

**February 17th, 2008
SECOND SUNDAY OF
LENT (A-2)**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:



Dear Parishioners:

“ This is my beloved Son, listen to him.!” (Matthew 17; 1-9)

We must all try to experience prayer during Lenten Season. Listening to Jesus. Peter, James and John climbed up the mountain Tabor with their Master Jesus to pray. When deep in prayer, in peace and quiet they were enveloped in a cloud and given a glimpse of their master's inner power and glory. Jesus transfigured himself in a divine glory while a loud voice from heaven thunders: “this is my beloved Son, listen to him”. This thunder woke them up. Peter, James and John fell forward on the ground, overcome with hear.

Jesus knew that encouragement and hope were what the Apostles needed to have, for the next few weeks, when they would see him later nailed to the cross. He transfigured himself also to show us that at the end of the world our bodies will be glorified at the General Judgment. Christ then will call the good to his right and reward them with eternal happiness. His Transfiguration is a pledge of our own resurrection. It is a ray of hope to sustain us in times of trial and tribulation.

The story of the transfiguration is a good example of the strength and assurance we can derive from prayer while facing the difficulties of life. The purpose of Christ's ascent to mountain, was to seek divine guidance in quiet prayer. So similarly if we are to get away from living the half-life, under cover of darkness, and discover what God's plan is for us, we need a period of peace and tranquility somewhere like on the top of a high mountain, so that God's voice is not crowded out.

Prayer is about being in the presence of God, listening to him and experiencing him. He then strengthens our movements through life. Prayer gives us courage and confidence in our own selves. It helps us to confirm that, as we journey on our pilgrimage from youth to age there is a purpose and an end in view, that God is calling us home. Prayer helps us to see the world through the eyes of God.

**MASS OF THE WEEK
Feb 16, 2008 - Feb 22, 2008**

Saturday 5:30pm for Guidita & Edilberto Rodriguez+
Sunday 9:00am for Kid Pereira
11:00am for Erlinda Baylon+
4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday

Tuesday for Rosie & Dennis Smith

Wednesday

Thursday for Thomas & Mary Quinlan+

Friday

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Datoc, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borrromero, 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

**Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel
266-2512**



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PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

GUARDIANS MEETING

All Guardians are invited to a meeting on Saturday, February 9 at 1:30 to 3:30 pm at 604-1St Street S.W.

PASTORAL CARE

If you are sick, lonely, disabled,or shut-in and would like a pastoral visit or Communion brought to you, please phone Angie Webster at 271-6258

THERE ARE STILL OFFERING ENVELOPE 2008 with names and numbers that have not yet been collected. You may come to the Sacristy to pick them up.

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.

LENTEN RETREAT day for Seniors (Feb 23, 2008) from 9:30am to 3:30pm will be held at FCJ Christian Life Center, 219 19 Ave SW. Tel : 228-4215

Bereavement Education Program

This course will prepare you to journey with those grieving the loss of loved ones. Available classes :
Mon Feb 25 – Thur Feb 28 : 6:15pm – 9:30pm
Sat Mar 1 : 8:30am – 4:00pm
Mon Mar 3 – Thur Mar 6 : 6:15pm – 9:30pm
Classes are held at the FCJ Christian Life Centre, 219 – 19 Ave SW Calgary. Fee : \$65. Call 218-5507 for more information

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY OPEN HOUSE: There will be an Open House on Sat, 1 March 2008 from 10am - 2pm. All are invited.

FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

National Catholic Broadcasting Council Televised Mission 2008 will be broadcast on Monday and Tuesday, March 3rd & 4th on VISIONTV at 5.00 PM (Repeated at 9.00 PM) with **Fr. Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I.** as guest preacher. His topic: Keeping a Mellow Heart in a Bitter Time. A powerful testimonial on this topic will be given by a father & his daughter, Tom and Barbara Zanzig.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ANNUAL BISHOP APPEAL 2008 (ABA)

Today Sunday Feb 10 begins the 2008 Annual Bishop's Appeal in all parishes of the Diocese. The principal theme selected by Bishop Henry this year is :

God loves a cheerful giver (2 Cor. 9:7)

St Francis quota for ABA 2008 is \$19,000. Every Pastor of a parish is glad at heart when he sees his people working together in unity. A solid community spirit makes his pastoral burden much lighter. Therefore, to attain our quota for ABA 2008, every association and committee of our St Francis Parish are earnestly asked to help the Pastor to reach that goal - ABA 2008 \$19,000.

Schedule for Lenten/Easter Season 2008

- The Celebration of the Way of the Cross is taking place every Tuesday and Friday after the Noon Mass.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated every Friday at 11am and Saturday at 4:30pm. For appointment for private confession, please call 266-2512.

HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION

- Monday (Mar 17)** – The Mass with Bishop with all the priest will be held at St Mary's Cathedral at 6:30pm. All are invited.
- Holy Thursday (Mar 20)** – The Celebration of the Last Supper will be held at 5:30pm.
- Good Friday (Mar 21)** – The Celeration will be held at 3:00pm.
- Holy Saturday (Mar 22)** – Easter Vigil Celebration will be held at 6:30pm and 9:30pm (for University students)
- Easter Sunday (Mar 23)** – The Solemn Mass will be held at 9:00am, 11:00 am and 4:30pm.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL'S STORE ROOM at ST FRANCIS CHURCH (600 1st SE) will be open on 23rd February and 1st March, 2008 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. The store has the following items

- Winter Clothings
 - Winter Shoes
- For more information, please call 263-9274.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT : Everyone is welcome to join the Sisters for a **Day of Discernment** to know more about the life of a consecrated religious sister. This Day will be held on 1st March, 9:30am to 4pm at Providence Residence, 316-146 Ave SE. For more information, please call Sister Toyleen at 256-1404