

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 30, 2012



The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the degree of the Lord is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
-Psalm 19:8

On this last Sunday of September, we thank the Lord for the many blessings He has granted us this month. He is a most generous God.

At the same time, we are invited to grow spiritually by practicing magnanimity and rejecting its opposite. We are likewise challenged to set our priorities right and be prepared to pay the price that a proper scale of priorities entails.



This leads us to today's celebration honoring a lay person from the Philippines, St. Lawrence Ruiz, and his fifteen companions who were intimately connected to the call of service and dedication to Christ. These sixteen martyrs were killed for their faith in 1637, in Nagasaki, Japan.

Born in Manila, St. Lorenzo was the father of a family. He joined the Dominican priests, brothers and lay volunteers who were going to Japan to preach the Gospel. The group was made up of nine Dominican priests, two brothers, two single lay women, and three other lay persons. All were associated with the Dominican order and all died rather than give up their faith in Jesus. They were missionaries who had originally come from five nations- France, Italy, Japan, the Philippines and

Spain. What a wonderful reminder they are that the Church reaches out to the whole world. These martyrs suffered greatly before they died, but they would not give up their Catholic religion. It is recorded that St. Lawrence Ruiz told his judges that if he had a thousand lives to give for Christ, he would. This group of heroes was proclaimed saints by Pope John Paul II on October 18, 1987.

In the Mass, let us pray that like St. Lorenzo, we may open our hearts to the call to proclaim JESUS CHRIST and be steadfast in our faith even to the point of giving up our life.

Today, as the Filipino Church in Montreal celebrates the Feast of the 1st Filipino Saint and its Secondary Patron SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA and Companion Martyrs...

WE WELCOME ALL OUR GUESTS, FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS !

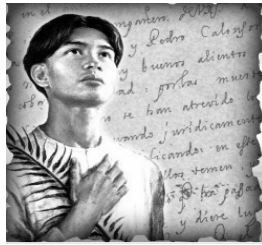


St. Lorenzo Ruiz was a layman, with two sons and a daughter. He is recognized as the first Filipino Saint and Martyr. His story as his life is so much more than a summary of events. Yet, his life stands simply for love, having true unyielding belief and faith in God.

For us everyday Christians and Catholics around the world, his life is a story of an ordinary person willing to give his life for God. But on a daily basis, his life is a constant symbol of how we should never lose faith in God nor ever be afraid of meeting our Father.

"Sanlibo mang buhay mayroon ako, iaalay ko lahat sa Kanya"

(Even if I have a thousand lives, I will give them all up for Him .)



A CATECHETICAL PRIMER ON THE LIFE, MARTYRDOM AND GLORIFICATION OF BLESSED PEDRO CALUNGSOD (Part4)
by Msgr. Ildebrando Jesus Aliño Leyson

Blessed Pedro Calungsod

***What did Padre Diego and Pedro do to show that they were missionaries of peace?** To give Matapang some time to cool down, Padre Diego and Pedro gathered the children and some adults of the village at the nearby shore and started chanting with them the truths of the Catholic Faith. They invited Matapang to join them.

***What was the response of Matapang to the friendly gesture of Padre Diego and Pedro?** Matapang shouted back that he was angry with God and was already fed up with the Christian teachings. Determined to kill the missionaries, Matapang went away and tried to enlist in his cause another villager, named Hirao, who was not a Christian. At first, Hirao refused, mindful of the kindness of the missionaries towards the natives; but, when Matapang branded him a coward, he got piqued and so he consented.

***How were Padre Diego and Pedro able to baptize the child of Matapang?** During that brief absence of Matapang from his hut, Padre Diego and Pedro took the chance of baptizing the infant with the consent of the Christian mother.

***How did Padre Diego and Pedro die?** When Matapang learned of the baptism, he became even more furious. He violently hurled spears first at Pedro. The lad skirted the darting spears with remarkable dexterity. Witnesses said that Pedro had all the chances to escape because he was very agile, but he did not want to leave Padre Diego alone. Those who personally knew Pedro believed that he would have defeated his fierce aggressors and would have freed both himself and Padre Diego if only he had some weapon because he was a valiant boy; but Padre Diego never allowed his companions to carry arms because they were missionaries of peace. Finally, Pedro got hit by a spear at the chest and he fell to the ground. Hirao immediately charged towards him and finished him off with a blow of a cutlass on the head. Padre Diego could not do anything except to raise a crucifix and give Pedro the final sacramental absolution. After that, the assassins also killed Padre Diego. Matapang took the crucifix of Padre Diego and pounded it with a stone while blaspheming God.

***What did the assassins do to the remains of Padre Diego and Pedro?** Both assassins denuded the bodies of Pedro and Padre Diego, dragged them to the edge of the shore, tied large stones to their feet, brought them on a proa to sea and threw them into the deep. Those remains of the martyrs were never to be found again.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - We are privileged to have the



Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar for adoration on the First and Third Fridays 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 5, 2012 at 6:00p.m.

THE SEARCH for the 2012 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 27**. 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**.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF PEDRO MEJIA** offered by **NARCISO & OFELIA MEJIA**.

>Welcome!

to all our CLEC students and their parents !
May you have a fruitful and enjoyable
school year !



"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." - Mark 9:41

Our Lord's comment about the simple gesture of giving a drink of water is a reminder of how Jesus taught that we would all be judged at the end of time. "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Our service and sacrifice to our parish and the greater Church allows us to care for Jesus when He is hungry, thirsty, ill or in need.



Your Offerings for the week ending September 23, 2012 totaled \$ 1,048.00

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:
LARRY & LEAH ALLANA, AURORA AQUINO, BONG & HELEN DIWA.



- ❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the **special intentions of THE SILVERIO 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, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA,

JESS ALCAIDE, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **JUSTINA ACURANTES, APOLINARIO TAOINGAN, LORETO PAVICO, LEONOR GALAN, ZENaida ARAZA, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** 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

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.



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.