

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 02. 2013



As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.

-1 Corinthians 11:26

In a world tormented by many forms of hunger, the Eucharist is the ultimate answer because it is Christ's self-giving to us. Only in him do our hearts find the perfect fulfilment of our yearning for acceptance, appreciation, forgiveness, and love. The Eucharist is the **"perfect gift"** because, in it, Jesus Christ gives himself totally to us. But it is also a **"challenging gift"** because it demands of us that we ourselves become a **"total gift"** to our brothers and sisters. Only those who are prepared to work for the good of their neighbor receive the Eucharist with the proper disposition.

If the awareness of our weakness frightens us, we should not despair, for the Eucharist is also an **"empowering gift"** since it gives us the strength that we need to carry out what it demands. Let us make this Eucharistic celebration a memorable event in our personal life and in the life of our community.



The Never-Ending Gift

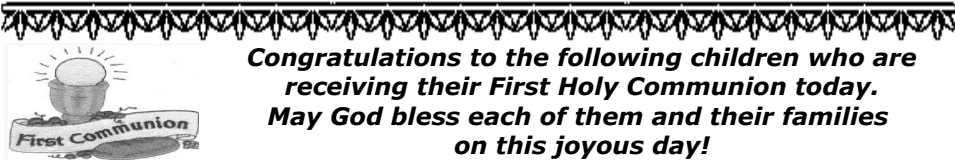
Jesus Christ offered himself on Calvary as the Passover Lamb of the new and everlasting Covenant between God and all mankind. Just as there is only one Mediator (see 1 Tim 2:5), so there is only one expiatory sacrifice in human history which has the

power to atone for all the sins of all times – Christ's. His sacrifice had the power to redeem not only mankind, but billions of worlds. This is the reason why *it need not be repeated*. And in any case *it cannot be repeated*, for Jesus cannot suffer or die any more since he is now enthroned at the right hand of the Father, where he continuously intercedes for us. (See Rom 8:34.)

But how are men to benefit from his redeeming sacrifice and resurrection? We are beings who live in time and continuously feel the need to experience anew the salvation wrought by him once and for all. We need to experience it not only as a gift coming from God but also as an **"event"** into which we **"enter"** in a **fully human and participatory manner**. This means that the saving sacrifice of Jesus, historically accomplished once on Calvary, has to be made **"present"** and operative time and again for all those who freely accept to benefit from it in faith. Such is the miracle that takes place whenever the Eucharist is celebrated as the **"memorial"** of Christ's suffering, death and resurrection. It was Jesus himself who, at the Last Supper, **"invented"** this wonderful way of making his saving work contemporary with every generation, for all those who wish to be part of it. And it was he who commanded his disciples to repeat **"in memory of him"** what he had just done in the Upper Room, in anticipation of the dramatic events that would take place between his capture and his resurrection.

We Catholics take Jesus' words seriously and for what they sound. It is not for us to take a rationalistic stand, and even less to reject the reality of this saving mystery in the name of human **"logic."** God's salvation is not the result of a mathematical equation, but the fruit of His **"illogical"** love for sinners. All this is surely a challenge to our faith, but no more than Bethlehem or Calvary or the empty tomb. The result of our **"memorial"** of Jesus' sacrifice is not our doing but God's. What we do in the Eucharistic celebration is to fulfill the **"condition"** for Christ to become our food and drink. It is the Holy Spirit who makes Jesus present for us and us to him, by giving a **"divine power"** to the words pronounced by the priest celebrant during the **"memorial"** of his passion, death and resurrection we call **"the Mass."**

In this way, not only can we *freely offer* ourselves to the Father in union with Jesus, but also *gratefully receive* him from the Father as the sacramental sign of his self-giving love.



Congratulations to the following children who are receiving their First Holy Communion today. May God bless each of them and their families on this joyous day!

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| Alejandro, Chrisjan | Arboleda, Joelyne |
| Bautista, Chanel-Grace | Bigcas, Corey Sid |
| Cabico, Amanda | Cabico, Victoria |
| Carandang, Alyssa Rae | Drouin, Jeffrey |
| Escueta, Bea Francine | Escueta, Francis Albert |
| Foz-Elamparo, Evangeline Marie | Geregale, Heizel |
| Kardos, Louise-Marie | Llobrera, Erick Brandon |
| Manjares, Kodee Jedd | Nuevo, Hannah |
| Pavico, Camille | Periodica, Kristopher |
| Rubio, John Matthew | Sain, Joseph |
| | Valencia, Jeanna Nicole |

We hope and pray that they will continue to spiritually hunger for Jesus and come to Communion often.



To their parents... we ask that you set the example and bring these little ones to Communion very often so that their First Communion does not become their Last Communion until Confirmation.

To their teachers... who have so diligently and faithfully prepared these children, we extend our grateful thanks!



Lord JESUS  Present in the Eucharist

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART

The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus will be celebrated on **Friday, JUNE 7th**. This feast day celebrates God's love for us. Please plan to join with our Mission Community to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart with the **Holy Hour, Liturgical Novena and Mass at 6:00 p.m.** Come and celebrate the miracle of God's love. We hope you can join us!



A Special Note of Congratulations

to our young men and women who are graduating this year: ...from colleges and universities, from our high schools and also from elementary and middle schools. May God's presence, blessings, and gifts continue to embrace you in accomplishing your goals throughout the coming years.



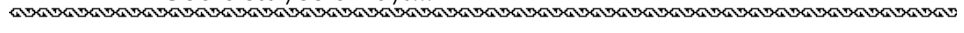
"They all ate and were satisfied. And when the leftover fragments were picked up, they filled twelve wicker baskets." - Luke 9:17

The story of the Loaves and Fishes shows us that when we share what we have - even if it doesn't seem like that much - miracles can happen. God blesses the gifts we offer and makes them wondrous.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 26, 2013 totaled **\$ 1,689. 50**

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





For those of us who have lost...

*our health, our peace of mind, our housing,
our financial security, a loved one, our dreams,
our talents, our initial zeal, our sobriety,
our faith, our self-respect, our perspective,
our innocence, our independence,
peace within our families, civil peace,
our trust in others, our virtue, our home,*

Let us pray. All loving God, You have given us St. Anthony, the patron of the lost, as an intercessor of those who are in need of your mercy. Listen to his voice, as he calls out to You on our behalf, and grant those things which will help us grow in Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOIN US for the TRIDUUM of MASSES and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA here at the FCMM.

MONDAY, June 10, 2013- 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist – Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, pme

SUB THEME: PILGRIMS KNOWING THE FAITH

TUESDAY, June 11, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist – Rev. Fr. Georges Morin, ofm

SUB THEME: PILGRIMS LIVING THE FAITH

WEDNESDAY, June 12, 2013- 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist – Rev. Fr. Laurent Gallant, ofm

SUB THEME: PILGRIMS SHARING THE FAITH

THURSDAY, June 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist – Rev. Fr. Andre Comtois, ofm

THEME: ST. ANTHONY, GUIDE OF FAITH PILGRIMS



- 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:
LYNN RIVERA MALACAS, JOSELITO LALIC, ALISA LALIC.



- 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,**

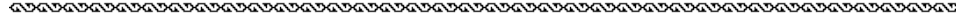
ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO, ANTONIO FOZ, NORMA FOZ, ALICIA GINES, 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

JUAN & FRANCISCO BAUTISTA, ESTANISLAO & ABRAHAM CELEBRADOS, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., ZENaida ARAZA, CONSOLACION RUIZ, CONSOLACION BACOSA, AMELIA ALCANTARA, EMILIA FOZ, NELIA VELASCO, ROGELIO CELEBRADOS, ROBERT ELLASUS, 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 ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS AND GRACES RECEIVED** offered by **NOEMI TUVIDA.**

