

SECOND Sunday in lent February 28, 2010



FATHER DAN'S MUSINGS:

In the early church, after Christianity became the religion of the government under the Emperor Constantine, the rituals of the church were standardized. The Season of Lent was a time for intense preparation for those who wanted to become members of the Church. The Elect, as they are called to this day, are those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). They receive these Sacraments, at the Easter Vigil. In the Middle Ages, when infant baptism became the norm, the Season of Lent became a time for penitents (sinners) to return to the Church and receive forgiveness. They would sit in sackcloth and ashes near the entrance to the church and they would weep and ask people to pray for them. After the Council of Trent, the Season of Lent, was a time, for us the church, to recognize our sinfulness and that we were in need of forgiveness. Since the Second Vatican Council the Season of Lent is seen both as a time for intense preparation for those entering the Church and for us the Church to also recognize our sinfulness and need for forgiveness. Our Church environment (for our sight) and the music and the prayers of mass (for our hearing) should invoke in us a response that reflects the Season and assists both the Elect and us to prepare for Easter. Environment, music and prayers come from both ancient and new traditions in the Church. Traditionally we veiled the cross and statues, the 5th Sunday of Lent, which before Vatican II was Passion Sunday. Now most churches veil the cross and statues and remove most of the plants in the Sanctuary, from Ash Wednesday, to invoke visually a sense of being in the desert with Jesus and purple for sorrow for repentance for our sins. Often the large cross, which is used for Good Friday, is set up in the foyer or in the Sanctuary, with a purple scarf. Some churches change the veil of the cross to red for Passion/Palm Sunday till the Easter Vigil when all the veils are removed and everything is white, pure and beautiful with signs of new life. We have no Holy Water, to dip our fingers into, to remember our baptism, from Passion/Palm Sunday, till water is blessed at the Easter Vigil. The plants are returned and spring flowers are placed in the Sanctuary. We now celebrate new life and are oneness with the God who gives us everlasting life.

COLLECTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2010

Envelopes \$2,758.00 Loose \$429.65 Holy Childhood \$74.48
Votive Lights \$44.09 Missals \$20.00 Easter Flowers \$5.00
Together In Action \$720.00

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,	March 02	7:00pm	Holy Souls	
Wednesday,	March 03	7:00pm	Very Kobryn	Int
Thursday,	March 04	7:00pm	Felisa & William Richie	Int
Friday,	March 05	9:00am	Mary Poile	Rip
Saturday,	March 06	5:00pm	Schwab & Barton Families	Rip
Sunday,	March 07	9:00am	Nicholas Charuk	Rip
Sunday,	March 07	11:00am	Pro Populo	Int

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 6:00 pm Wednesday, at St. Bernard's Church, and 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. 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 campaign began last Sunday, February 21 and ends on March 28. However, you may donate to "Together in Action" at any time during the year. The campaign material has been mailed. In your package you will find a brochure which gives you all the information on where your donation goes. If you did not receive a package and would like to donate, please call the parish office at 403-283-3746. The diocesan goal for the 2010 campaign is \$2,000,000. All parishes are assigned a mandatory target designed to meet the overall goal. St. Bernard's Parish target for 2010 is \$17,533.00

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, 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

1st Eucharist Meeting, for candidates and parents, on Saturday, March 6, from 10:00-11:00 am, at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3.20)

We identify ourselves by the groups in which we have membership: family, church, sporting teams, clubs. Over time, these groups form us and we conform to the values they promote. As disciples, our first membership is with the company in heaven where Christ transforms the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory.

Eco-Thought: "If we unbalance nature, humankind will suffer" (Dalai Lama)

Eco-Tip: The first of the 3 R's of recycling is to reduce. For the rest, make sure you sort appropriately. Don't forget to keep your milk cartons, jugs, bottles, and cans separate. They can be returned for refunds.

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.

Mass Times:

Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m.

SAINT BERNARD'S
711 – 37 Street N.W.

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.

OFFICE LOCATED AT: 7624 – 39 Ave. N.W., Calgary, AB. T3B 1X3

Telephone: (403) 283-3746

Fax: (403) 283-3481

Office hours: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday

Pastor: *Father Dan Stevenot* – frdanstevenot@shawbiz.ca

Deacon: *Rev. Mr. Albert Henri* - deaconalberthenri@shawbiz.ca

Administrative Assistant: Carmel McConachie – stbernards@shawbiz.ca

Parish website: www.stbernardsparish.ca

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 missallettes 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: lfr@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.



FCJ CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTRE (403-228-4215)

The Holiness of Masculine and Feminine: March 3 & 10,
6:30 – 9:30 p.m. Cost: \$25/evening.

Christian Meditation Drop-In: March 4, 7-8pm Cost: Free will offering.

Taize Prayer Drop-In: March 5, 7:30-8:30pm. The FCJ Sisters invite you to join them for an evening of Taize chant, silent prayer and intercession for the need of the world.

Cost: Free will offering gratefully accepted.

Come, Taste and See-(series cont'd): March 7, 2-4:30pm

All interested persons who wish to deepen their spirituality in ways that will foster a more wholistic way of living, join us! Cost: Free will offering gratefully accepted.

From Darkness to Light: Your Journey to Forgiveness: March 9, 16, 23, 30, 6-9pm

Cost: \$80/4 weeks **without** light supper. \$110/4 weeks with light supper (soup & bun).

Dreamwork Evening: Positive & Negative Aspects March 11, 7-9:30pm. Explore your dreams with Sr. Ita Connery, fcJ Cost: \$25/evening.

All interested persons who wish to deepen their spirituality in ways that will foster a more wholistic way of living, join us! Cost: Free will offering gratefully accepted.

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

