

October 14th, 2007
Twenty Eighth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



FROM THE PASTOR'DESK:
Dear Parishioners:

Lk 17,11-19 "*..Were not all ten made whole? Where are the other nine?***"**

*This touching story about gratitude is reflected in today's Scripture readings. We hear the Syrian general Naaman, in the first reading, comes back to the prophet Elisha with a gift for cleansing completely his leprosy. We hear Jesus cures ten lepers, but only one, a Samaritan, returns to praise and thank him, **Jesus then praises the faith of the Samaritan and said "where are the other nine?"***

*The other nine lepers indeed showed **the most common of all human failings -THE INGRATITUDE.** Jesus expressed genuine disappointment at the attitude of the nine who failed to come back to praise God. **This Samaritan with the grateful heart must be a shining example to us all.***

*While we are ready to deplore the ingratitude of these nine lepers, we are often unaware of our own ungratefulness. We should thank God daily for million things we received from Him in our lives that we take for granted. **So it is a very good thing to remember that EVEN NATIONS PAUSE TO GIVE THANKS AS A COMMUNITY.***

*Let us recall St. Francis of Assisi. On one occasion he was walking through the woods with a companion. They noticed a flock of birds chirping in the trees. St. Francis stopped to bless them and the birds flew together in a sign of the cross and hovered overhead. He then began to preach to them - telling them how grateful they should be for the streams from which to drink - for the trees in which to dwell- for the mountains in which to feed. While he was preaching the birds remained perfectly silent. When St. Francis finished his sermon they broke out in the most beautiful and loud harmony of song. **Let us, therefore, learn from these birds, which God has created, our obligation of gratitude.** Unlike the nine lepers who refused to give thanks - let us imitate the grateful Samaritan.*

*Coming together for the celebration of the daily Eucharist makes it clear that **the giving of thanks to God is an essential part of our life.** We should not miss the great richness and inner joy that comes from giving thanks, specially giving thanks to God.*

MASS OF THE WEEK
OCT 13 - OCT 19, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for Lauro Abad+
Sunday 9:00am for Guidita & Edilberto Sr.+
11:00am for Rosa Quieteria Vaz+
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday for Maria Augusta Vaz+
Tuesday for Menino Severes+
Mary Pegao's Birthday

Wednesday for Holy Souls

Thursday for Nicolas Vaz+
Friday for Lourdes Alcludia+
Kathy Monroe+



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, Milagos 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, Don McDonell

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel
266-2512

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PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

MISSION WEEK OCT 21, 2007- Let all of us prepare ourselves to celebrate this year's 2007 Mission Week with our more fervent prayers for our missionaries all over the world. We should all get in touch with them through our prayers, through our financial gifts, talent and time.

ST FRANCIS ALTAR SERVERS - Children ages 5 and up who would like to 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

CALENDER OF EVENTS

EDUCATION WEEK (Oct 14 to Oct 20) - Let all of us increase our prayers and awareness of the importance of education of our children. We all must work harder for their safety, their intellectual as well as spiritual welfare.

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.

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.

