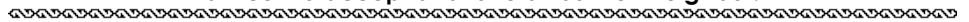




We all know that we have the duty to love our neighbor as ourselves. But most of us encounter two big difficulties in the practical application of this all important commandment. The first concerns whom to include in the very wide category of "Neighbor." The second difficulty is to actually love all those who fall into that category. Today's Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan tells us that our "neighbor" is every human being, including our enemies. It also teaches us that we must show our love for all our brothers and sisters by being attentive to their needs, even at the cost of personal sacrifice.

Only if we fulfill these conditions can we claim to be disciples of Jesus, the Divine Samaritan. In the Eucharist let us pray in a special manner for those who find it difficult to accept and love all as their neighbor.



EVOKING THE GOOD SAMARITAN DORMANT IN ALL OF US

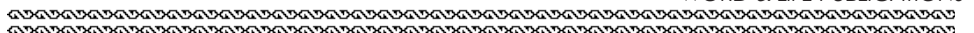
The Christian concept of neighbor is easy to define in words – neighbor is every human being, especially one who is in need of help. But it may be quite hard to accept it in practice, for it is very demanding to be the neighbor of certain individuals or groups . . . One always has the impression of being on the "giving side," and this hurts our instinctive self-centeredness and the tendency to expect good things, rather than give them.

Most of us (all, perhaps?) prefer a neighbor that is strong, generous, pretty, reliable . . . one who is at hand and on whom we can rely when we are in need. Hence, "neighbor" is the relative, the friend, the benefactor, *the one we like!* This is all too easy. Such was the concept of "neighbor" which the Israelites had. But Jesus shattered all these convenient human patterns with a parable that portrayed his own attitude and life – a life of service unto death for the good of all. Starting with Jesus, "**neighbor**" has become a *universal category*. It has come to encompass all human beings. It **includes even the "enemy"!** The insidious road from Jerusalem to Jericho stretches far beyond its 37 kilometers. It crisscrosses the whole world and intersects our lives every day. We see it strewn with numberless victims, robbed of their moral and spiritual assets by the enemy of all good.

A real follower of the Divine Samaritan has to be prepared to change his plans, make an unscheduled stop, and even a detour, in order to "become neighbor" of the unpredictable victims whom divine Providence places on our journey, which stretches from birth to burial.

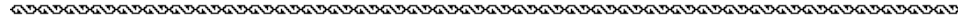
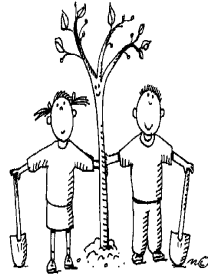
"Neighbor" may have a million different faces and more. It can be the helpless squatter looking for a permanent dwelling; the drug addict, now reduced to a wreck; the deserted wife or the unwed mother; the special child or the lonely old folk; the school dropout or the unemployed . . . Crowds of people (even "religious" people!) will cast on them a look of commiseration, and stride on, without stopping for a minute, afraid to get involved with people that may tarnish their image in the "good society". . . The indifferent, the over-cautious, the "Christians-in-name" can be a very large crowd indeed and their example of non-caring attitude is often a hard test for the generous souls who would like to put into practice the message of the parable of the Good Samaritan. **It really takes a stout heart to opt to be non-conformist – in imitation of Jesus, the most non-conformist of all men – to choose to do what is right, even when the majority are bent on doing what is pleasant or convenient.**

But a wonderful reward awaits those who have such courage: Jesus Christ, the one present in all the victims and needy people, will say to them the warmest "Thank you!" one can ever receive. And he will explain: "Whenever you did this for one of my least brothers, you did it for me!" (Mt 25:40). Since Christ's days, in fact, "**neighbor**" is the newest name of God.





THIS IS YOUR NEWS BULLETIN'S LAST ISSUE FOR THE PASTORAL YEAR. WE'LL BACK ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF AUGUST . Have a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe Summer !

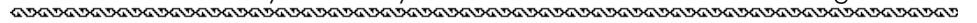


Summer is always a welcome change of schedule: vacations, camping, trips, a time for family. And, of course, family time is so crucial. The highest priority in the home is love, and the summer opportunities provide great occasions to focus on things neglected.

It is also a time of ad hoc stewardship:

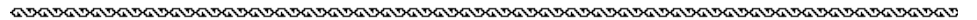
What will this summer accomplish?

When Labor Day signals a return to school and other normal routines, what will the summer months have yielded for your "investment"? Give it some thought.



Please be informed that in the FCMM, during the summer months of July and August there is NO CHANGE in the schedule of our celebration of the Weekday and Sunday Eucharist + Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. +Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Parents are particularly encouraged to make the extra effort to find a Sunday Mass when the family is traveling on summer vacation.



"Go and do likewise." Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' simple command to all of us at the end of the Good Samaritan story. How do we do "likewise?" By taking the time to help when we are needed. By sharing our skills. By reaching into our pockets when financial help is needed. In short, by being a good steward.



Your Offerings for the week ending July 7, 2013 totaled \$ 1, 427. 00

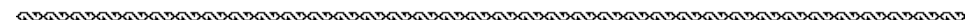
Thank you for your continuing generosity !
God bless you always!!!

WHAT IS A REASONABLE WEEKLY DONATION TO MY PARISH?

One suggestion that we make is to consider donating the equivalent of your **"First Hour of Work"** each week to the Lord.



Vacationing this summer? Have a great time, but don't forget the FCMM. Those monthly bills arrive like clock-work and we need your support in keeping our beautiful parish running smoothly.
Let's keep each other in prayer during these relaxing summer months, remembering always that we're family.



LOVE

is the command of the Lord

THE PARISH FAMILY OF THE FCMM is proud and happy to welcome its newest members:



JOSEPHINE CHLOE SILVERIO / MIKAEL WILSON GONZALO /
NATHANIEL LEGASPI / SCARLETT TRINITY PINEDA /
ERRYLLE FAITH RODRIGO / ANGEL ALCEE PARINO /
JASMINE JOSEPHINE HADDAD / JEDD ERIC ALCANTARA /
LEILANNE LAYUG / KEIKO ANA VARGAS VELOSO

all of whom received the Sacrament of Baptism. We pray God will give wisdom and courage to their parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere which will be conducive to faith growth.



- 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:
JOHN & LORIE PALISOC, NORMA ORBITA and FAMILY,
MR. & MRS. GUILLESTER TABAMO, LANDO & MATET and FAMILY, SIONY GARDINER, KATHLEEN DIAZ.



- Your prayers are humbly requested for **all the sick and suffering** members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially:
FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme,
FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD LOISELLE, pme,
SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR.,
FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC,
JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO,
CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA,
WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO,
ANTONIO FOZ, NORMA FOZ, ALICIA GINES, CECILIA CEÑAL, LEONIDAS ORBITA
SIMBULAN, DERRICK SOTELO, JEFFORD SAMPANG, LUIS SILVERA ,OFELIA SUBONG,
ROGELIO MANTARING, ROBERT GARDINER, ESTERLITA RAMILO, ERNESTO AGANA.
May God bring them healing and peace.

- Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially
PIO & MARCIANA MANIGAO, EUGENIO CELEBRADOS, SEVERA ORBITA,
PONCIANO ACURANTES, 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

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 ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.

LAUGH YOUR WAY THROUGH SUMMER !!!



Well, summer is in full bloom. You can shoot a canon through most churches these days without causing a single casualty. What is it about summer that somehow makes skipping church the "Christian" thing to do?

Here are the TOP 5 Heavenly REASONS TO COME TO CHURCH EVEN THOUGH IT'S SUMMER !!!

* Because praying while on a Roller Coaster does NOT constitute an active prayer life.

- * Because saving people from the “heat” is what Christianity is all about!
 - * Because this week's absentee equals next week's sermon illustration.
 - * Because it makes your day to see the Priest, Ministers, and Altar Servers sweat!
- *And the number one reason to come to church even though it is Summer is:

**Because when we say that Jesus is the Lord of our lives,
we do NOT mean 9/12ths of our lives!**

