

Saint Joseph's Basilica

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

"Sing praises to the Lord who heals the brokenhearted."

Job speaks for all of us.

OK, well, most of us. Certainly anyone who's struggled with insomnia resonates with Job's being "filled with restlessness until the dawn." But most of us share with Job the experience of suffering. Some people have suffered beyond comprehension; others have known only "regular" suffering—illness, death, disability, tragedy—although it's never regular when it happens to *us*. We've all felt the frightening despair of which Job speaks.

Some fortunate souls haven't experienced such challenges. During a talk I gave several years ago, I asked the audience to recall their own suffering. An older couple admitted they hadn't experienced significant suffering. Their children were healthy, their parents died at a ripe old age, and life had been fairly easy for them.

This isn't the experience of most of us, however. Even if we've moved past such moments of pain and suffering, we can recall feeling as Job did—that life was misery, that hope was difficult to find.

There certainly are no easy solutions to the problem of suffering. But in the Gospel today we see Jesus in his healing ministry, reaching out to so many in need. Aren't we, in our times of suffering, among the crowds gathered at Jesus' door, begging for healing and mercy?

Jesus is persistent in his healing—he doesn't let exhaustion or weariness stop him. He reaches out, grasps hands, and is present to those who are hurting.

Jesus is this persistent presence of healing to us too. He sees us in the crowd, he grasps our hand, and he promises to stay with us always.

Janel Esker

First Reading: Job 7.1-4, 6-7
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9.16-19, 22-23
Gospel: Mark 1.29-39

**Special Collection for SJS-NTC
February 11-12, 2012**

Your financial assistance for the students, faculty and staff of St. Joseph Seminary and Newman Theological College will support institutions that are open to those who hear the call to serve God, by enriching the lives of others through Christian service.

Please give generously to the annual special parish collection which will be on February next weekend.

Please make the cheques payable to St. Joseph's Basilica, marked for this special collection.

Nothing More Beautiful

Archbishop Richard Smith

Thursday, February 16, at 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph's Basilica

We will welcome:

CATHECHIST: Most Rev. Donald Bolen
Bishop of Saskatoon

WITNESS: Teresa Kellendonk, Pastoral Care
Archdiocese of Edmonton

"The Wonder of the Sacraments."

Note: The 5:30 p.m. Mass is cancelled.

Baptism

Because of the Lenten season
there will be NO Baptisms.

CITY OF EDMONTON - PANHANDLING

We have received an appeal from the City of Edmonton about an alternate giving campaign:

1. "Giving money to panhandlers may not be the best way to help people. It may support drug and alcohol addictions and discourage panhandlers from accessing community resources that can help.
2. Giving money may also encourage panhandlers to work in specific areas, which could eventually lead to police intervention.
3. Edmontonians are being asked to donate money to social service agencies that provide food, shelter and support for people in need."

For more information **Phone 211**
or go to Edmonton.ca/GiveSmart

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Centennial Gala

The CWL will be celebrating its **100 Anniversary** in 2012. All members of the catholic community and friends are invited to a celebration of faith and service in the Archdiocese of Edmonton
Saturday, February 11, 2012
at a Centennial Gala and Silent Auction at the Edmonton EXPO Centre (Northlands).

Tickets: \$125

Bus transportation will be provided departing the Basilica at 5:30 p.m. and returning following the dinner. Contact *Kamala* at 780.488.7295 to book space on the bus.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Next weekend

After 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.

All are welcome and pay what you can.

The week to come we celebrate:

Monday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: St. Scholastica



Valentine's Dance 2012

HURRY... and get your tickets

for a night of friends, food and fun! There will be live music, DJ's and a silent auction. Proceeds will go to the Basilica young adults for initiatives like the World Youth Day pilgrimage group. The dance will be on **February 11th at 7:00pm** in the Basilica's O'Leary Hall. Tickets are \$15.00 for dinner and dance. **DEADLINE: February 6th**; \$8.00 for the dance. Tickets are available at the parish office, or at the door.

Basilica Young Adults Portuguese Classes for WYD

Parish Hall (first door east of Teddy's Restaurant)
Every Sunday, 6:15 - 8:00 p.m. (with a 15 minute break)
Learn Brazilian Portuguese for World Youth Day pilgrims
(Open to others as well!)

Contact us at Joshua@stjosephbasilica.com

2012 Catechesis Series: The Mass

Wednesday evenings through June
Newman Theological College (new venue)
8421-101 Ave. Edmonton

Has it been a while since you learned about what's happening in the Mass, the Sacred Liturgy?

- What are the different sections of the Mass?
- Is it important to be there for the readings?
- If I'm late, when is it too late (to fulfill my Sunday obligation)?
- What do the new words mean anyway?
- Why is my voice important?

The next session, "**The Mass: Two Tables,**" will be led by Father Paul Moret on **Wednesday, February 15**. If you cannot attend in person, join us via webcast at www.caedm.ca/webcast. An archived version of the webcast from the January 18th session will be available at the same site. Phone 780.469.1010, ext.2286.

Archdiocesan Choir 2012

The archdiocesan choir welcomes singers from all parishes of the Archdiocese to sing at archdiocesan Masses. Individuals are invited to commit for each event separately. Please call or E-mail Jean Sult, at 780 469-7137 or jeansult@shaw.ca

All rehearsals and events take place at St. Joseph's Basilica.

Rite of Election

Saturday, February 25: 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 26 2:30 p.m.

Rehearsals: Saturday, February 18: 9:00 a.m.- noon

Saturday, February 25: 9:00 a.m.-noon

Certificate Program

Volunteer Visitor Pastoral Care Training

Tuesday evenings, February 7 to March 13:
6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Call the Pastoral Care Office: 780.469.1010
ext. 2247 – for more information.

Providence Renewal Centre

"Remove the Stone", a Lenten Art Retreat
with Fr. Garry Laboucane
Friday, February 17 (7:00 pm)
to Sunday, February 19 (1:00 pm)

Using art materials, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the call to remove the stones that block them from hearing Christ speak to them.

Come explore the world of art and prayer. Live-in: \$195 to \$225. Commute: \$125. Call 780-701-1854 or email retreats@providencerenewal.ca, www.providencerenewal.ca.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

**Let us pray for our parishioners
who have recently died:**

Mary "Frances" Cover, Stanley Fowler
Mario de Sousa Cabral, Lygia de-Toledo
Joseph Mossey, Urbain Rondeau
Delle Jeanette Dawson, Ted Biernet

Let us pray for our parishioners who are sick:

Sophia Pruneau, George Ireland

CWL NEWS

The February CWL General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 7, 2012** in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:00p.m. All ladies of the Parish are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 2012

Open Wide the New Evangelist
March 9-10, 2012

Coast Plaza Hotel and Conference Centre in Calgary

Keynote Speakers: Steve Angrisano
Archbishop Gerard Pettipas

Sharing Purpose In Catholic Education
(S P I C E)

April 26 – 29

Keynote: Jesse Manibusan

The Life We are Living

Blue Prints 2012

May 1 – 4

Keynote: Rev. Raymond Carey

SPICE and **Blue Prints** participants can receive University credit through:
St. Joseph College Newman Theological College,
or St. Mary's University College.

For information or to register: www.acsta.ab.ca
Phone: 780.484.6209

REFLECTION

Mother Teresa of Calcutta said, "Where there is silence there is prayer, where there is prayer there is faith, where there is faith there is love, where there is love there is God. It all starts with silence."

(Bishop Murray Chatlain, *Nothing More Beautiful*, December 9, 2011)

Reflection:

- When faced with silence, what do I do?
- What can I do to turn off the distractions and turn on the silence?

Action: Look for the moments of silence in your life this week. Use these moments of silence to open a conversation with God.