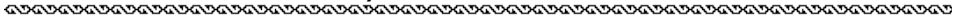




Today we resume the celebration of Sundays in Ordinary Time, and we do so by proclaiming that our God is the God of Life. Although death is very much a part of our existence, such was not the Creator's original plan. As the Book of Wisdom teaches us, death came into the picture only through the devil's action and deception. From that moment on, the entire history of humankind became a struggle between life and death, with death appearing to have the upper hand, until Christ destroyed its power through the resuscitations that he worked, as in today's Gospel, but especially through his own resurrection. The Eucharist that we celebrate by listening to the Word of Life and by breaking the Bread of Life is a constant reminder that our God is a God of Life and that life eternal is the final destiny of all those who believe.



GOD, THE SOURCE, PROMOTER AND GUARANTOR OF LIFE

Life is the richest reality on earth. It is what makes our planet the jewel of the universe. Life, with all its innumerable forms, beauty and potentials cannot have originated by itself. It has been created by God. That's why He is rightly called "The Source of all Life."

The opening chapters of the Book of Genesis and the Book of Wisdom tell us, in a symbolic and poetic way, how God communicated life to all that exists. He spoke His mighty Word and things came to be. He blew his breath into the nostrils of the first earthlings and man became a "living being"!

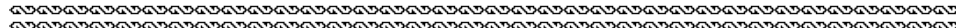
All forms of life, be they physical, intellectual, emotional, affective, moral, or spiritual are wonderful, even though they do not all have the same degree of preciousness. The most precious of all is our spiritual or supernatural life – the one that transcends all others because it enables us to share in the most intimate way in the very life of God.

But life, for all its preciousness and richness, has also its enemies. And the most terrible of them all is the Devil. He is the one that has injected into life the terrible virus of weakness, sickness and death. These different forms of viruses affect all human beings. And since the Devil is much more powerful than we are, mankind's efforts in fighting him were doomed to be futile; our victories have remained partial and short-lived, for in the end, death strikes all.

Weakness and suffering in all their forms, and even physical death, did not spare even the very Son of God when he took human nature for our sake. But in God's plan, that utter defeat became the beginning of an unprecedented **REVIVAL**. The power of divine life, hidden in the vulnerable human life of the God-made-man, slew death itself when Jesus Christ rose from death, thereby becoming also the firstborn of all the dead.

Jesus Christ's victory over sickness had already been bannered through his innumerable healings. His victory over death was foreshadowed through the three resuscitations that he performed, and became definitive in his own resurrection. That momentous event was unparalleled in its occurrence and universal in its effects. Christ's resurrection became also the spiritual resurrection of all those buried in the grave of their sins. It became also the "first fruits" and the "prototype" and guarantee of the final resurrection of all human beings. (See 1 Cor 15.)

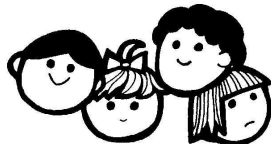




❖ **ORDINARY TIME** ~ The Easter Season ended after Evening Prayer on the Feast of Pentecost. The Easter/Paschal Candle is now placed near the Baptistry where it is displayed with due honour. It is used during the celebration of Marriage and Baptism, and the candles of the newly baptized are lit from it. The Easter/Paschal Candle is also used in funeral Masses where it is once again placed in the sanctuary. Ordinary Time began after the Christmas Season and ended before Lent on the 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Once the Easter Season is completed, Ordinary Time begins again except for the following two Sundays when we celebrate two important feasts of Our Lord: Trinity Sunday, and the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. We resume Ordinary Time again with the 10th Sunday of Ordinary Time today, June 9.



• **CONGRATULATIONS!**



The Catechetical Year 2013 ended yesterday & today !

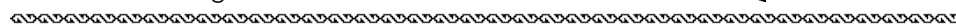
We congratulate and extend best wishes to our CLEC children who 'graduate' today ! We've had 66 students in the different levels from Kinder to Level 4; 15 of them went for their Confirmation last May 26

and another 23 received their First Communion last Sunday, June 2.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all of our **CATECHISTS** for all that they did to help the children and youth in our Mission Community experience what it is to believe, to worship and to love our Lord Jesus!



Thank you too to all the parents who have been helpful in the task of transmitting the faith to the children.



Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor Feast Day:

June 13



The gospel call to leave everything and follow Christ was the rule of Anthony's life. Over and over again God called him to something new in his plan. Every time Anthony responded with renewed zeal and self-sacrificing to serve his Lord Jesus more completely. His journey as the servant of God began as a very young man when he decided to join the Augustinians, giving up a future of wealth and power to be a servant of God. Later, when the bodies of the first Franciscan martyrs went through the Portuguese city where he was stationed, he was again filled with an intense longing to be one of those closest to Jesus himself: those who die for the Good News.

So Anthony entered the Franciscan Order and set out to preach to the Moors. But an illness prevented him from achieving that goal. He went to Italy and was stationed in a small hermitage where he spent most of his time praying, reading the Scriptures and doing menial tasks. The call of God came again at an ordination where no one was prepared to speak. The humble and obedient Anthony hesitantly accepted the task. The years of searching for Jesus in prayer, of reading sacred Scripture and of serving him in poverty, chastity and obedience had prepared Anthony to allow the Spirit to use his talents. Anthony's sermon was astounding to those who expected an unprepared speech and knew not the Spirit's power to give people words.

Recognized as a great man of prayer and a great Scripture and theology scholar, Anthony became the first friar to teach theology to the other friars. Soon he was called from that post to preach to the heretics, to use his profound knowledge of Scripture and theology to convert and reassure those who had misled him.

QUOTE: In his Sermons, Anthony says: ***"The saints are like the stars. In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ."***

- from "Saint of The Day" St. Anthony Messenger Press

St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us !



his month of June, can you spare a few hours on Saturday mornings ? We will need volunteers to help us in the repair of the outer walls of the Church. Please notify Mr. Francis Pandy or Mr. Ed Ruiz of your availability. Women are welcome too to help prepare the meals and snacks for our volunteers. Thanks in advance.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS** offered by **NOEMI TUVIDA.**



"And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, 'Do not weep.'" (Luke 7:13)

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to "love one another." Unfortunately today, many people have "passion" for activities they enjoy - their job and off-work activities. Many times our "passion" to excel is at the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.



Your Offerings for the week ending June 2, 2013 totaled **\$ 1,537. 00**

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



- 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, FELIPE & SONIA, NORMA FOZ & FAMILY, FELISA UMALI.



- 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, 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, TERESITA PLAMENCO, 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.. May God bring them healing and peace.

- Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially:
RAMUEL HIDALGO, JUANITA MANUEL, EULOGIO CELEBRADOS, MARIA CLARA QUIRAPAS, SOTERO MOJADO, MARIQUITA SUMAYA, JOSE SEGUERRA, ENGRACIA LAUS, MAMERTO BENITO, STEVE PLOUX, FELY & WILLIAM, 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.



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