

**MARCH 9TH, 2008  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
LENT (A-2)**



**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:**

**Dear Parishioners:**

**(John 11, 1-45) ...Jesus approach the tomb of Lazarus who had been already in the tomb four days dead...**

**“Surely there will be a stench!”** *The sisters of Lazarus said...Jesus called out loudly : “Lazarus come out!” The dead man came out, bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth.*

*The great miracle Jesus performs to raise Lazarus, his good friend, from **death to life** in front of many, a great multitude. Jesus proved eloquently that **He is Resurrection. Who believe in Him, will never die.***

*We all experience the death of those we love: either our parents, our relatives our friends or any person we know...It surely presses us so heavily into a situation we can't feel free to be otherwise than enduring grief and mourning. **It is just uncontrollable.** But at the same time the death of those we love bring us into the sharp focus of what is the most important for our lives. We are not to doubt any longer the **goodness of God**, or discuss **the nature of the hereafter**, or to search for the **other meaning of life.** We just hold more firmly as Truth those realities rooted in the reality of Christ's Resurrection.*

*The raising of Lazarus also points out that **the life we are searching for is not an extension of physical life but eternal life in God.** The story of Lazarus tells us that in **dying to sin we are born to eternal life.** Joining with Christ in his death is a sure guarantee of sharing in his resurrection. So during these last days of Lent must **join ourselves to the passion and death of Christ . We are always to begin living in Him.***

**MASS OF THE WEEK  
Mar 8, 2008 – Mar 14, 2008**

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

**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 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, 604-1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> SE)** will be open on 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**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**



**First  
Station  
of the  
Cross**