

October 7th, 2007
Twenty Seventh Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



FROM THE PASTOR'DESK:
Dear Parishioners:

Lk 17, 5-10 " Increase our faith"

Like the apostles, we must pray God "to increase our faith" qualitatively. Because we all know that either our faith in God grows or it withers! It is also our serious duty to help our children, our future generation, to grow in our Catholic faith.

We are asked to increase the quality of our faith and not quantity. Jesus emphasizes, in his reply to his apostles' request, the explosive power of faith by using the image of the tiny mustard seed uprooting a mulberry tree.

A faith that is deep-rooted can achieve the impossible, because life takes on a new significance when the power of God is at our disposal. Whatever the evils of the world the person of faith will always emerge victorious because he is in communion with God. For that reason we can join the apostles in their request to Jesus for increase in faith.

Faith is never a matter of gritting our teeth and trying to force God into action. Rather, it is a calm confidence that the Holy Spirit lives in us, and that he can do for us much more than we could ever ask for.

Many know by experience that God never disappoints those who have faith in him. Such a faith is HIS PRECIOUS GIFT, which must grow with us when we mature. Like love, faith knows its doubts. There are dark periods, but never despair or desolation.

Faith and good works are not alternatives for the Christian- they are inseparable. No matter, how we look at it, the kind of faith we have is best shown by the type of life we lead.

By experience, we know that God so often seems to be silent in our lives and we are left dumbfounded. The challenge is to remain faithful to God and religious values especially at moment when they do not make sense. Lord, intensify our faith!

MASS OF THE WEEK OCT 6 - OCT 12, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm

Sunday 9:00am **THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

11:00am for the good health of Emmerson alf.
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday

Tuesday for St Anthony of Parduá

Wednesday Thanksgiving Mass for St Joseph

Thursday for Zachary DeMello

Friday

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

ST FRANCIS ALTAR SERVERS -

Children ages 5 and up who would like to join the altar servers of St Francis Church, please let Father Joseph know before any weekend Masses - Saturday at 5pm, Sunday at 8:30am, 10:30am and 4pm. Please come with your Mom or Dad or guardian to the Sacristy. You may call Father Joseph beforehand 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.

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.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are sick, lonely, disabled, or shut-in and would like a pastoral visit or Communion brought to you, please phone AngieWebster at 271-6258

Part time kitchen help needed immediately for busy retreat and conference centre. Help required during evenings and weeknds. Please call Mary Robertson at 228-4215, FCJ Christian Life Centre.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

International Life Chain will be held in Calgary on Sunday, Oct 7 from 2:30-3:30pm at MacLeod Trail (West Side only) between 58th and 90th Ave. Please call Barb - 2550995 or Carol 255-4802 for more details.

A Song For Rachel - The 9th Annual Benefit Concert and Silent Auction will be held on Friday, Oct 19 at 7:30pm at Our Lady of Grace Church. Please call 218-5504 for reservations. Suggested donation : \$10/person - \$25/family.

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

COME TO THE QUIET - Women interested in the life of a religious sister are welcome to a day of retreat on Oct 27 from 9:30-4:00pm at Providence Residence, 316-146 Ave SE. For reservations, call Sr Toyleen at 256-1404.

OPEN HOUSE - St Mary's University College is holding an OPEN HOUSE on Saturday, Nov 3 from 10am until 2pm at 14500 Bannister Road SE, just off Macleod Trail South. Meet faculty and staff. Learn about BA degree programs and studies in the liberal arts and sciences. For more information, visit www.stmu.ab.ca

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 \$3500. A priest will accompany the tour as your chaplain, etc. If interested please call Dolly Gaveries at 264-0655 or Anita Lorena at 264-6478.

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 Sacred Heart Church Parish Hall, 1307-14 St. SW. For more information, phone Fran Cardle at 228-5424 or Catherine Kennedy at 541-0830.