

FEBRUARY 27, 2011
8TH Sunday in Ordinary Time



We are not atoms scattered in the vortex of the universe, but beloved children of a caring Father who created us out of love and has in store for us an eternity of happiness. He has provided abundantly for all our needs through the immense resources of nature and has entrusted to our care this beautiful and fertile planet we call "our home." He wants that we responsibly provide for our needs through honest work, but also fully trusting in Him, without anxiety and without losing sight of our eternal destiny. The Lord is not an arrogant and overbearing boss, but a loving Father and a trust-filled friend who honors us with a special call to be His partners in the construction of His Kingdom on earth. This is our mission in this life.

May our participation in this Eucharist be a grateful profession of faith in God's providential care for all mankind, a renewal of our entrustment to Him, and a recommitment to make our priority the building of His Kingdom of justice, compassion, and peace

God With Us



Don't worry, Christ says! But why not?

Children get cancer; people die suddenly of heart attacks; the wage earners of families lose their jobs; homes are destroyed in natural disasters; the pension funds of the elderly are wiped out by fraud or mismanagement. And this is just a small sample.

Why shouldn't people worry?

When things get bad enough for a person, he can think that God has abandoned him. "The Lord has forsaken me," Zion says. And being forsaken by God

really is the worst, the extrinsic lower limit on the scale of bad things that can happen to someone, the bad things that are there to worry about.

It is worth seeing that the incarnate Christ suffered this worst thing, too, together with all the other bad things that he endured in his passion and death. His cry of dereliction from the cross is like the words of suffering Zion:

"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" he says in his agony.

What God says to Zion is therefore true: "I will never forget you." God is right to tell Zion that he cares for her with the tenderness of a mother for her infant child. To be Emmanuel, God with us, even in the worst suffering of seeming to be abandoned by God, Christ endured that suffering himself. Even in this, God is with us.

Nothing about this thought takes away pain. But it does take away worry.

If God is with us, how could the bad things we suffer win out over us?

Eleonore Stump, Professor of Philosophy, Saint Louis University

*I have inscribed
you on the palms
of my hands.*

Isaiah 49.16

1ST FRIDAY

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O God, and we are restless till we find rest in Thee." (St. Augustine).

Come rest in Him. This coming Friday (March 4) is the First Friday of the month. It is our special day of prayer

and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. As usual we will have the Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by the Mass. All are welcome to come and spend some time with Jesus!



LENT

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH !
Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7:30 p.m.
Rosary and 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 !



ADULT CONFIRMATION – Our DRE, Sr. Celia Piala , will hold Sessions for adults who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

DATE: Saturdays - April 9, 16, 23, & 30

TIME: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.

To register and for more information, come to the FCMM Office.

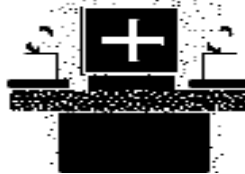


The Philippine Embassy will provide **Consular Service** at the FAMAS Community Centre (4708 Van Horne Ave. Montreal, Quebec Metro Plamondon - Tel. 514-341-7477) on **Saturday, 19 March** from **9 :30 am to 5:30 pm**

- Full notarial and legal services, Balikbayan stamp services, Passport amendments and Travel document services, Accepting dual citizenship, report of birth, report of marriage, Visa and Mortuary Certificate Applications.
- **IMPORTANT:** Pls. call the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa (613- 233 1121) for appointment/reservation. Only the first 120 callers will be entertained.

DO YOU REMEMBER ?

The LORD
is truly
present
with us



It's been a year ago TODAY when on Saturday. February 27, 2010, on the occasion of the 20th Anniversary of its Canonical Installation, the Notre -Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal consecrated its 'home'- the newly refurbished Church of St. Thomas, the Apostle, to the Lord.

It was a significant and rare event in the life of the Filipino Christian Community in Montreal. It involved more than merely setting aside a building for the celebration of sacred thing, but more so, it was about the people who dedicated the sacred place, who are themselves the Church, "that is, the temple of God built of living stones, where the Father is

worshiped in spirit and in truth. Rightly, then, we remember that this 'church' is ours and is us, the building in which we, the Christian community gathers to hear the Word of God, to pray together, to celebrate the Sacraments, and to participate in the Eucharist."

Today, on the occasion of the 1st Anniversary of our Church, let us continue to pray for the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal, that it may be a sign and reminder of the immanence and transcendence of God --who chose to dwell among us and whose presence cannot be contained or limited to any single place. ...Let this Church be a constant sign of the pilgrim church on earth; the image that proclaim the heavenly Jerusalem, which is our final goal.





"Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself."
- Matthew 6:34

Jesus tells us that we cannot serve two masters. In many ways, worry is the other master in our lives. We worry about our job, our house, our family and our health. We worry about our future plans, our dreams and our goals. We worry about measuring up, meeting expectations and keeping up with the neighbors. Today, God gives us a very soothing message. Do not let worry rule your life. Put God first and He will take care of everything else.



Your Offerings for the week ending February 20, 2011 totaled **\$ 1,820.00**

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



YEAR 2010 TAX RECEIPTS are now available for pick-up after each Mass. For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during regular working hours (514 -3875292)



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



- ❖ 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:
ALJON BAUTISTA, JADEN LEE, WINSTON JAN DOMINGO.



- ❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: MELANIE AFAN BELTRAN.
- ❖ Please pray for all the *sick and suffering members* of our Mission community and their loved ones, especially: FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JESS ALCAIDE, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, NORA ESPIRITU, ANNIE MOJADO, GREGORIO DEL MONTE, EDMOND GABA, MABEL TUVIDA.

May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: MARGARITA ABASTA, VIRGILIO MANGUBAT, CRISANTO OLARTE, RUFINA UNABIA, ANTONINA, LETICIA, & WINIFRED GONZALES, JOSEFA BALAGTAS FLORES, EMILIA FOZ, ENRIQUE TABLANDA, and those dying everyday in Afghanistan, the Middle East and in battles around the world.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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