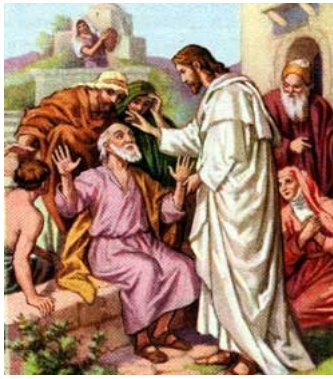


**MARCH 2ND, 2008
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
LENT (A-2)**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

(John 9:1-41) “...Rabbi, was it his sin or his parents’ that caused him to be born blind?”

Sickness and suffering have been regarded by many as punishment from God. Jesus does not agree. It is not that simple. Christianity has been ever since a light and civilization for all nations, establishing educational institutions, universities, health care and hospitals, any where it has been welcomed and accepted.

Today we hear Jesus performs a miracle in restoring progressively the sight of a blind man from birth. He answers to the above question most eloquently “It was not his sin or his parents' that the man was blind from birth. Rather, it was to let God’s works show forth in him.”

Jesus mentions only one possible reason for the sickness in question that God’s works may shine forth in the sick man. There are many others, and ultimately human suffering remains a mystery. We have been living through that mystery in a great hope of our own resurrection . We live joyfully in the paschal mystery passage through suffering, death and resurrection to eternal life like Christ. One of the basics of Christian wisdom.

We always proclaim that truth loud and clear over and over again through our lives. We are the LIGHT against the darkness, and evil power of our time.

We must hold firmly the truth that we are the light of Christ. We have to live a strong faith in Christ as children of the light. We have to take a good stand in making daily decisions to maintain our Christian lifestyle.

**MASS OF THE WEEK
Mar 1, 2008 – Mar 7, 2008**

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

**Monday
Tuesday for Rosarioa Tabingo+
Wednesday
Thursday for Joe Tabingo+
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

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 8th 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.

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)

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. **Our collection to date : \$6,000**

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.

HAPPY EASTER 2008

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.

LIVE-IN CARE-GIVER AVAILABLE : Looking for a live-in care-giver for children or the elderly. Please call Mary Rose Andres at 399-2957.