



"Many more began to believe in him because of his word." In today's Gospel, Jesus "converts" many of the Samaritans because of his word." We are invited today to also hear, and be "converted" by his "word."

As we have journeyed forth during this Lenten season, we have considered the discipline needed to remain faithful to God as we considered Jesus and his temptation in the desert. We have also considered transformation as we considered the beautiful passage about Jesus' Transfiguration that was witnessed by his disciples.

Over these next three Sundays we will consider a Samaritan woman, a blind beggar and a dead man, each of whom have a life changing encounter with Jesus. In each of the passages we are asked to consider the change of heart of those who encounter Jesus with openness and trust.

Today we begin to look at conversion---that change of heart that can only begin after we have spent time walking with the Lord with hearts and souls open to his goodness and love. The Samaritan woman meets Jesus at Jacob's Well. This is a special place where one is truly refreshed by the cool goodness of running water from underground springs. Jacob's Well is the place where one can be refreshed--physically and spiritually!

In the beautiful encounter between Jesus and this woman, we see openness to God's word in the world. What Jesus' own people have refused to believe, this woman accepts willingly. She trusts in the truth and goodness of Jesus' voice. This woman comes to understand that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus sees into her heart and Jesus offers her "the living water." The Samaritan

woman encounters Jesus and enters into the process of conversion. She believes in his authority as she goes and invites others to believe in him. They come and hear his voice and they too believe.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to listen to Jesus. His voice is, indeed, one that brings forth "living water: water welling up to eternal life." Hopefully we have faced our temptations and have still journeyed forth. Hopefully we have entered into Jesus' transforming love. Now we are ready to begin our conversion---freely partaking of the living water: Jesus Christ whose **word** brings us to new life in him!



THOUGHTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF LENT:

- Attend Mass at least one time on a weekday during the next two weeks.
- Give up one dessert this week and donate the money saved to "ALAY KAPWA."
- Confess your sins.
- Perform a kindness for a family member or neighbor.
- Instead of gossiping, say something nice about someone.
- Make a visit to church - pray a rosary -

make the Stations of the Cross - just sit and share a quiet moment with God.

Lent is 1/2 over. What are you doing with it?



THE HOLY SEASON OF RENEWAL

"Each year, you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our God, and of willing service to our neighbor."

† LENTEN OBSERVANCES IN THE FCMM †



The Stations of the Cross is being prayed on **each Friday** during Lent at **6:00 p.m.** This typically Lenten devotion comes **highly recommended** by the Saints, many of whom prayed the Stations daily! Come and join us.

Alay Kapwa

Alay means offering or to offer. **Kapwa** could mean brothers and sisters or neighbors. **Alay Kapwa**

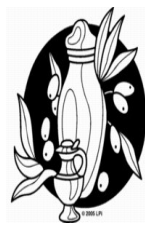
means offering what we have to our brothers and sisters who are in need. Share in our **Lenten Action Project** for the less fortunate and the needy. Please donate non-perishable food items, personal hygiene supplies and school supplies which will be sent to the natives in BUKIDNON, and to the MANGYAN TRIBES in Mindoro, Philippines. You can deposit your donations in the boxes at the church entrances.



PENANCE SERVICES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a very meaningful way to celebrate Lent. Individual Confessions are heard by our priest 20 minutes before our liturgical services. (5: 40 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays, and 11: 00 a.m. on Sundays). **A COMMUNAL Celebration of Penance** will be held on **Sunday, April 10th** **before the mass.** Please come earlier than usual and join us as we pray together for reconciliation.



PABASA NG SAMBAYANAN – Starting **Sunday, April 10,** (from 3-10 pm) until **Thursday, April 14,** (nightly, from 6:00 – 10 p.m.), we will have the **PABASA** here at the FCMM. This is a beautiful Filipino Lenten tradition of chanting in Pilipino verses our Salvation History. Join us! Everybody is welcome !



ANOINTING OF THE SICK – A Special Mass with the administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Friday, April 15th** at **7:00 p.m.** This Sacrament is for the living who are seriously/chronically ill with the purpose of restoring physical health to the person. It is a sacrament that can be repeated as many times as the person needs it. **No** proxy-healing is allowed. For assistance and more info., call the FCMM Office (514- 387- 5292)



EASTER FLOWERS: What a beautiful way of remembering a loved one by donating the Easter Flowers that will adorn the sanctuary of the FCMM throughout the Easter Season !

DONATION: One pot of Orchids/ Hydrangea- \$ 30.00
One pot of Easter Lilies - \$25.00
One pot of Green Plant - \$ 25.00

SPONSOR a plant in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of the living. Stop by at the FCMM Office and complete a flower/ plant form with your donation. A card bearing your intention will then be displayed on a plant or flower during Easter. In addition, a listing of the names of those remembered will be published in the Bulletin for the duration of this blessed season. Hurry ! Limited Quantity! Deadline is on Friday, APRIL 15, 2011.

**Raise funds for the FCMM every time you shop!
Get Gift cards from the FCMM every week for your shopping needs !**



Please be reminded that Shopping cards for many local stores, gasoline stations, and supermarkets are available **ALL YEAR-ROUND** to all who wish to support our church. Cards are available in amounts from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **5% of your purchase goes to support our parish!**

Please see Ms. Marites Quirapas



"Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'" - John 4:7

How often through our lives does Jesus ask us to give Him a drink? Remember that Jesus lives in every person who is physically hungry and thirsty and also in all those who thirst for compassion, love or care. Mother Teresa was motivated in her work in Calcutta by two of Our Lord's last words as He hung on the cross. *"I thirst" - John 19:28* Sometimes it may be difficult for us to give the drink that Jesus asks from us. Yet, can we really refuse to share our time, talent or treasure to relieve Our Lord's thirst in this world?



Your Offerings for the week ending March 20, 2011 totaled **\$ 1,469.50**

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:
THE TAWAY FAMILY, DOMENICO & DELIA CAVALLARO,
MALINDA PANG.



- ❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: LARRY & ALICE PANADO and FAMILY, THE FCMM CATECHETICAL MINISTRY.
- ❖ 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, NORA ESPIRITU, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, ANNIE MOJADO, GREGORIO DEL MONTE, EDMOND GABA, MABEL TUVIDA, EDITH VALENZUELA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, IMELDA ARALAR, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS.
May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially:
LORIE CLEMENTE, MERLE CONEL, MATEO LOCQUIAO, ADELAIDA BRITOS, JAYMAR ZUBIETO, MARIA SEMINARA CAVALLARO, JOSE GERAL, MARIETTA SANTOS ABRIGO, 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 **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL DECEASED RELATIVES** offered by **CASIANA ERIVERA**.



THE WATER FROM HEAVEN

As dry flour cannot be united into a lump of dough or a loaf, but needs water, so we who are many cannot be made one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven.