

February 24TH, 2008
THIRD SUNDAY OF
LENT (A-2)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

“ Authentic worshipers will worship God in Spirit and in truth” (Jn 4, 5-42)

The Samaritan woman recognizes Jesus progressively. At first she sees Jesus as a Jew, who is thirsty asking her for water, then as Jesus reveals to her about himself as the eternal living water, she takes him to be a prophet, a Messiah.

When Jesus points out that the Samaritan worship is false, because it is not in accord with that in the Jerusalem temple. Her curiosity increases. Jesus insisted that Jerusalem or any place of worship, after all, isn't so important as worshipping God must be “in spirit and in truth”. The Samaritan woman now is so much enlightened.

The Samaritan woman believes now Christ is the Messiah. She hurries home to tell the town people about her experience, proclaiming to everyone Jesus words and deeds. She professes Christ is much more than a Jew, prophet, or Messiah; Jesus is the World Saviour.

Yes, Jesus is our world Saviour. We worship him together with His Father and His Holy Spirit “in spirit and in truth”. Jesus came to save mankind. His mission or obedience is to finish the work of His Father God the Creator. The creation of man would have been left unfinished, had not Christ become the model of all of us men and women.

This biblical story should have the same effect upon us as Jesus had upon the Samaritan woman. Gradually she came to a better understanding of him. We should too. Our faith in Christ the Man, must be like a well of living water, rising up to eternal salvation.

As life goes on we need to be constantly in touch with this fountain of living water which Jesus gave us - otherwise we wither and the miracle of growth in godliness does not take place. On this Lenten season, we are reminded to look at how we are living out his eternal fountain of life – our baptism. We have to cloth ourselves in Christ deeper and deeper being one with him.

MASS OF THE WEEK
Feb 23, 2008 - Feb 29, 2008

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

Monday
Tuesday for Claudio Domingo+
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 Borrromero, Irma Ponce, Douglas Keller, Milagos 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

2007 TAX RECEIPTS are available in the Reconciliation room. There is always someone ready to help you after the Mass.

LECTORS WORKSHOP will be held on Saturday, March 1 and 8, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Parish Office, 604-1st Street S.E. If you are interested in joining this Ministry please call Rico at 693-6125.

MINI FLEA MARKET OF RELIGIOUS ITEMS : Coffee and cookies and a Mini Flea Market of religious items will take place on Saturday March 8th, following the 5:30 mass. Donations of religious items and cookies are needed. Please come and enjoy a cup of coffee and meet your fellow parishioners. For volunteers or more information please call Monica at 714-7923.

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

1. Winter Clothings
2. Winter Shoes

For more information, please call 263-9274.

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

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 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

- a. The Celebration of the Way of the Cross is taking place every Tuesday and Friday after the Noon Mass.
- b. 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

1. 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.
2. Holy Thursday (Mar 20) – The Celebration of the Last Supper will be held at 5:30pm.
3. Good Friday (Mar 21) – The Celeration will be held at 3:00pm.
4. Holy Saturday (Mar 22) – Easter Vigil Celebration will be held at 6:30pm and 9:30pm (for University students)
5. Easter Sunday (Mar 23) – The Solemn Mass will be held at 9:00am, 11:00 am and 4:30pm.

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

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.