

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Mt 3,1-12 " Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

John the Baptist we hear in today Gospel, reminds us of a needed change of our selfish lives in preparing for the coming of Christ at Christmas. John the Baptizer speaks a clear language not just to his contemporary people but to all of us now. We should not delay a decision.

In John's time, as is true today, men's minds were filled with materialism. They were not disposed to hear Christ's message. Love and charity were missing from their hearts. They were not ready to forgive their neighbors. It is so true today, if we cast a brief glance to many places in the world we realize that people everywhere are still thirsty for peace, love and spiritual welfare.

John is a religious reformer. The words spoken by John were clear-cut in their simplicity. The crowds flocked to hear him preach in stern uncompromising language. John came with a definite mission -to announce to the people that God's kingdom was at their doorstep and if they wanted to enter it their present approach to life needed to be changed.

Preparing to celebrate Christmas means renewing our lives by acknowledging our need for Christ who is constantly calling us to higher things. Our faith reminds us that we have a responsibility to make present the values of Christ wherever we go. The Advent is an opportunity for us to come closer to Christ and deepen our relationship with him through prayer and repentance. Breaking down all barriers of evil, will open the way for Christ to come to us and be born in our hearts at Christmas.

Christmas Party 2007

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MASS OF THE WEEK
Dec 8 - Dec 14, 2007

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

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, 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



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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