

Fourth Sunday in Easter

MAY 15, 2011

Today, we are celebrating Good Shepherd Sunday and the 48th World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This celebration reminds us of our vocation to follow Christ and the importance and beauty of the call to the ordained ministry and to the consecrated life. As members of God's flock, we have the duty to promote and sustain new vocations to priestly and religious life. In tes Holy Mass, let us pray to the Lord of the Harvest to send more and holy laborers in His vineyard: people who are filled with the love and compassion of the Good Shepherd who laid down his own life for the sheep. We will also pray that those who are called may respond with a generous "yes" every day of their life.



I AM THE GATE



Business nowadays is done in strange ways- transactions under the table or over the table with the table as part of the grease money; big letters and fine print in a contract; secret arrangements not specified in the contract- all these do not pass through the door but climb over elsewhere. And they kill ! 'I am the gatekeeper.' The gatekeeper keeps in and shoos out. He protects the lives of those within the sheepfold. If we want access to

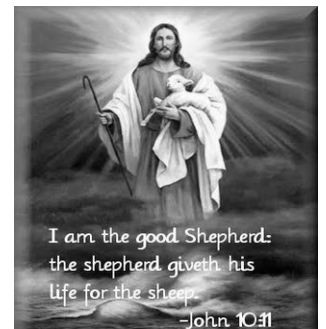
grace, it is necessary to know and befriend the Lord who is the gate and the gatekeeper, otherwise we better be ready with a badge for entry. A father and a son can no longer live together because of their many differences. The son decided to pack his things and leave. On his way out of the family, the father calls him and hands him a key. "Son," he says, " I understand we cannot live together for now. But should you decide to drop by sometime, here is the key to our house. You need not knock. " God has given us a key, a pass, or a badge to the kingdom in the cross of Jesus his Son !

365 Days with the Lord



In Palestine sheep are raised for their wool and not for their meat. Hence, the sheep lives with the shepherd for years. And they develop strong affections for one another. For this reason, the shepherd truly loves his sheep and the sheep know him and love him. The shepherd protects the sheep from wild animals. He is armed with a slingshot and club.

Jesus presents himself as the Good Shepherd. He paid the price of our redemption. What makes the love of Christ heroic (according to St. Paul) was that while we were still enemies, he died for us (Rom 5:7-8).





• **WORLD DAY of PRAYER for VOCATIONS -**

Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, is a special celebration of WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS. The world - wide church honors all Christian vocations. We pray that our church may be enriched by our commitment to remain faithful to God's call. Jesus, the good Shepherd, guides and protects us on our journey.

(This is an excerpt from the Prayer for Vocations composed by Blessed Pope John Paul II.)

May an ardent prayer, sustained by the motherly intercession of Mary, rise from every corner of the earth, to the heavenly Father to obtain "laborers for his harvest" (Mt 9:38). May He give zealous and holy priests to every part of His flock. Sustained by this awareness we turn to Christ, the High Priest, and we pray to him with renewed trust:

Jesus, Son of God, in whom the fullness of the Divinity dwells, You call all the baptized to "put out into the deep," taking the path that leads to holiness. Waken in the hearts of young people the desire to be witnesses in the world of today to the power of your love. Fill them with your Spirit of fortitude and prudence, so that they may be able to discover the full truth about themselves and their own vocation. Our Savior, sent by the Father to reveal His merciful love, give to your Church the gift of young people who are ready to put out into the deep, to be the sign among their brothers of Your presence which renews and saves.

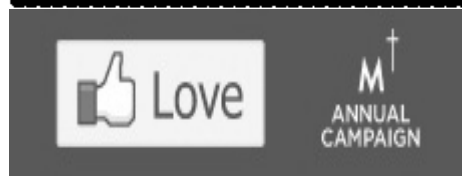
Holy Virgin, Mother of the Redeemer, sure guide on the way towards God and towards neighbor, You who pondered his word in the depth of your heart, sustain with your motherly intercession our families and our ecclesial communities, so that they may help adolescents and young people to answer generously the call of the Lord. Amen!



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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



❖ **23RD ANNUAL COLLECTION of the Church of Montreal-**

MAY 1, 8 & 15, 2011

Last Special Second Collection to be taken up today !

Please be generous. Thank You.



**K of C COUNCIL 13585 DINNER –DANCE
-Saturday, May 21, 2011, 6:00 p.m.
@ the Church Hall !**

- **Tickets @ \$15.00 available now from Council Members.**



May is the month dedicated to Our Lady, Mary, Mother of God.

Mary is our patroness here at the FCMM. Remember to pray to Mary during this month. Why not plan to recite a rosary each day in her honor--- what a good habit to develop.



"I came so that they may have life and have it more abundantly." - John 10:10

We may think that filling our lives with all sorts of riches is what Jesus meant by having life abundantly. Yet, in reality, when we really take time to know God through prayer and scripture we realize that the truly abundant life Jesus offers is a simple life of prayer and service.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 8, 2011 totaled **\$ 1, 677. 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**;



WELCOME into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Family through **Baptism** –

CHRISTOPHER BOZZO/ JARED PAUL COMBISTA / SAVANNAH ASHLEY CONG-O / SENELYN GRACE SAMSON INUMERABLE / MAXENNE LOVELY MENDOZA / MARIELLE JOZALYNE LABRADOR ALLANA / SARAH RAMIELE GUIA VELASCO / JEFERLYN CAMACHO / MICAH EL JAMES SENAJONON- L'HEUREUX / ROMEO MELENDREZ-LOPEZ / CHLOE LEANN REVILLA

We pray God will give wisdom and courage to their parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to faith growth.



- ❖ *We join in the Thanksgiving Intentions of:*
MARIETA FOZ, BENNY MANINGAS DERIQUITO.



- ❖ 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, IMELDA RUIZ, LUZ ORMILLO, WILFRED DARIO, CRISTY RABILAS, LILIA LAMADORA, SALLY VINEBERG.

May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially:
LEOVINO PACHEO, RAQUEL TATON, CELSO MABALHIN, PRISCILLA PATUBO, MARGARITA ABASTA, HONORATA MANGUBAT, ROGELIO ASERON, MARIA PAPA, ROSALINDA MANGINO, FRANCIS SIBAYAN, and those dying everyday in calamities and battles around the world.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well 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.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ADELAIDA and CHRISTOPHER and all DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS** offered by **JOSEFINA, CELY and TOMAS GARCIA.**