



**FEBRUARY 12, 2012 - 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*More than in our society, the lepers in the time of Jesus were condemned to a terrible rejection by the rest of society. Unlike all the people in his time, Jesus let the lepers approach him and he healed many of them, renewing them in body and soul.*

*There are many types of "leprosy" in our society:*

*physical leprosy, handicaps, drug addiction, extreme poverty, and ignorance . . . . As disciples of the Lord, we are expected to show to the many outcasts in our midst the same concern and practical love which he showed to the lepers of his time. May this Eucharistic celebration bring us ever closer to the divine Model and instill in all of us an active compassion toward those who are marginalized.*

**ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST SPIRITUAL LEPROSY**

AIDS is the terror of so many people these days. Those affected by it are often avoided and condemned to isolation. This rejection by society makes the suffering of the AIDS victims even bitter. And one can only wish that such a terrible illness never existed. . . . In the time of Jesus, leprosy was one of the most dreaded misfortunes that could befall a person; it was the AIDS of those days! While other types of patients were pitied and attended to, lepers were avoided by their own relatives. They were forbidden to approach a healthy person. If they ever tried to do so, they were chased away with stones . . . . They had to live in caves and ravines, away from ordinary human settlements, cut off from any form of social life. (See today's First Reading.) Leprosy meant hell already in this life. A person in an advanced state of leprosy was a terrible sight. People turned away their sight from them. **Jesus did not follow the prevailing attitude toward lepers.** He had come for the sick and the outcast, and he remained faithful to his mission. Even when the most outcast of all – the lepers – approached him, he did not back off in horror. Not only did he welcome them, but even "stretched out his hand and touched them." (See today's Gospel.) **The merciful love that Jesus felt for the man featured in today's Gospel was stronger than the horror which the purulent limbs most likely arouse in him as a man.** Jesus' power, pity, and love had their day. Thanks to them, a man was cured. A man was saved. And he and all the others gave praise to God. Leprosy is no longer so widespread and dreaded in our time. Modern medicine has done a lot to curb and cure it. But another type of leprosy, that **spiritual leprosy called sin**, is still with us. It affects not only a few but all humans. It affects all of us. Its effects in us are even more destructive than leprosy or AIDS. Surprisingly – and sadly so – many seem unaware of its presence and devastating effects. Others simply deny the existence of sin or call it by other "sanitized" names. Pope Pius XII lamented that **one of the tragedies of our times was the loss of the "sense of sin."** **But ignoring or denying it does not prevent its spread or its destructive effects.** If anything, they make things worse . . . . Such is the "strategy" of the devil! Who will save from such a plague? No progress in science or technology can offer the cure. Only Jesus can. **We, the spiritual lepers of our time, have only one hope: JESUS.** The only cure is his merciful LOVE and his GRACE. Our humble prayer is the one of today's Gospel: "Lord if you will to do so, you can cure me!" (Mk 1:40).



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**WORD AND LIFE PUBLICATIONS**

**THE SEARCH for the 2012 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS**

The Formal Presentation of Candidates for this Fund- Raising Project will be done today at the 11:30 a.m. Here are this year's candidates:



**JOELYNE ARBOLEDA CHANEL-GRACE BAUTISTA  
 LOUISE-MARIE KARDOS MARY-JAEL YASIS**

**DUSTIN JACOB MENESES ALCAIDE KRISTOPHEER  
 PERIODICA**

**JUSTIN SERGE TEOFISTO JARED JOSEPH VISARIO**

These children will participate in various celebrations in our Mission Community while their parents and supporters dispose of their \$2.00 ballots. Please remember that supporting them means supporting the Filipino Church in Montreal.

\* First Canvassing – MAY 26, 2012 \* Last Canvassing - October 27, 2012

\* Tax – deductible receipts will be issued at the end of the year to those who will contribute \$20.00 or more



Today, February 12 is also **World Marriage Day**, a day to celebrate the sacred vocation of marriage and an invitation to renew a couple's lifelong covenant of love.

Here in the FCMM, we will celebrate World Marriage Day in our Mass. Husbands and wives will be invited to renew their vows, and the Mass will include a special blessing for them. We hope that as the community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist and pray for and bless married couples, they will be affirmed and renewed in their marriage commitment.

To all married couples, we hope you celebrate and honor your marriage during February, the month dedicated to love. It is our prayer that today's liturgy may be a channel of God's blessing to you. **CONGRATULATIONS !**



**Men of the parish**---If you haven't yet joined the Knights of Columbus, why not make that a priority this year? The Knights are celebrating 125 years of service to the Catholic Church. Now, more than ever before, the Catholic Church needs the Knights—AND---now, more than ever before, the Knights of Columbus needs you!!! **BE A KNIGHT!**

**Initiation to the 1<sup>st</sup> degree- February 18, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.**

**CONTACT: Any member of the K of C Council 13585**



**LECTORS  
&  
COMMENTATORS**

**LITURGICAL SEMINAR** for all those interested in proclaiming the Word of God during our Masses.

**SATURDAY, February 18, 2012**

**9:00 -11:00 a.m. @ The Church.**

CONTACT: Sr. Celia Pinal, Butch Aracena, Jun Diaz , or the FCMM Office



**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>.**

Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7:00 p.m.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held at

6: 30 p.m.

**REMINDER : ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING and ABSTINENCE !**



**WINTER IS A MESSY SEASON ...  
PLEASE HELP MAINTAIN THE CHURCH  
CLEAN.**

**MAKE SURE THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR  
PEWS TIDY.**



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and as **THANKSGIVING** offered by **TONY & NORMA FOZ.**



**"Brothers and sisters: Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."**

Are you doing everything possible for the glory of God? Or is there maybe some other way that you could generously share your time, talent or treasure for God's glory? Think about it.

**Your Offerings for the week ending February 5, 2012 totaled \$ 1, 627. 50**

**Thank you for your continuing generosity !  
God bless you always!!!**



**PLEASE USE YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE**  
*The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community. Therefore, we strongly encourage our parishioners to use the WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the success of the operation of the Parish.*

*We depend on the financial support of our people in all our endeavors. If all envelope holders follow the suggested amounts and use their envelopes regularly, our operational expenses can be taken cared of easily. This will enable us to embark on our other endeavors, plans and dreams. And let us remember to give God what is right, not what is left*  
**HELP SPREAD THE WORD AROUND ! HELP CAMPAIGN TO USE THE ENVELOPES !**



**welcome!**

- ❖ To the New Arrivals from the Philippines
- ❖ To the Visitors from other places;
- ❖ To those who have been away and are back;



❖ We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:

**CARIDAD BACOSA, JEUNESSE JOY SERASPE, MARY- JAELE YASIS, ROCKY UNABIA, DAPHNE ALLANA, NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA, MR. & MRS. NELSON ALEJANDRO and FAMILY.**



❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the Sick and Suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: **FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. DONALD BOUCHARD pme, JESS ALCAIDE, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR.,**

**FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL, JOSEFINA CALDITO RAQUIZA.** May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **MARIANO PERLAS, CLODIE JAMIESON, LEONORA ESPIRITU, VICTORIA SY, DOMINADOR CALACAL, ONOFRE BUGAYONG, RICARDO PERIODICA SR., RENATO ARAZA, RAFAELLA, FR. LUCIAN MULHERN, FR. EMMETH MULHERN, CRISOGONO JALEA, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.