

December 16th, 2007
Third Sunday Of Advent
(A-2)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Mt 11, 2-11 "...Are you 'He who is to come?..."

That question voiced by John has relevance in every age and is of importance to us, because the basic requirement for entry into the kingdom of God depends on welcoming Jesus and placing no obstacles to his working in our lives.

Jesus is the one-to-come who will give hope to those who suffer. The reply given by Jesus indicated that his ministry was one of healing and life-giving. He made the deaf hear; the blind see.

With Jesus, people through ages have been experiencing such a wonderful new life, a christian one. All mankind have been living on the reality of hope, convincing that God is always present with his children, human beings. The creative activity of God is not a past event but is active in our lives. Each moment of new courage, renewed faith, new birth, reconciliation and reborn love, is a fresh creative act of God.

We do know, however that the bright future of the Messianic era will not be fully realized on this side of the grave. We must be patient! But steady our heart, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.

Advent is an opportune time to assess what impact or influence he has on our behaviour by turning over in our minds and hearts the values that are reflected in our actions. Every Christmas the Lord Jesus should open our eyes to the beauty of life and its extension, the life to come.

At Christmas when families and friends renew their links of love, we experience a new surge of God's creative life-giving power.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008
TO ALL.**

MASS OF THE WEEK
Dec 15 - Dec 21, 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 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

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.

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.

BISHOP CARROL HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHTS - A presentation of the school and its programs will be held on Wed, Jan 9 and Tues, Jan 15 from 7-8pm.

There will also be an Open House on Tue, Feb 12 from 6:30-8:30pm to tour the school, and meet both the faculty and students.

ST AUGUSTINE FINE ARTS SCHOOL 50TH

ANNIVERSARY - The school is looking for past graduates of St Augustine. If you are an alumni or know of one, please contact Nicole Feigs at 863-5142. Also please let Nicole know if you are willing to help out with the planning of the celebration.

THE REV ELVIS & FRIENDS BLUE CHRISTMAS

will be held on Thur, Dec 20 at 7:30pm at the Epcor Centre's Jack Singer Concert Hall. Pse phone 218-5504 for tickets.

DAY FOR CLERGY - The Canadian National Youth Ministry will be conducting a 1 day conference for Adult Leaders on Fri, Jan 11 at the Banff Centre, Banff. The conference includes a buffet Lunch and Private Dinner. Tickets are \$60 per participant.

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

Because Santa was surprised by a big snow storm, he will only arrive in Calgary on 22 Dec. We will welcome him to our Parish right after the 5:30pm Mass.

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