

October 21th, 2007
Twenty Ninth Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)

FROM THE PASTOR'DESK:
Dear Parishioners:



Lk18,1-8 " on the necessity of praying always..."

One can have a variety of ways to pray to God. We should pray as easily and as spontaneously as Jesus did. Pray in such a way that we can acquire a new vitality and repose to our communion with God. Pray with economy, trust and intimacy. "Our Lord's Prayer" is our excellent model when we pray.

We can pray through our own words by simply communicating with the Lord and not being interrupted by anything else. In our prayer, through the Bible we associate ourselves with God. We read those favorite pages prayerfully and meditatively which will empower us to become more and more God's children. We pray in the Ps: 17, 6-8 " I call upon you, God, for you will answer me; bend your ear and hear my prayer. Guard me as the pupil of your eye; hide me in the shade of your wings."

But remember in today's parable that we should persevere in prayer with a great faith! If we do so, God will be with us through the whole battle of our life. We must keep the attitude of prayer so that we can recognize the answer when it comes in an unconventional guise. We should await the Lord's response. After a while we will not be greeted by silence. We will slowly tune into the Holy Spirit.

Prayer attunes us to discern God's response in the events of our life. Very often unintentionally we limit the kind of response we expect God to give to our prayers...When it is answered in a way different from what we expect, we can fail to recognize it. God does answer our prayers always, but often He does it in HIS OWN WAY. We must try to discern HIS WILL, HIS OWN WAY, HIS UNIQUE LOVE FOR US.



We give thanks to God for the goodness of the earth.

MASS OF THE WEEK
OCT 20 - OCT 26, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for
Sunday 9:00am for
11:00am for Sotero Gatmaitan+
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+
Sotero Gatmaitan+

Monday for
Tuesday for Filomena Barretto+
Wednesday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+
Thursday for Trevor Vaz's Birthday
Friday for Zachary DeMello+



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Dato, 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, Giralldine 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

ALTAR SERVERS :

Important and final Planning Meeting for the **Christmas Eve Nativity Production** will be held on **Sat., Nov. 3rd at 11:00 AM** at the Church. To participate, interested Altar Servers/Parents **must phone Bruce or Angela 247-2629 to confirm** their attendance and interest **before Oct. 31st.**

Children ages 5 and up who would like to join the altar servers of St Francis Church, please let Father Joseph know. You may come on Saturday at 5pm or Sunday at 8:30am or 10:30am or 4pm to the Sacristy with your Mom or Dad or guardian to dress you up. You may also call Father Joseph beforehand at 266-2512.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION - PARENTS MEETING OCTOBER 27 (Saturday) -

Parents of children grade 2 and up are invited to a meeting on October 27 (Saturday) 4:00 pm. Please come to the parish office, located at 604-1st Street S.E. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. This meeting is for parents only. For information call Rico at Tel. 693-6125.

MISSION SUNDAY OCT 21, 2007- Today is Mission Sunday. Let us celebrate this year's 2007 Mission 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.

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.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

St Mary's also welcomes Dr Kamala Parel-Nuttall, who will speak about "Studying Women in Early Christianity" on Thursday Nov 15 at 7:30pm in the Midlands Building on campus. Open and free to the public. 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.

BAKE SALE - St Francis Parish will be holding a bake sale on Sat, Nov 17th. Funds will be used to help with the Christmas needs of the parish, including hampers, children's gifts, etc. If you would like to help out with the bake sale, please call Elaine Cadrin at 238-2167. Bring your Christmas spirit and join the fun.

OFFERING ENVELOPE 2008 are ready in the sanctuary for you to pick-up . Just look for the box of envelope with your written name and number. Parishioners who wish to have an offering envelope may take numbered boxes with no names. Please remember to use the new envelopes beginning on New Year Day, 1 Jan 2008.

