

**MARCH 23rd, 2008
EASTER SUNDAY (A-2)**



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

**“ The Lord has indeed risen, alleluia.
Glory and kingship be his for ever and ever”
(Lk 24, 34 see Rv 1, 6**

Nature as well as people everywhere are full of joy, as we celebrate and proclaim gloriously the Easter 2008. We proclaim Jesus Christ is risen on this great feast of Easter. We are filled with gladness. Everyone are singing in praises for our Risen Lord the very popular hymn: ALLELUIA. It is indeed a day the Lord has made, let us be rejoice and be glad.. We are brought into the Pascal Mystery with Christ in this day and this Easter Season.. We are THE ALLELUIA PEOPLE OF THE LORD.

The Resurrection of the Lord is the central mystery of our redemption. Christ's victory at Easter breaks all the chains of sins we have ever made for ourselves. We all become alive forever with our Risen Lord. Today the light of Christ who has risen, is celebrated. Christ is indeed, the LIGHT SHINING INTO THE DARKNESS of our world giving to all of us a real hope for a future greater than we dare believe.

Easter challenges us to share a kind of living that goes beyond the expectation of this earth. It raises us up above the things that keep us entombed and imprisoned and become people of the RESURRECTION.

Christ got out from his tomb announcing gloriously to all that love is present in the world and is more powerful than the evil any individual of us may carry out. The everlasting message of Easter is that in all the despairing and dark moments of life shines brightly the possibility of resurrection. Because no defeat is final and no life is written off as hopeless, for us as children of God.

Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

**MASS OF THE WEEK
March 22, 2008 – March 28, 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

GUARDIANS MEETING - All Guardians are invited to the monthly meeting to be held on Saturday, March 29, 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Parish Hall .

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

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.

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY PRESENTS THE DADA PLAY, Apr 2-4, 2008 at 7:30pm in the Joan MacLeod Theatre at Bishop Grandin High School. Tickets at \$25, \$20 and \$10(student). Please call 254-3741.

HEALTH CARE APOSTOLATE will be holding two programs in the coming months
1) Palliative Care Education Program (Apr 7 – May 8)
2) Diocesan Pastoral Care Course (May 6 – Jun 10)
Registration fees are at \$65. Please call 218-5507 for program 1 and 218-5501 for program 2.



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 : \$6,150**



HAPPY EASTER 2008

TRAINING SUMMER SEMINARS 2008 – The Western Canadian Association of Catholic Youth Ministers will be holding a training seminar in Saskatoon, SK on Aug 15-21, 2008. The topics covered are:

- Prayer and Worship,
- Justice and Service,
- Evangelization & Catechesis

Please call Odile at 995-2201 for more information.