

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 21, 2010



FATHER DAN'S MUSINGS: Much appreciated St. Basil's School Students for all the food you gave to the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Our Lady of the Assumption School Student's Lenten project is to gather money and useful articles and items for the Calgary Homeless Foundation. Let us follow their example in our **PRAYER-FASTING-ALMSGIVING**, especially our **TOGETHER IN ACTION** (formerly called ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL) collection. Check below on our goal and progress weekly. From now on before the Liturgy of the Word for Children, I will be asking the children to bring money to place in our Holy Childhood Society Bucket. You can place their money in a envelope marked Holy Childhood with your regular envelope number and it will be included as part of your regular donation. This money goes to Rome; to be distributed throughout the world for the needs of children only. During Advent the money will be sent to Mission Mexico. In next week's bulletin I will have an information section on the customs of Lent and why the environment (how the church looks) is different according to our Church Seasons.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Envelopes \$2799.16 Loose \$460.64
 Votive Lights \$54.80 Missals \$10.00 Together In Action \$540.00
 Our mandatory target for TIA, based on our assessable income over the past three years is \$17,533.00

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Tuesday,	Feb. 23	7:00pm	Fr. Jude Ogoke	Int
Wednesday,	Feb. 24	7:00pm	Elizabeth DeGagne	Rip
Thursday,	Feb. 25	7:00pm	Matthew Chubak	Rip
Friday,	Feb. 26	9:00am	Jack Vaniersel	Rip
Saturday,	Feb. 27	5:00pm	Theresa Buzik	Int
Sunday,	Feb. 28	9:00am	Pro Populo	Int
Sunday,	Feb. 29	11:00am	Kathleen Perkins	Rip

MASS INTENTIONS: If you request a Mass Intention before or after Mass on the weekend and need a specific date for that Mass, **please call the Parish Office to confirm that the date is free, put your phone number on the envelope and Carmel will call you on the following Tuesday.** If you are requesting an intention for a weekend Mass, please call a few weeks in advance so as not to be disappointed.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS at 7:00pm at both churches on the Fridays of Lent.

SHARE LENT – DEVELOPMENT & PEACE

Each year during Lent the church appeals to us to contribute to Development & Peace. Development and Peace through Caritas International is on the ground to give immediate help when disaster strikes. There is material at the back of the church for you to peruse. Also, pick up the little booklet at the back of the church entitled "See Your Gift Grow". Haiti is featured in that booklet, which was printed long before the earthquake. Your donation to Development and Peace can be submitted through the parish. You will receive credit on your 2010 tax receipt from the parish.

TOGETHER IN ACTION, the new name for The Annual Bishop's Appeal, which reflects the reality that the success of the appeal is the result of the generosity of all Catholics in the Diocese and is not directly linked to any one individual. The campaign begins Today February 21 and ends on March 28. However, you may donate to "Together in Action" at any time during the year. Your campaign material is in the mail. In your package you will find a brochure which gives you all the information on where your donation goes. The diocesan goal for the 2010 campaign is \$2,000,000. All parishes are assigned a mandatory target designed to meet the overall goal. The appeal is led with a significant personal donation from Bishop Fred Henry.

RECONCILIATION SERVICES FOR LENT

St. Pius X	Tuesday, March 9
St. Peter	Thursday, March 18
Corpus Christi	Monday, March 22
St. Luke	Tuesday, March 23
Canadian Martyrs	Wednesday, March 24
ST. BERNARD'S	Thursday, March 25 at Our Lady of the Assumption

All of the above Services will begin at 7:30pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING will be held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 following Mass at St. Bernard's. Everyone is welcome to attend.

HOLY HOUR – March 5 at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church** at 7:00pm

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2010

Friday, March 05, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at Hillhurst United Church, 1227 Kensington Close N.W. Parking in St. John's School lot. This year's theme is "Let everything that has breath praise God". The service is written by the Women of Cameroon. Everyone is welcome to participate in an evening of prayer. If you wish you may sing with the choir.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP will meet every Thursday after Mass at Our Lady of the Assumption.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 1st Sunday of Lent

I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. (Deut.26.10)
A sense of gratitude is the only source of joyful generosity. (Bishop Robert Morneau).

FCJ CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE (403-228-4215)

February 19-20, 7-9:30pm Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday with Fr. James Profit, SJ.

Emmaus Lectures: God in our Universe. Cost: \$50/person (includes lunch).

\$20/lecture \$75/couple

February 28: Knitting with Intention. 1:30 – 4:00pm.

Discover the quiet of contemplative knitting. Cost: \$5.00.

Spiritual Direction and Private Retreats.

FCJ SISTERS 125TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The FCJ Sisters are 125 years in Calgary. They invite you to come and celebrate with them at an Open House with History Displays on February 28th 1-5pm. Refreshments to follow.

MARRIED COUPLES WEEKEND RETREAT – February 26-28 at Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre. Call Jerry or Ann at (403)286-8445 to register or for information.

RETOUVAILLE: You can help marriages and families stay together! Retrouvaille means 'rediscover' first love, and **discover** there are practical tools every couple can learn to bring intimate communication to their relationship. The next Program begins on **March 5, 2010**. Pick up a brochure at the back of the church and bring new hope to a family. Website: www.helpourmarriage.com

ST. BERNARD'S PARISH

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION
7624 – 39 Avenue N.W.

SAINT BERNARD'S
711 – 37 Street N.W.

Mass Times:

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Thursday 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m.

Mass Times:

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Our Lady of Assumption: Thursday 6:00 – 6:45 p.m. or by appointment

St Bernard's: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 p.m. or by appointment

ROSARY: Begins one half hour before Sunday Masses.

HOLY HOUR will be held the first Friday of every month at 7 p.m.

PASTORAL CARE MASSES:

Brentwood Care Centre: Wednesday 10:45 a.m.

Bow View Care Centre: Thursday 10:30 a.m.

Bow Crest Care Centre: Friday 10:30 a.m.

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EATING FROM THE TREE OF LIFE; THE WISDOM BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT – A series of talks to be presented by Sister Darlene Madore, FCJ at St. Luke's Parish Centre, 1566 Northmount Dr. N.W. 8 Tuesday mornings, Jan 26 – March 16, 2010 from 9:30am to 11:30am. Cost is \$20 for the series or \$5 for each presentation. Seven topics will be covered. Information on the bulletin board at the back of the church. Sister Darlene is a Biblical Scholar.

PILGRIMAGE TO TURKEY & GREECE – Join Fr. Jack Bastigal on a pilgrimage to Turkey & Greece departing Calgary October 4, 2010. There will be an information presentation on the pilgrimage at St. James Parish, 338040 – 32 Street, Okotoks on Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00pm If you are unable to attend and would like a brochure please call Jan at 403-275-4398.

MISSALETTES: The November missalettes are now at the back of the church. We like to make these available to our parishioners in the Nursing Homes and to those who attend the weekday Masses. As it costs the parish almost \$1,000 per year, we would be very grateful for some help to defray the cost. In fact the cost per missalette per month is only \$2.

HAVE YOU MOVED? Please write your new address on your envelope and indicate that it is a new address. Thank you for your help.

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISHIONERS!

If you can give some time before and after Mass to prepare coffee and clean up after, please fill in your name, and date convenient for you on the sheet on the refrigerator in the hall. Your help would be greatly appreciated!! Thank you in advance.

PRAYER GROUP: The Prayer Group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at 7pm at St. Bernard's Church.

SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, 1ST RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARIST

Please contact the Parish Office at 283-3746 or email us at stbernards@shawbiz.ca
We look forward to hearing from you.

CALLED TO SERVE

To live the Gospel in daily life
To be broken and poured out for others

To act with justice and compassion
To listen and respond to the poor
To respect life
To be Christ in the world.

WOMEN 4 – 2 DAYS:(a ministry of centre street church)

4SINGLE MOMS-BOWNESS: Join us at our new Bowness location where we offer a place to sit in conversation over a light brunch and coffee, browse through our free LaBoutique clothing outlet for quality women and children's clothing and to have your children engaged meaningfully. **Dates & Times: May 30, 2009 – 9:30 to 11:30am.**

EFFECTIVE CO-PARENTING: PUTTING KIDS FIRST

Tuesdays – Oct 20 – Nov. 24, 2009 at the Catholic Pastoral Centre. Subsidies available for low income participants. Facilitator: Tanya Bartram, M.Ed., Facilitator and Parent Educator. Supported by the Life and Family Resource Centre of the RC Diocese. To register call 28-5504 or email: lfrc@rcdiocese-calgary.ab.ca See poster on board.

LEGION OF MARY – Mary Queen of Angels Praesidium meet on Tuesdays, at 5:30 pm at St. Bernard's. New members are always welcome.

LEGION OF MARY JUNIOR GROUP (ages 7-18yrs) meets on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. at St. Bernard's Church. For further information call Agnes Ting 289-9593

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSALS Thursday, 7:30 p.m. at both Churches. New members are always welcome.

GRIEFSHARE PROGRAM – St. Michael's Catholic Community hosts a GriefShare Program. GriefShare is a weekly support group for people who are grieving the loss of someone close. Please contact Nidia McIntosh at 403-280-8744 for further information.

