



**MARCH 06, 2011**  
**9<sup>TH</sup> Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time**

*Today we, Jesus' followers are reminded of the foundations on which we place our faith. We will notice that the house built upon rock was subjected to the very same wind and rain that would afflict the house built upon sand.*

*The difference between the two houses would lie in their foundations. In the same way, we cannot expect to be spared the inevitable tempests and storms that are part of the human condition. The winds will blow and the rains will come! Being rooted in the firm foundation of faith, hope and charity will make all the difference in the world. May we never stray from the One who makes us strong.*

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**NOT EVERYONE...**



*Mother Teresa of Calcutta offers this tip for living: THE PURPOSE OF LIFE IS NOT TO BE SUCCESSFUL BUT TO BE FAITHFUL !*

*If success is the gauge by which we will be measured, many of us will fail, with all our sins, shortcomings, problems, and issues. Thank goodness, that is not what God expects of us. Even His Son seemed a failure on the cross. But God's measure is how faithful we have been in our faith, in our relationships, and in our efforts to change or effect change in others.*

*An old friend priest firmly believes in the mercy of our God that he professes and confesses at his deathbed: When God opens our hearts, God will kindly brush aside our failings and faults. When we meet God finally, God will look at how we have tried to be faithful.*

*Not all houses will remain standing, not even the strongest of stones. What will remain and will be remembered by God is our faithfulness, how we have tried our best to do his will: to love with care and to care with love. Faithfulness will weather any storm. Let us build on it.*

*365 DAYS WITH THE LORD*



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**ADULT CONFIRMATION** – Our DRE, Sr. Celia Piala , will hold Sessions for **adults** who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**DATE: Saturdays - April 9, 16, 23, & 30**  
**TIME: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.**

To register and for more information, come to the FCMM Office.



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The Philippine Embassy will provide **Consular Service** at the FAMAS Community Centre (4708 Van Horne Ave. Montreal, Quebec Metro Plamondon - Tel. 514-341-7477) on **Saturday, 19 March** from **9 :30 am to 5:30 pm**

- Full notarial and legal services, Balikbayan stamp services, Passport amendments and Travel document services, Accepting dual citizenship, report of birth, report of marriage, Visa and Mortuary Certificate Applications.
  - **IMPORTANT:** Pls. call the Philippine Embassy in Ottawa ( 613- 233 1121 ) for appointment/reservation. Only the first 120 callers will be entertained.
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**enter into  
the holy season  
of lent**

**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup>.**



Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7:30 p.m. The Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held at 6:30 p.m.



**REMINDER : ASH WEDNESDAY IS  
A DAY OF FASTING and ABSTINENCE!**

**Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholic Christians age 14 years old and older on **Ash Wednesday, Good Friday** and on **all the Fridays of Lent**. In addition, by special permission from the Holy Father, Catholics are to either abstain from meat or do some other form of penance on all other Fridays of the year outside of Lent since Fridays are recognized as penitential days (1983 Canon 1250).

- Invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.

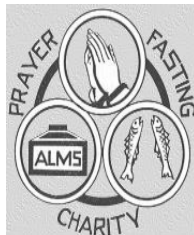
**Fasting** is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** by all Catholic Christians who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

- Again, invalids, pregnant and nursing mothers are exempt.



**PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed each Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. Join us as we recall and meditate on Jesus' journey from his condemnation to his burial in the tomb.



**The Holy Season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday. It is a penitential season during which we acknowledge our dependence on God's mercy and love through prayer, acts of penance and acts of generosity to the poor and the less fortunate. These three dimensions ought to be present in our lives in a special way during Lent. We hope you will come journey with us toward Holy Week and Easter here at the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal.**



**"Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock."**  
- Matthew 7:24

Our Lord gives us two distinct commands today. We must listen and we must act. We listen when we participate in Mass. We act when we participate in the ministry of the parish. We need to do both for a strong foundation. Participating more fully in the liturgy and life of the parish may require some changes on our part. We may have to move away from our current lifestyle so that we can move closer to God.



Your Offerings for the week ending February 27, 2011 totaled \$ **1,790.00**

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



**YEAR 2010 TAX RECEIPTS** are now available for pick-up after each Mass. For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during regular working hours ( 514 -3875292 )



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



- ❖ 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:*

THE AGUILA-DIWA FAMILY, MR. & MRS. FRANCISCO DARIO and FAMILY, LUMEN TADEO SILVERIO, THE AMBAYEC FAMILY, SONY JOY CASTELLANO, KAYLA LAUS, NOEL JAMES ANDAL, ANGELICA PACHEO.



Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: MATEO LOCQUIAO,.

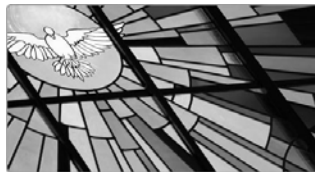
❖ Please pray for all the *sick and suffering members* of our Mission community and their loved ones, especially: FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JESS ALCAIDE, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, NORA ESPIRITU, ANNIE MOJADO, GREGORIO DEL MONTE, EDMOND GABA, MABEL TUVIDA.

May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: LITA SIDECO, JOVITA BALDESCO, LEONOR GALAN, FELIPE SANCHEZ, BERLINO VELOSO, CARMEN PUMONTOC, ANTONIO MAMARADLO, MARIA ANGEL MAMARADLO, SEVERINO OMBAO, CONSUELO OMBAO, VICTOR KRAMER, GREGORIO CELEBRADOS, ESPERANZA, MARILOU, JOSPER, & JOSELIN TRINIDAD, FILOMENA BALABAD VITALEZ, JOSE GOLINGAY, CAARLITO CAVAN, FR. BRIAN MOON, and those dying everyday in Afghanistan, the Middle East and in battles around the world.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



## The Sunday Mass We Love

### New Roman Missal

The Holy Father has asked the Bishops of the world to take a look at the translations of the Mass in their native languages to ensure they are accurate translations from the Latin. The Canadian Bishops are in the final stages of completing this process, and hope to have our new Roman Missal ready for the fall of 2011. To prepare ourselves for this, we will look at the Mass each week in our bulletin.

### Our Dress

We are children of God, loved by Him beyond measure. Putting on "Sunday best" clothes for Church is an external way of showing love, respect, and honour to our Blessed Lord as He becomes present in the Eucharist. He who is God so desires, out of His great love for us, to become food and drink to nourish our souls with His love and grace. Saying that God doesn't care what we look like, He is happy that we are in Church, is putting emphasis on ourselves. We are there to show our love for God, to praise and thank Him for all He has done for us. What we wear shows how we care and reflects our attitude towards God and the Mass. As temples of the Holy Spirit we dress modestly. Modesty is a fruit of the Spirit.

### How To Prepare For Mass

One simple way to prepare for Mass is to leave the house early enough to arrive at church a few minutes before Mass begins. This gives you breathing space to prepare your heart at church. The Living With Christ misalette offers the readings of the Mass; reading them carefully and prayerfully during the week is a wonderful preparation for Sunday liturgy.