

November 18th, 2007
Thirty Third Sunday of
Ordinary Time (C-1)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Lk 21,5-19 "... TAKE CARE NOT TO BE MISLED...By patient endurance you will save your lives."

It is timeless message for all of us. Be on the alert. Be honest! Even when we have to suffer, let us remember, " by patient endurance you will save your lives."

*As Christian, we have a great tension to live between "already" and "not yet". **The " not yet" is the sure thing to come in our future that is more important for us.** But meanwhile this planet is our home, and as God's stewards we must make it as habitable as possible for our fellow humans and ourselves.*

*Jesus in today gospel warns his followers to be prepared for "that not yet". There will be tension, conflict and a difficult struggle ahead. **The world, which Christ describes, has a familiar ring about it, and sounds similar to our present one.** People of every age share the curiosity of the disciples in wondering when will the end come.*

*One clear message is that our state of readiness to meet the Lord depends on the type of life we lead. Our future happiness is shaped out of our present efforts **to turn to God and live life properly.***

*So we must always face the challenge to **put our lives in order everyday when it doesn't go its course.** How we appear before God when Christ comes will not be a matter of luck. It will depend on whether we live up to reality of our hope and we are the bearers of the light of Christ, even in troubled times.*

*From the reading of the book of Wisdom, let us pray together: **Deliver us Lord, from human arrogance, teach us to have patient endurance and forget us not YOUR HELPLESS PEOPLE ON THIS FAR-FLUNG ISLAND IN SPACE.***

MASS OF THE WEEK
NOV 17 - NOV 23, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm for Carmen Bowd+
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday for Holy Souls
Tuesday for Holy Souls
Wednesday for Feast of Presentation of the Blessed Mary
Thursday for Feast of St Cecilia
Friday for Feast of St Clement, pope

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, Juliaita 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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2008

The following children has begun classes in preparation for their First Holy Communion sometime in 2008. They are:



John Michael Alias, Joseph Angelo Alias, Carla Bianca Calabria Bren Carlos Calabria, Vina Mareb Galang, Zhanika Jane Gimeno Zharina Gimeno, Stephanie Claire Vibar, Sabella Chalice Vibar Arvin Grendel Perez, Jea Maritzel Ricafort, Joanna Patricia Rarog Joseph Albert Rarog, Angelita Stevenson

ARISE! Looking for a spiritual 'boost' to begin this Advent season. A special *Arise!* event will be held on Fri, Nov 30 at 7:30pm. St Patrick Church will be hosting this uplifting evening of music, prayer, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Brenad Lerner at 255-4396.

CONFIRMATION AND RCIA

Classes for RCIA are held every Saturday from 7:00 pm. Confirmation classes are held every Saturday at 8:00 pm. Both Classes will be at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. For more information, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

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.



ST MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL will be holding an Information Night on Dec 4 2007 and Jan 15 2008 at 7:00pm. There will also be an Open House on Feb 5 2008 at 7:00pm. For more information, please check www.stmaryshs.calgary.ab.ca

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Important Dates To Remember

First Sunday of Advent Dec 2, 2007
Second Sunday of Advent Dec 9, 2007
Third Sunday of Advent Dec 16, 2007
Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec 23, 2007

Christmas Eve Celebration will be held on Monday Dec 24, 2007, beginning from 6pm. The celebration will include Christmas Caroling and Christmas Nativity Play, followed by Christmas Eve Solemn Mass.



Christmas Day Dec 25th

9:00am Solemn Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass
4:30pm Solemn Mass

New Year Eve

There will be no Mass on New Year Eve, Monday Dec 31, 2007.

New Year Day

Tuesday Jan 1, 2008 New Year Day
Solemn Mass :
1. at 12 Noon
2. at 4.30pm



Christmas Party 2007

We will welcome Santa to our Parish on Sat, Dec 15 right after 5:30pm Mass with our international potluck banquet.

ST FRANCIS CHURCH CHOIR - The

choir group has grown beautifully with many talented members. Here is a picture of Father Joseph with the Sunday 11am group. Father will be taking pictures with the other groups in the next few weeks.



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.