

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 20, 2010



There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free person,
there is not male and female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

-Galatians 3:28

Today is the 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that, in order to be numbered among his disciples, we must be prepared to share in his destiny of suffering and trials. But especially, he encourages us to be brave and generous, for a life spent or offered for him leads to life without end.

In our Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to be able to carry our cross wholeheartedly in imitation of Jesus.

Today is also "Father's Day" – a wonderful opportunity to show our gratitude and love to the person who, together with our mother, has given us life, food, shelter, protection and affection. In this Eucharist, let us place under the protection of our

Father in heaven all the fathers in the world,
without forgetting those who have already passed away.



"All of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves in Christ." These words from Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians are a beautiful explanation of the power of the Sacrament of Baptism through which we are transformed spiritually. In baptism we become "one in Christ."

What a wonderful concept for each of us to meditate upon as we consider the power of Jesus in our lives.

We, as Catholic Christians, are "one in Christ." This means that we, each of us, share profoundly in the living presence of our Lord and Savior, we share

profoundly as children of God in the true reality of Jesus Christ who is with us always. The meaning of Jesus' sacrifice of dying on the cross has opened for us the possibility of entering into eternity as one of God's chosen because we are all one in the Lord.

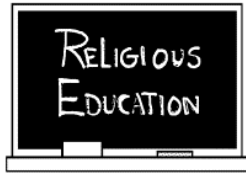
In today's Gospel passage, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers for them and says, "the Christ of God." Peter instinctively becomes aware of the truth of Jesus---Jesus is, indeed, the Messiah, the One sent by God! In a different Gospel, the passage is fleshed out more fully and we are told that Peter's revelation is a gift to him from the Father. And it is really only by God's gift to us that we can have faith in Jesus as Messiah and Son of God.

Today we consider that Jesus is truly the Son of God, the Christ who is our Lord and Savior. We are directed because of this revelation to the latter part of today's Gospel passage. To be a follower of Jesus Christ is no cakewalk. There is a "cost to discipleship." Jesus reminds the disciples and us that we must take up "the Cross" as we follow the Lord. We must be disciplined in our relationship with Jesus and we must be willing to place our very lives in service to the Lord. This is what Jesus means when he tells his disciples that they must be willing to lose their lives in order

to save their lives. It is the same for us. We must be willing to give ourselves over completely to the way of the Lord. We lose our lives by willingly entering into life with Jesus. The will of Jesus must come before our own. And this is never easy. Let us spend a little time this week considering who we are--- who I am--in the presence of the Lord. How do I give life to the words, "You are the Christ of God" by my daily actions? Today each of us is invited to ask, "Am I really a disciple of Christ? Am I willing to pay the cost of discipleship?"



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to come after me,
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and take up his cross daily
and follow me.



DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD !

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by pre-registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry. Formal Registration will be on all the Sundays of August. For more information please see any of our Catechists or visit the FCMM Office.

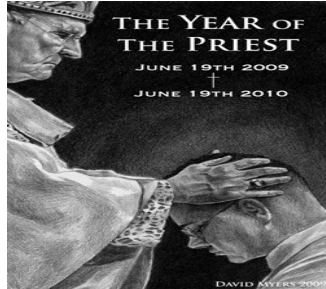
❖ Are you called to Catechesis? What is Catechesis?

"Catechesis always has been and always will be a work for which the whole Church must feel responsible and must wish to be responsible."

John Paul II, Catechesi Tradendae

The FCMM CLEC program will begin in September. Please consider if you would like to participate in the Catechesis of our children and youth youth or adults. If you are interested in teaching, assisting, substituting, sponsoring, or helping in any other way, please contact Mrs. Linda Claldito-Ballares, Mr. Fruan Tabamo, Sr. Celia, or Fr. Frank. Formal Registration will begin in August, and classes in September. A planning meeting will be announced soon. Please prayerfully consider active participation in the call to catechesis!

The most important thing we can do as a Church is pass on the Faith to the next generation of Catholics !



As the *"Year of the Priest"* comes to a close, please continue with your prayers for our priests - past, present and future. We thank them for their service in His holy name. We pray that they have the grace and strength to carry on Jesus' mission for the Church. We ask Jesus to continue to inspire men who are called to priestly vocation to answer His call and participate in the fullness that He has planned for them.



Let us pray for those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us pray for those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father. Let us pray for those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the

neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us pray for those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children's lives. Let us pray for those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing. Let us pray for those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children's love and respect. Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart. Let us pray for those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Let us pray for those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us pray for those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

*As the school year comes to an end,
we wish all the children of our parish a happy,
safe and enjoyable summer.*

STEWARDSHIP – *“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* - Luke 9:23

We are not very good at “denying ourselves” in this society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own personal “wants” aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead.



Your Offerings for the week ending June 13, 2010 totaled \$ 2,165. 50

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



AN IMPORTANT REMINDER:

As we begin the more relaxed season of summer, please remember that our parish, The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission, still depends on your weekly generosity to meet everyday expenses. Please remember to “make up” your weekly gift to our parish when you are away at your “summer home” or on a much deserved vacation. The FCMM doesn’t take a vacation and we are called upon to meet our financial obligations even during the summer.

Thanks for your assistance each week!



- ❖ 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:

DR. & MRS. JESUS PELAUSA, CONRAD ALLAN REOLO, JEROME MALACAS, MARK ANTHONY QUIRAPAS, LARRY, ALICE and FAMILY, INOCENCIO SILVERIO 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, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANTONIO FOZ, NORA ZABALA, JULIO MACARAIG, BEATA SANGALANG, FRUCTUOSA VELASQUEZ, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, EMELITA GASPAY, ANGELITA ZARAGOSA, FELIMON AMIAN SR., GERRIELYN ANN MASAYA, DAWN DELA PAZ, PABLITO DE CASTRO, MARIA MINDA MIÑON, RODOLFO REQUILMAN, FELICITAS GARCIA, C.G.A., JESS ALCAIDE, VERONICA DE LAS ALAS, DALMACIO AQUINO SR., ANNIE FORGET, JULIE PARADO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, MARIE FAUBERT. DR. JESS PELAUSA.

May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially JULITA POBLETE GABA, DALMACIO PADUA, PASTOR DABBAY, PEDRO ISON, AUGUSTO & ANGELITO ARALAR, MAURA TOLENTINO, OLIVER TAN, OSCAR ZARASPE, , 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.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY, RELATIVES, and FRIENDS**, offered by *REY and LINDA BALLARES*.

