



NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION
 MONTREAL, CANADA
 14 August 2011 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A



The theme of this 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time and Jesus' merciful attitude toward the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel remind us that God's love knows no boundaries. He is the Father of all human beings. Consequently, we are all brothers and sisters. This is the basic truth that grounds the second greatest commandment, and the challenge we are called to live up to every day. Unfortunately, we seem to remember this truth almost only when disasters strike and victims plead for help. Just as our universal brotherhood is a reality of every moment, so should its practical manifestations of solidarity, respect, and love be a characteristic of our entire life.

Let our participation in the Eucharistic celebration make the universal love of God our inspiration and encouragement to love everybody at all times.



❖ **FAITHFIRST 2011-2012 REGISTRATION DATE:**
 All Sundays of August
 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
 @ the Church Hall

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry.

Please bring:

- **PHOTOCOPY of BIRTH and BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES/**
- **2 ID SIZE PHOTOS/**
- **FEES (accdng. to each level)**

***Parents and children must be present during registration for an interview.**

***Old Students must bring their Certificate of Participation from the previous year.**

***Students from other parishes must bring a Letter of Certification.**

For more information, please call the FCMM Office (514- 387-5292



❖ **THE 11TH FCMM PASTORAL DAY** (Community Picnic) will be held on **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2011**, at the **CHURCH Grounds** from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. We will celebrate the Holy Mass @ 11: 30am followed by a whole day of fun and enjoyment ! Bring your favorite food to share. Tick off the date on your calendars and don't forget to take along your family and friends. **OPEN TO EVERYONE !!!**



We are clearly in the '**summer vacation mode**'. Your continued weekly support is **essential** for our community's financial well-being. May we suggest you keep your collection envelopes with your other monthly bills? We appreciate your help. **THANK YOU !!!**



Your Offerings for the week ending August 7, 2011 totaled
\$1,085.50

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



Tomorrow, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. May we follow her example in reflecting God's holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise.

The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

HELP KEEP OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER CURRENT



From The Editor

After the Summer break, it is imperative to up-date the bulletin's hospitality corner. This includes an effort to keep our list of the sick parishioners current by adopting a three-month cycle. To start the cycle, we are making a new list this issue. Please contact the FCMM Office or the Bulletin Editor if you would want to put a name on our prayer list. (E-mail JHNARACENA @GMAIL.COM)



- ❖ 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:

JUN, JUDITH and KATHLEEN DIAZ, MARINO & NELLY AQUINO and FAMILY, LITA ACASIO, MIKAELA, CRISTY BAUTISTA, EDITH VALENZUELA, ROSA MYSTICA PILGRIMAGE GROUP, ROSIE CALUMPIANO, FRANCIS, THESS & AARON TUBON, ED, BETH RUIZ and FAMILY, PANADO FAMILY, DONG & TESS LAUS, ESTER MILLETE, MR. & MRS. EFREN OLAES, NATY QUEJA INUMERABLE, JOWEN & MICHELLE, RHODORA GUIA-FOZ ROSA VELASQUES & FAMILY, DR. SIXTA SOTELO GUMATO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, MAXINE COLLINS



➤ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: THE BELTRAN FAMILY, THE MIÑON FAMILY, MARIANO TADEO.. 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, ANNIE MOJADO, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, NORA ESPIRITU, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, VENERANDO SOTELO, EDITH VALENZUELA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially JUANITA TADEO, LUIS GONZALES SR., ALMA GONZALES VEDEJA, CARMEN BLANCIA, RACQUEL V. TATON, LUZ ORMILLO, ENCARNACION FOZ, MIGUEL LOSANO DE LA SANTA, LANDILINO JALOS, VIRGINIA CLEOFAS, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., LIBRADA BANAWA, JOSEFINA GUIANG, MELECIO FELIPE AGUSTIN SR., EUGENIO ACASIO, LUIS VICENTE LEGASPINA, MACARIA LEGASPINA, MERLY ERGUIZA, LUZ ORMILLO, VALENTIN PARIENKO, HONORATO AMORA, RUFINA LAGMAY MAGNO, AUGUSTO & ANGELITO ARALAR, CLAUDIA & TEOFILO TANCHOCO, ERNESTO APACIONADO, BARBARA RIPSTEIN, MICHAEL GILBERT & CHRISTOPHER GILBERT MONTOYA, LEONA, PLACIDO, RAQUEL, FELECIDAD, GENERA, DOMINGO & ISIANG SOTELO, CHRISTOPHER GARCIA, FRANCISCO REFUGIA, PEDRO CORPUZ, MARCELINA CORPUZ, MARCELINO & ADELAIDA PALITIC, 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

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 **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by *REY and LINDA BALLARES*.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

**Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power!
No prayer, no power!**

GOD'S ALL-ENCOMPASSING LOVE AND OURS



God is "Father" – Father to all human beings. And He wants all of them to attain the aim for which He created them: eternal life with Him. (See 1 Tim 2:4.) Unfortunately, however, sin has been a disruptive factor in human history. God's plan to bring all men to eternal happiness became a "rescue plan," and the execution of His plan of salvation had *to be actualized by stages*. In God's "rescue plan" there existed a "core group," the people of Israel, for whom He cared in a special manner, because it was from them that the Savior of mankind would come. But *the formal offer of salvation to all other peoples was to take place only through the Church, founded by Christ and guided and enlivened by the Holy Spirit.*

This same *Holy Spirit*, however, has always been at work even among the pagans, gradually *directing them to yearn for the salvation that comes from Christ*. In ways known to Him alone, the Spirit has led every individual and every nation, through the meanders of history, toward the fulfillment of the Divine Plan. In the mysterious interplay of *human freedom* and *divine grace*, of *man's errors* and *God's saving interventions*, we witness the unfolding of *the design of an all-encompassing love conceived by divine Wisdom and actualized at the proper time.*

Today's Gospel passage verifies this truth as it conveys in a dramatic way the wonderful message that God loves all. His salvation does not exclude anyone, though its concrete actualization may have "stages" *that do not always coincide with our expectations*. But, in the end, the great truth shines forth: *for those who love God and trust in Him, everything works out for their greater good* – everything, including illness and suffering!

The immediate need that brings them to Him may be their need to be healed from a grave illness, or a demonic possession, as we hear in today's Gospel. But what brings these people to Jesus is something deeper than the immediate need: it is *FAITH – the firm conviction that God is at work in Jesus of Nazareth*, and he can grant the salvation they need.

Indeed, *God's redeeming love knows no frontiers, and humble and persevering faith is the "bridge" that enables us to reach out to Him and be saved by His love*. But God's universal saving love does not simply bring about our salvation. It also challenges us to love in the same way. This means that *we, too, should love all human beings*, and that *our love should be directed to their eternal salvation*.

The devil, always so resourceful in creating obstacles to the fulfillment of God's plan, has been quite successful in blinding human beings to their common brotherhood, as well as to the way they should manifest their love. This is how racism, xenophobia, exaggerated nationalism, and all forms of rejection, aggressiveness or exploitation – man's inhumanity to man – have become part of certain cultures and have caused so much suffering in the course of human history, up to the present. This is not what the Lord wants. As disciples and followers of the Redeemer of all human beings, we must share concretely in his universal and practical love. *We must*, first of all, *overcome all temptation to consider ourselves better than others, and even more the temptation to use others for our own selfish interests*. Then *we must muster the courage we need to be "prophets of universal love" in a world blinded and poisoned by pride, arrogance and hatred*. We *can* make a difference. We *must* make a difference, even when we are called to pay the highest price.

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**Observe what is right,
do what is just: for my
salvation is about to come,
my justice, about to be revealed.**

-Isaiah 56:1