

July 27, 2008
Seventeenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time
(A-2)

**FROM THE
PASTOR'S DESK:**

Dear Parishioners:

Mt 13, 44-52 "...the reign of God is like a buried treasure which a man found in a field"

It is all so easy to categorize people and pin the label "sinner" on them, forgetting how appearances are so often deceptive. Often does the precious treasure still remain hidden in the sinners. But it never means "indifference" towards evil in the name of "tolerance" It means only that we must never stop loving the sinner. And we must abhor sin in whatever form it shows itself.

Judging others before God does is very foolish and risky business. Both good deeds and evil habits have small beginnings. They both grow from a tiny seed. One must be careful to see that no bad habits take root in his life. Not easy at first to recognize a sinful habit... Only later when it has grown and take root and produce it's effect in life.

Rooting out the weeds of sin in our own lives, when we can do it by discipline then we should! Making our souls fertile soil on which to receive the message of Christ is a must! In this way God's message, and not bad habits, will take root in our souls growing and leading us to an everlasting reward.

Today's gospel is very imperative and challenges us to get our priorities right. There is a progressive way of doing things in life. Absolutely no shortcuts in our important matters. Anything worthwhile is achieved all the time with a lot of effort and discipline. The treasure we seek after can be found mostly in ordinary places. But it need our constant attention to see signs and hear voices and act accordingly to the owner's will. God indeed comes to us in the simplicity of our lives. He comes to us in the bits and pieces of everyday happenings.

The hidden treasure is buried, sometimes in our suffering bravely borne and properly accepted... It can be hidden deeply in such times of crisis with everything falling apart... from those broken chaos is a precious call shooting forth to a new growth and to a new beginning in holiness.



Fr. Joseph Hau Duc Tran O.P.

MASS OF THE WEEK
July 26, 2008 – August 1, 2008

Saturday 5:30pm for Hannah Sandberg+
for healing and good health of Annie Vivas

Sunday 9:00am for Concepcion Ruelos+

11:00am

4:30pm for Claudio Domingo+

Monday

Tuesday for Thomas Quinlan+
33rd Death Anniversary

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday FIRST FRIDAY - Holy Souls

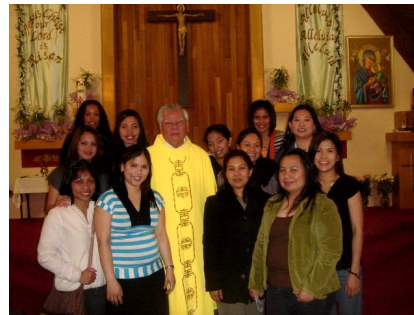


PRAYER FOR THE SICK

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

WELCOME FATHER SILVANO DESOUSA, OFM.

In the next few summer days, Father DeSouza will be here to celebrate Mass. Father DeSouza was here in the Parish 3 years ago. We welcome him warmly while Father Joseph is away with his family in California for his short vacation.

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.

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 (403) 271-6258

OUR HEARTS ON FIRE - St Luke's Parish will be holding a fun filled day of adventure and prayer. Young people over 18 years are invited to join us on August 9, 2008 for a day of rafting from Bowness Park to St. George's Island. We will then journey back to St. Luke's where we will join the parish in the celebration of 5:00 pm Mass. After mass, we will be hosting a BBQ. Cost for the full day's activities is \$30.00 / person. Please register before June 30, 2008. at ourheartsareonfire@telus.net.

RETROUVAILLE is for married couples wanting to rediscover their love and rebuild their relationship. Next program begins October 17-19. If you know of a couple who might benefit call 257-9638 or visit www.helpourmarriage.com

ST MARY'S UNIVERSITY COLLEGE BACHELOR OF EDUCATION DEGREE

St Mary's University College has been authorized by the Alberta Minister of Advanced Education and Technology to offer a Bachelor of Education degree commencing Sep 1, 2008. This degree, specifically designed to prepare teachers for Catholic's schools, is a 2 year program that requires the prior completion of a St. Mary's University BA degree or equivalent for admission. For more information contact St Mary's University College at (403)531-9130 or visit www.stmu.ab.ca.

BISHOP'S DINNER 2008 – A Southern Alberta Celebration and Charity Benefit

WHEN : Thursday, Oct 23, 2008
Cocktails 6:30 pm – Dinner 7:30pm
WHERE : Telus Convention Centre
North Building, Exhibition Hall "CD"
136-8 Ave SE, Calgary
TICKETS : \$150/person
\$1200/table of 8 people
DRESS : Business Attire
For more information, call (403)218-5531

CATHOLIC CEMETERY MASSES

McInnis & Holloway will be holding two cemetery masses on the following dates
St Joseph's Cemetery : Wed Aug 20, 2008 at 7:30pm
Good Shepherd Cemetery : Thur Aug 21, 2008 at 7:30pm

ST PATRICK'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St Patrick 25th Anniversary Celebration and Dinner will be held on Sat, Sept 6, 2008. A celebration mass will be held at 5pm followed by a catered, served dinner at 6:30pm in the parish hall. The cost is \$25/person. Former parishioners (18 yrs and older) wishing to attend must RSVP by Aug 15 to Jim Walters at (403)256-7200 or jollywally1@shaw.ca

ALTAR SERVERS PICNIC



We are planning to have a picnic for all Altar Servers on Aug 4, 2008 (Civic Holiday). Parents of altar servers are invited to contact Angela, Bruce or Michelina to discuss about this possible picnic. The first suggestion is to have a fun filled day at Princess Island Park (near playground)