

December 9th, 2007
Second Sunday Of Advent
(A-2)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Mt 24,37-44 "...The Son of Man is coming at the time you least expect."

Advent means COMING. The Season of Advent then is the Season of Coming. Among the coming of a variety of things we all long for during this season is the "coming of Jesus into our hearts"

The coming of the Lord into our hearts requires a decision. It is "either-or"! Matthew the evangelist is quite serious about this. It would be a decision of "conversion" to Jesus right now, as we are preparing for his coming on Christmas.

Again, be watchful! The moment we least expect it could be the final coming of the Lord to us. Do not become so engrossed in the daily routine of life that we forget the Day the Son of Man may come at any moment.

Be watchful! Wake up! Let us live honorably in daylight; not in other dark and debilitating human conditions. Carousing, drunkenness, sexual excess, lust, quarreling and jealousy are part of the sinful human conditions. Their excess is deeds of darkness and can make us numb and insensitive to the beauty of life.

"Put on the Lord Jesus." St. Paul advises i.e. be ever more intimately united to him and what he stands for, and a bright future of "SHALOM" - PEACE- will be ours.

MASS OF THE WEEK
Dec 1 - Dec 7, 2007

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

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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, 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

A LONG ROAD TO ROME - Father Joseph and a group of St Francis Parish will make a holy pilgrimage to Rome. During his absence, Father Reg will be the Celebrant. Let us pray for the group to be safe and sound.

BAPTISM - Last weekend, (Nov 17) was a marvelous one for St Francis Parish. Father Joseph received into the church 5 more new members. They are : Skyla Hornby, Keira Ramon, Joshua Goh (baptised on Sat) Andrienne Perez, Sebastian Staples (baptised on Sun).



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.

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

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.

ST FRANCIS CHOIR - Here is a picture of many vibrant singers from Sun 4:30pm Mass.



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.

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 Calabia Bren Carlos Calabia, 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