continue to do things our way. We like to do them no matter right or wrong. In our relationship with God, we face the same situation. When we decide to do things not in God's way, then we are in trouble. Are we failing to be the kind of persons we should be in God's eyes?*

*We are all members of the flock of Christ. We stray from his fold whenever we decide to follow the path of temptation. **We become lost sheeps whenever we do not follow the teachings of Christ.** But even then Christ does not desert us. He follows us along the treacherous paths of life with his graces. Jesus come to earth for one prime purpose - to save sinners. He came to redeem mankind. He came to reopen to all men the gates for the kingdom of heaven.*

*Jesus give the **moral for the parable**, concluding with these words "**similarly there will be joy in heaven over one repentant sinner more than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance.**"*

## MASS OF THE WEEK

SEP 15 - SEP 21, 2007

**Saturday** 5:30pm for Maria Augusta Vaz+  
**Sunday** 9:00am for Menino Seveves+  
11:00am for Carlito Laxamana Sr+  
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+  
Priscillano Dadula+

**Monday**

**Tuesday** for Nicholas Vaz+

**Wednesday** for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+

**Thursday** for HOLY SOULS

**Friday**



## 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 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 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.

**LOOKING FOR A MISSION?** Sing and serve your community at the same time. THE HAPPY GANG sings at nursing homes, lodges, and at some Masses. All the commitments (Sep 26/07 to May 14/08) are held on Wed 1:30-3pm. Rehearsals are at Scared Heart Church Parish Hall, 1307-14 St. SW. For more information, phone Fran Cardle at 228-5424 or Catherine Kennedy at 541-0830.

## 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

**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.

**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 frn Nov9-11, 2007. For registration, please 218-5506.

## 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