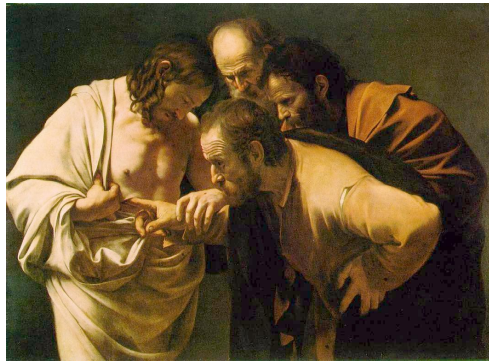


**MARCH 30th, 2008  
SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER (A-2)**



**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK:**

**Dear Parishioners:**

**“...You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
Happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!” (Jn  
20,29 )**

*Nobody can truthfully deny that we need one another's company and inspiration to keep going. People in love especially among spouses do know well that wisdom. They know that they can survive only if that happy togetherness is daily fostered. It must be fostered with all the means reachable through their efforts and their religion's prescription. Ultimately it must be fostered daily through FAITH.*

*We listen how Thomas longed for that togetherness. “ If I don't put my finger in His side...I don't believe!” In many ways Thomas echoes moments of our own uncertainty, when we miss the “togetherness” of the person we love. Our faith in that person is also vanished away.*

*Having doubts in our search for truth is nothing to be ashamed of and can actually turn out to be a growing point in the life of faith. But it is wise to have faith in God by maintaining our relationship with Him and enjoy our intimacy with Him through prayer. Faith remain always as a free and good gift and in such a fashion, it will be strengthened and mature. Thomas attains it through his searching for the closeness with Christ - “Thomas believes in me because he has seen me.”*

*We know : “Koinonia” = fellowship, brotherhood, communion is very important element in the life of Christians. Thomas did show how he needs that togetherness of life in the Apostles' Community. Faith, like love, is constantly exposed to the temptation of doubt and indifference. We need one another's support.*

*Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.*

**MASS OF THE WEEK  
March 29, 2008 – April 4, 2008**

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

**Monday  
Tuesday** for Rose Dourado's  
intention

**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.