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SEPTEMBER 26, 2010 - 26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Today, we celebrate the Feast of  
the 1<sup>st</sup> Filipino Saint  
and the FCMM's Secondary Patron,  
**San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila and  
Companion Martyrs!**

To all our Guests, Friends and Benefactors...  
**BIENVENUE! MABUHAY! WELCOME!**

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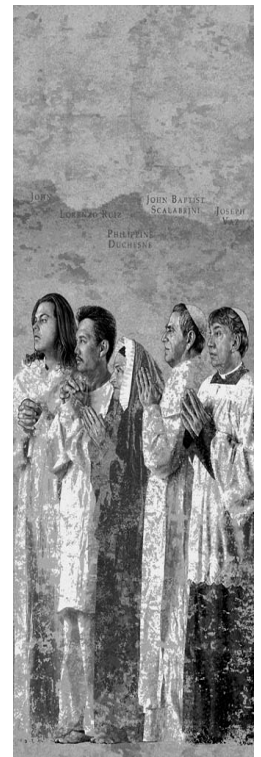
TODAY, on the Sunday nearest to the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, we remember San Lorenzo Ruiz and his companions. They came from many nations but shared one faith. All of them were martyred in the region of Nagasaki, Japan, between 1633 and 1637. Circumstances, or one might say providential design, brought San Lorenzo Ruiz to his martyrdom. A native of Binondo, Lorenzo Ruiz was born of a Chinese father and a Tagalog mother. As a youngster and later as an adult, Ruiz worked for the Dominican friars in Binondo, first as a houseboy and sacristan. Lorenzo was described by his contemporaries as an escribano. That probably meant that Lorenzo earned his living as a clerk-recorder or perhaps as a highly skilled calligrapher. By his own account, Lorenzo was a husband and father of three children.

The colonial authorities ordered the arrest of Lorenzo Ruiz just before his hurried departure. An apparent false accusation was made against Lorenzo, in connection with a homicide. No one knows the whole story. What is known is that Lorenzo Ruiz sought the counsel of the Dominicans in Binondo. The Dominican Provincial, Fr. Gonzalez, arranged for Lorenzo Ruiz to leave Manila secretly, in the company of a group of Dominican missionaries preparing to sail for Japan, via Taiwan.

Lorenzo Ruiz thought he was headed to the Portuguese colony of Macao, where he would be left behind to start a new life for himself and eventually his family. He had no intention of being a martyr in Japan or anywhere else, but when they reached Okinawa, Lorenzo learned the real purpose of the voyage of the Dominicans. Before landing in Okinawa, he had a chance to return to Manila, via Formosa, but Lorenzo Ruiz chose to remain with his Dominican companions. They made a secret landing in Okinawa, hoping to contact Japanese Christians there and perhaps arrange a secret trip to Kyushu. However, the group was captured by the authorities and brought to Nagasaki. Along with the Dominicans, Lorenzo Ruiz suffered a martyr's death, for he refused to renounce his Christian faith. Some say San Lorenzo Ruiz was an "accidental martyr." True, he had no intention of being martyred for his faith. He intended to continue to support his wife and his children by his work. However, when forced to choose between his life and his faith, San Lorenzo Ruiz offered his life in witness to his Catholic faith. His contemporaries reported that Lorenzo Ruiz told the judges: "Had I a thousand lives, I would give them all for my faith."

The feast of San Lorenzo reminds believers of the power of God's grace present in the lives of humble Filipinos today.

Happy fiesta to all ! May he inspire contemporary Filipinos to become equally heroic in living their Christian lives.



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## THE 16 MARTYRS



- + *Domingo Ibanez De Erquicia*,  
Spanish Dominican Priest
- + *Francisco Shoyemon*,  
Japanese Dominican Brother
- + *Jacobo Kyshei De Sta. Maria*,  
Japanese Dominican Priest
- *Miguel Kurobiyoe*, Japanese Lay Catechist
- + *Lucas Del Espiritu Santo*, Spanish Dominican  
Priest
- + *Domingo Kakusuke*, Japanese Lay Catechist
- + *Lazaro De Kyoto*, Japanese Lay Catechist
- + *Mateo Kohioye Del Rosario*,  
Spanish Dominican Brother
- + *Sister Magdalena*,  
Japanese Dominican Nun From Omura
- + *Sister Marina*,  
Japanese Dominican Nun From Omura
- + *Jordan De San Esteban*, Italian Dominican Priest
- + *Thomas Hioji De San Jacinto*, Japanese Dominican Priest
- + *Antonio Gonzales*, Spanish Dominican Priest
- + *Guillermo Courtet*, French Dominican Priest
- + *Vicente Shiwozuka Dela Cruz*, Japanese Dominican Priest
- + *Lorenzo Ruiz*, Filipino Lay Person

***Father, your faithful ones, doing your will in the midst of persecution,  
are blessed in your kingdom.***

***Grant us the endurance of the blessed martyrs Lorenzo and his  
Companions that we may faithfully carry on our service to you  
and to one another. Amen***

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- **THE SEARCH for the 2010 FCMM KING and  
QUEEN OF ANGELS**

Our major fund-raising project for the year is nearing its close. The Last Canvassing will be held on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30**. Please don't hesitate to support any of the candidates as you are supporting our Filipino Church in Montreal. Your \$2.00 /ballot donation will go a long way. You may now begin remitting your donations to the candidates' Parents/ Business Managers. And remember that **Tax – deductible receipts** will be issued at the end of the year to those who will contribute **\$20.00 or more**.

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❖ **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - We are privileged to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar for adoration on the First Friday of each month before the Mass. At present there is a small, but faithful band of FCMM parishioners who come for prayer in the Lord's presence.

If we could increase the numbers who take advantage of this wonderful and rewarding opportunity to spend an hour in the Divine Presence,

the whole FCMM Community would benefit from the graces flowing from this devotion. More important to each of you who make the commitment, however, are the benefits to you personally, in spiritual growth and in peace of mind and body. **COME, JOIN US ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2010 at 6:00p.m.**

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**1ST FRIDAY**



**WELCOME** into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Community through Baptism – September, 2010:

**RONEEH JOSEPH SILVERIO JR. / LLOYD VINCENT JUAN/  
GENEVA DAWN RICAMONTE/ MARK JOSEPH ARIOLA ALBA**

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

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**STEWARDSHIP** - "My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." - Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Your Offerings for the week ending September 19, 2010 totaled  
**\$ 1, 117. 50**

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

**WHAT IS A REASONABLE WEEKLY DONATION TO MY PARISH?**

One suggestion that we make is to consider donating the equivalent of your "First Hour of Work" each week to the Lord.



- ❖ 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:  
ELIZABETH TOLENTINO, TEOFY DIMACULANGAN, ELSIE OCAMPO, CECILIA JALOS, THE KARDOS FAMILY, NEMIE NIEVA, MR. & MRS. EDWIN VISARIO and FAMILY, MR. & MRS. WILLY & PHET QUIRAPAS, RANDY & GLORIA ANTONIO and FAMILY, DIVINA GRACIA JALEA, .



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. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially MARCELINA CORPUZ, CALIXTA ECHANO, LAVINO RODRIGUEZ, RUFINA REGIDOR, 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.



**STAKE YOUR LIFE ON IT**  
Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace. It is so sure and certain that one could stake one's life on it a thousand times.