

31 October 2010
31st Sunday in
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In today's Gospel, we will hear about a man named Zacchaeus, who climbed a sycamore tree, just to have a glimpse of Jesus. His curiosity turned into hope when Jesus reached out to him by inviting himself to have dinner with him at Zacchaeus' house. This encounter with Jesus made all the difference in Zacchaeus' life.

It shows how love and compassion can change situations of isolation, bitterness, and even despair to attitudes of openness, kindness, and hope.

As we celebrate the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, let us realize that such a wonderful transformation can take place also in the sinners around us if we follow the example of Jesus toward Zacchaeus, if we reach out to them in brotherly and sisterly compassion. Let us keep this in mind as we offer this Eucharist for all those in need of conversion, including ourselves.



JESUS, THE GREAT "RESCUER OF SOULS"

Money and whatever can generate it were the main concern of the tax collectors throughout the Roman Empire, including Palestine. A breed of avid creatures, they looked at people almost exclusively from the perspective of the material profit they could derive from them. They were hated because of that, but they did not mind it at all, as long as they could get what they wanted . . . Zacchaeus, the chief tax collector of Jericho, was not only hated by his own townsfolk because of his profession, but was also despised on account of his short height. And whenever they could take some petty revenge on him, they did it with *gusto* . . .



This is why, as Jesus arrived in Jericho, causing quite a stir among the populace, Zacchaeus found himself hedged out of the front rows and buried in the noisy crowd of taller people. But, the resourceful man that he was, he soon found a solution to popular rejection. In a short while, everybody saw him perched on a tree, like a street youth, proudly awaiting to see Jesus better than anybody else. This time, really, Zacchaeus didn't mean any harm. Just innocent curiosity: he wanted *to see Jesus*. That's all! He could never suspect that his climbing that tree was going to be a turning point in his career. Actually, *the turning point of his life*, for not only did he manage to see Jesus, but *was seen by him*. *Jesus saw Zacchaeus the way God sees people* – through and through, even in his most secret thoughts, desires, fears, needs . . . Jesus saw the spiritual bankruptcy of the wealthy tax collector, his eagerness to be accepted and his need to be saved. Jesus' self-invitation to stay in the house of Zacchaeus caused not only an emotional earthquake in the prejudiced crowd (*see Lk 19:7*), but a real spiritual revolution in the hated and despised tax collector. Jesus' saving look totally disintegrated the chains of greed and mercilessness which had fettered Zacchaeus up to that moment. What came down from the tree was another man, *a new Zacchaeus*, splendidly renewed from within, beaming with the happiness that can only come from God's redeeming grace.

In the light of his new-found treasure – the love of Jesus Christ – all his riches appeared to Zacchaeus like scum. Guided by his new perception of things, he promptly declared his readiness to give half of his belongings to the poor, and to repay abundantly those he might have victimized. (*See Lk 19:8.*)

That day, salvation had indeed entered the house and the heart of the poor sinner, despised by all but not by God. Unlike most of us who are infested with self-righteousness, which brings us to reject and condemn sinners, He overlooks the sins of men that they may repent. (*See Wis 11:23.*) He, actually, ventures beyond that: He goes "to search out and save what is lost" (*Lk 19:10*), for He loathes nothing of what He has made and is a tremendous "lover of souls." (*See Wis 11:24 and 26.*)

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*to everyone who made
the 2010 SEARCH for the
FCMM KING AND QUEEN
OF ANGELS fund-raising
project a big success !*

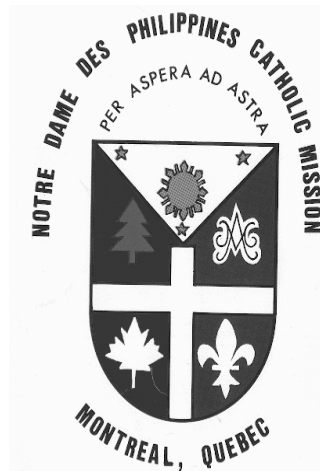
We hope to see you all on CORONATION NIGHT,
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010 at The Hellenic
Community Center. Tickets are now available from the
Special Projects Committee and the FCMM Office.
More on this next issue.



❖ The Mass of Commemoration of all the Faithful
Departed will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
ALL SOULS' DAY MASS ENVELOPES where you can write the
names of ALL your beloved dead to be included in the
'*Responso*' blessing during the Mass are now available at the
FCMM OFFICE. Please be reminded that there is a \$20.00
minimum donation per envelope. THANK YOU.

NOTE: We are reciting the Rosary and the Litany for the Dead at 7:15.

FCMM – La Salle Chaplaincy



THROUGH THE INITIATIVE OF THE PARISH PRIEST,
FR. GIUSEPPE FUGULO, c.s., AND DULY SANCTIONED
BY THE DIOCESE, THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF
MONTREAL HAS BEEN INVITED TO OPEN A
CHAPLAINCY (FCMM Extension) AT THE PARISH OF
MISSIONE MADRE DEI CRISTIANI AT 7935, RUE
LEFEVRE, LA SALLE. IT IS AIMED AT EXTENDING AND
SHARING SOME OF THE PASTORAL SERVICES OF THE
FCMM TO THE FILIPINOS RESIDING AROUND THE SAID
PARISH.

IN VIEW OF THIS, STARTING THE MONTH OF
NOVEMBER, FR. FRANK WILL BE GOING TWICE A
MONTH (2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS) TO MADRE DEI
CRISTIANI TO CELEBRATE MASS AT 5:30 IN THE
AFTERNOON. MORE INFORMATION ON FURTHER
DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE LATER.

*Let us thank God for this grace moment He has granted the FCMM to be really
"missionary" to as many Filipino migrants as possible.*

May God bless this initiative so that it may bring joy and pastoral fruits to all.



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without charge! We feel the sponsors get good coverage with their
ads, and at a relatively low cost — and we urge you to patronize
them. Once again, the time has come to renew your support for
the bulletin. The Printers have done a fine job in publishing our
weekly bulletin and we hope our present sponsors renew their ads.
Also, if others are interested, please call Mrs. Fe Elamparo (514- 738
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**JOIN US on Friday,
November 12, 2010
at 7:30 p.m. for the
FCMM Community Prayer
Meeting !**



Next Sunday, November 7, clocks are to be set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time. **DON'T BE LATE FOR CHURCH...** (or rather **TOO EARLY!**) **REMEMBER !!! FALL BACK**



STEWARDSHIP - *"And how could a thing remain, unless you willed it; or be preserved, had it not been called forth by you?"* - Wisdom 11:25

These words from the Book of Wisdom, remind us that every single gift, skill, talent or blessing that we have has been called forth for us from God. The incredible abundance that surrounds us is all given to us by our heavenly Father for a reason. These gifts are not given for us to hoard but rather for us to share.

Your Offerings for the week ending October 24, 2010 totaled **\$1,275.00**



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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS** offered by *Manny and Lina Lagasca*.



- ❖ 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 BELTRAN & AFAN FAMILIES, FELY MAGUBAT & FAMILY, RODEL & VANESSA, FRANCIS, AARON & THESS, KRYSTAL FOZ, REY MALABUYOC, CRIS ESTOQUE, FELIX MIÑON, NARCISO MEJIA.



- ❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: MR. & MRS. TONY & NORMA FOZ, THE GUILLERMO FAMILY. May the Lord grant them their heart's desires.

- ❖ Your prayers are humbly requested 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, GIGI SALARDA, ANTONINA VIRTUCIO, ARACELI AQUINO, ROMEO AQUINO, WINSTON JAN DOMINGO, JULIE PARADO, PAULINA GABA, DOLORES OLARTE-PURAY. May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: JUANITO NAVAL, FELICISIMA NAVAL, MARCIANA & PIO MANIGAO, IRVIN GENOVIA, JULIAN GALAN SR., 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 have a Mass offered for your intention.



You will reveal the path of life to me, and at your right hand everlasting pleasures.

(Psalm 15/16: 11)