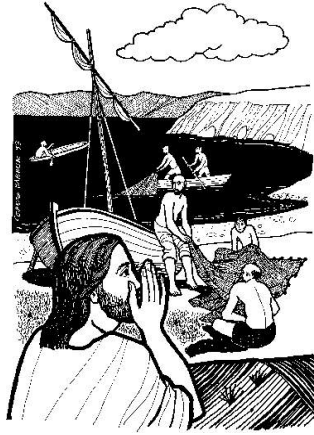


JANUARY 23, 2011

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



We are on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time and begin to follow Jesus as he starts his apostolic life in Northern Palestine. He comes as the fulfillment of God's promises to be the light of the world and the liberator of mankind. His call to conversion and the invitation to welcome God's kingdom and follow him, which resounded along the shores of the Sea of Galilee two thousand years ago, reaches us today, as urgent as ever. The Kingdom of God becomes specially present in the Eucharistic celebration. Let us open our hearts in welcome that we may experience its liberating effect in ourselves and become instruments of its growth in our society.

THE CALL TO FOLLOW THE GREAT LEADER

There are moments in life when something unexpected happens which makes all the difference. It happens to us. It happens in us. These are events which change the course of our life, often in a radical manner.

Such was the case of the four fishermen: Simon and Andrew, James and John, the borders of whose world coincided with the area of the Lake of Galilee, until the day they met Jesus.

"Come after me!" said he. And immediately they abandoned their boats, their nets, their crew, their relatives . . . and became his

followers – the first recruits of a peaceful army tasked to conquer the world.

An unexpected invitation, a prompt response, an immediate departure for an unknown destination. Four hearts were set aflame. Four lives would never be the same again. Something similar had happened to Abram and Elisha many centuries earlier. (See Gn 12:1- 4 and 1 Kgs 19:19-21.) What impelled Simon, Andrew, James and John to leave everything behind and follow Jesus? There was his promise, of course, that he would make them "fishers of men" (Mk 1:17).

An intriguing prospect, whatever those words could mean. But what moved those four fishermen to be so radical in their response was the fascinating personality of the Caller: JESUS. They saw him, they heard him, they made up their minds. Their hearts had been conquered by him.

It was like falling in love, when everybody else in the world seems to vanish from sight or become unattractive, and all that remains and counts is just "the beloved one." Ever since the days of Jesus, the world has become like a vast Sea of Galilee, teeming with numberless people busy with so many things. You and I are part of the crowd. Jesus passes by, a man among men, but with a heart trained to love the way God does. He may chance upon you and me and pronounce our name the way no mere man can do, or make promises that sound like riddles. When that happens, we should remember the four fishermen from Galilee and how they answered Jesus' invitation.



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You said, "Come follow me."

They dropped their nets and followed.

They learned to heal, to love.

You taught them to fish for your people.

You know the beauty and the blinders in us,
the warmth and the cold of us.

Thank you for receiving it all, for calling us.

Heal us.

Teach us to love, To fish for your people.

**FROM NOW ON
YOU WILL BE
FISHERS OF MEN**



Here we are, in the middle of winter, in the depths of cold and chill, wondering where the Christmas Spirit has gone. We have now returned to "Ordinary Time," (liturgical jargon for those weeks of the year that do not center on the Christmas or Easter experiences). Ordinary time is just that---ordinary, every day time!!! So how do we continue to celebrate Jesus in our lives in the 'everyday' time?

How do we do this while maintaining our busy lives? Here are a couple of suggestions that might help make ordinary time "extraordinary"

when it comes to your relationship with the Lord:

1. *Pick one day each week when you will actually visit Jesus in church for "ten minutes alone with Jesus." You might pick the FCMM but any church is OK!*
2. *When you get up in the morning pray (every day): "Jesus, you gave me life today; with your help, let me live it in you Presence."*
3. *Notice a poor person---and care!*
4. *Be nice to someone---and do it on purpose.*
5. *Say a rosary each day--if you don't have time for a rosary, say a decade--if you don't have time for a decade, say one Hail Mary--surely you have time for one!*
6. *Share God's "Peace!" It really will come back to you!*



**THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE OUR
CELEBRATION OF THE
SANTO NIÑO'S FEAST
A BIG SUCCESS !**

MULI, MARAMING SALAMAT PO !



❖ **THIS BULLETIN IS FURNISHED TO THE FCMM COMMUNITY WITHOUT CHARGE** - The advertisements that appear at the back page completely defray all publishing costs with which our church would otherwise be burdened. We encourage you to patronize our continuing sponsors and those that are new this year as a 'thank you' for their kind generosity.



❖ Last year, **The FCMM BENEFACTORS' PLEDGE CAMPAIGN** reached \$ 30, 545.00 THANK YOU to all our generous Benefactors and solicitors ! We will up-date you with the changes on this campaign as soon as things have been finalized.

❖ Again for the year 2010, the FCMM received the amount of \$ 1,450. 05 (REBATES) from **FUNDSRIPT** -

The GIFT and SHOPPING CARD PROGRAM which you patronized. Please think about continuously supporting this Program. Every time you purchase a \$25.00 shopping card for IGA, METRO, PROVIGO or a \$ 25.00 gasoline card for ESSO or ULTRAMAR you donate \$1.25 to the parish. It doesn't seem like much, but if your family purchased only one \$25.00 card each week, you would increase your annual generosity to the FCMM by \$65.00. Something to think about, isn't it? Cards are available after the Sunday Mass each week-end. Please see Ms. Marites Quirapas or come to the FCMM Office.

WINTER IS A MESSY SEASON ... PLEASE HELP US MAINTAIN THE CHURCH CLEAN. MAKE SURE THAT YOU LEAVE YOUR PEWS TIDY.

❖ **STEWARDSHIP** - "Come after me..." - Matthew 4:19

In our crazy, success-driven, materialist world we all get caught up in chasing after many dreams, wants and ambitions. Yet, with three simple words, Jesus tells us clearly that the only one we should be following after is Him. "Come after me," is not just an invitation that Jesus extended to the first apostles. It is an invitation that He extends to each of us every day of our lives.



OFFERING

Your Offerings for the week ending January 16, 2011 totaled \$ 2, 117. 50

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



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **MARCY ELLASUS**.



- ❖ To the *new arrivals* from the Philippines;
- ❖ To the *visitors* from other places;
- ❖ To those who have *been away and are back*;



WELCOME into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Family through **Baptism** –

December, 2010:

SIMON BENJAMIN NICOLO / EVAN JOSEPH RADACZYNSKI

We pray God will give wisdom and courage to their parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to faith growth.



We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:

JANETH REYES and FAMILY, MARY-JAEL YASIS, REY BALLARES, ROMEL & RACHEL VELASCO, REMELYN REMEGIO, MR. & MRS. ROMEO MALACAS, ROMY & CORA REMEGIO & FAMILY,

LOUIE & SOLLIE SAN JUAN, ARACELI AQUINO, CRISTINA PA-AC & FAMILY, THE KARDOS FAMILY, THE PAVICO FAMILY.



- ❖ 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.

May God bring them healing and peace.

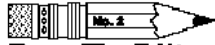
- ❖ all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially:

PIO & MARCIANA MANIGAO, RODOLFO JIMENEZ, MICHEL FLORIAN, HONOFRE BASA, MR. & MRS. FEDERICO & CAROLINA MIGANO, FAUSTINO PASCUAL, ROSARIO PASCUAL, MONICO MILLETE, pme, CONSOLACION MILLETE, LUCIA RIVERA, GERONIMO RIVERA SR., CRESENCIA PASCUAL, DANILO BACOSA, DOMINGO NIERE, GENEROSA AQUINO, DEO NESTOR ARQUELADA, CONSOLACION SABALBORO, CORAL FENSTER, YOLANDA CUNANAN, CRISPINA & GLICERIO DARIO, ROMEO AGUBA, ROBERTO MAMAGAT, MATILDE ISON, REMEDIOS PA-AC, OLIVER TAN SR., CANDIDA ARQUILLA, RUBEN MANIO JR., 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

The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 - 387 - 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



From The Editor

Help us keep our list of the sick parishioners current. A new list will be out in February. Please notify the FCMM Office if you have a name to be included in the prayer list.