

October 28th, 2007  
Thirtieth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time (C-1)



**FROM THE PASTOR'DESK:**

**Dear Parishioners:**

***Lk 18,9-14 "...O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."***

*In the eyes of his contemporaries, the Pharisee of this passage was a righteous man and the tax collector the traditional crook. Yet the prayers of the tax collector touched deeply the tender heart of God because of its humble character. While the righteous Pharisee lacked this kind of attitude, oozing with pride of himself, addressing God as if God owes him something. The Pharisee then didn't pray, as he should.*

***Prayer is encounter between you and God. Meeting the Most High God, we should humbly realize who we are. It seems that a regular life of prayer and worship is more difficult when the sun is shining in our lives than when we get our share of life's troubles. The tax collector recognized his insignificance before God. Conscious of his wrongdoings, his humble prayers pierce the clouds and touch the tender heart of God.***

*In Psalm 34 we pray, " The Lord hears the cry of the poor. He is close to the brokenhearted." The tax collector knew this. He had no merits to set before God. He could only plead for mercy. It is only when we empty ourselves of pride that we come to realize how totally dependant we are upon God, and can develop a reliance on him.*

*We forget God so easily when we live in abundance of his blessing! We forget that praying makes human beings great. Especially at the very moment we confess our insignificance in our prayer to God! Our prayers are then more pleasing, more truthful and more authentic. They renew our relationship with God, who is TRUTH.*

***We meet God in our prayer. Prayer is something we must learn by doing.***

***" ...O God, be merciful to me, a sinner."***

**MASS OF THE WEEK**  
*OCT 27 - NOV 2, 2007*

**Saturday** 5:30pm for Joseph Tran-The Ky  
**Sunday** 9:00am for  
11:00am for Sotero Gatmaitan+  
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+  
Elizabeth & William Kilgour

**Monday** for  
**Tuesday** for Filomena Barretto+  
**Wednesday for Holy Souls**  
**Thursday..ALL SAINTS DAY**  
Alberto Pigao and his company+  
**Friday .. ALL SOULS DAY**  
Susan Mary Harding+

**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 Cavolo, 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**

**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.**



**WE NEED MORE 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. 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 604-1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**LET US REMEMBER TO CELEBRATE with our great devotion:**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY - Thursday 1 Nov.**  
**ALL SOULS DAY - Friday 2 Nov.**  
The envelope for All Souls are available. On the whole month of Nov, we celebrate Mass and pray for our loved ones. You may write down all their names and place them on the altar for our daily Nov Mass in St Francis Church.

**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.

**MISPLACED ANGELS :** Saturday Nov 3 at 11:00am at St Michael Parish. We will be honoring children lost through miscarriage or stillbirth with a Memorial Eucharistic Celebration. For those wishing to honor their children, please call 249-0423 ext 101 to register. Lunch will be served after mass.

**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](http://www.stmu.ab.ca)

**ST MARY'S 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](http://www.stmu.ab.ca)



**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.

**DIOCESAN PRISON MINISTRY** will be hosting a one day seminar "**Understanding The Criminal Mind And Effective Prison Ministry**" on Nov 17, 2007 from 9:30am - 3:45pm. The seminar will be held at St Anthony's Parish. Registration fee : \$15. Lunch is included. Please call 218-5519 for more information.

