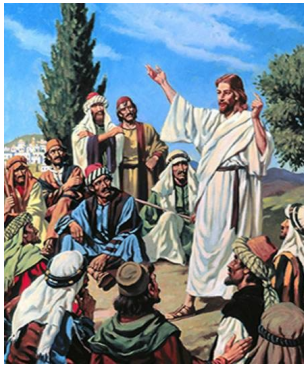


**APR 20, 2008  
FIFTH SUNDAY  
OF EASTER (A-2)**



**FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK:**

**Dear Parishioners:**

**John 14: 1-12 “ Do not let your hearts be troubled...”**

*It is quite impossible to free our lives from many unexpected things. There will come a time when the trials and tribulations arriving from nowhere, against which no one of us can escape. Their presence in our lives, big or small, surely will test our faith. We must always be ready to face them. **Have strong faith! is the motto! Jesus encourages us to have trust and hope in him. “Do not let your heart be troubled” Jesus says to us in today’s Good News.***

*How can Jesus tell us not to be troubled? Is he not aware of our everyday troubles that afflict us, so many people in the world nowadays? We hear about a lot of people suffering everywhere, like in Tibet, like in South Africa, in North Korea, etc. Everyone notice that the cost of living jumps so high, for example. Look at the price of Oil increases thousand times! It is the same with the price of all other commodities like rice and bread!*

*Every time I fill the tank of my car with gasoline, or encounter with some homeless people, etc I do think that our everyday life needs to be geared to something and someone beyond. Our mind and heart needs to be directed higher, to the everlasting light shining from above. I am convinced that all the material things we have, come ultimately from our God. Having them from Him we must always have a sense of gratitude. We must always know how to save them and share them with our brothers. SAVING AND SHARING must be synonymous of whatever we possess.*

*The words of Jesus to us are very relevant. It is not an escape from reality. Jesus words exhort us to stand tall, lifting our mind and heart higher and let ourselves bathed in the divine light from above. Have hope and faith in him. Even if everything seems to be collapsing, we will not be crushed. Jesus already prepared for us a place in His Father's House. I am the Way the Truth and the Life.*

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

**MASS OF THE WEEK  
April 19, 2008 – April 25, 2008**

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

**Monday  
Tuesday** for wedding anniversary of  
Audie & Loretta

**Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday** for anniversary Mary Quinlan+



**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**

**DIOCESAN PRIESTHOOD**

Young men ages 17-35 considering the Diocesan priesthood are invited to join Bishop Henry and other speakers at St Anne's Church Hall (96-21 Ave SE) on April 26 from 9am to 3pm. Please call Fr Gaffney at 245-2753 or email [mjgaffney@telusplanet.net](mailto:mjgaffney@telusplanet.net).

**UPCOMING CHURCH MEETINGS**

Lectors Meeting – Apr 19 from 2pm to 5pm  
Guardians Meeting – Apr 26 from 2pm to 5pm

**CARMELITE RETREAT** – All are invited to be guided by Fr Dominic Borg, OCD into a new awareness of God's call. The retreat will be held on Apr18-20 at Mount Francis' Retreat Centre, Cochrane, AB. For more information call Maria 686-6502.

**HUGE SPRING GARAGE SALE** -Calgary Association of Self Help will be holding a garage sale at 1019 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SW :

Friday Apr 18 (11am – 5pm),  
Saturday Apr 19 (10am -3pm)

For more information, please call 266-8711

**PROJECT RACHEL WORKSHOP** will be held on Apr 21 at 4:30pm at FCJ Christian Life Centre. To register, call 218-5514.

**BEYOND TRANSITIONS -**

Experience the rich culture of a country in turmoil, Sudan. Presentation will be held at Sacred Heart Church on Apr 28 at 7:00pm. Please call Irena at 218-5514 to register no later than Apr 21.

**HIKE FOR LIFE (May 10, 2008)** - This is a Calgary Pro-Life Assoc's fundraiser to support Respect for Life program taught in the Catholic School System. Please call 243-0691 for more details.

**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.

**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 : \$6,820**

**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.

**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.

