

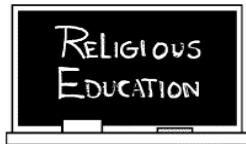


21 August 2011  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A



*On this Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, the Lord invites us to reflect on the mystery of the Church and her leadership as instruments of God's plan for the spread of the Kingdom. We thank the Lord for having called us to be part of His new People. We can thereby enjoy the gifts of God's Word, the grace of the Sacraments, and the infallible guidance of our Church leaders in matters of doctrine and morals.*

*Today is the conclusion of World Youth Day 2011. In brotherly solidarity with all the participants and the youth of the whole world, we direct, in a special manner, our affectionate thoughts to the Holy Father, the successor of the apostle Peter and the Vicar of Jesus Christ on earth. In communion with him and all believers, let us offer the Eucharist in behalf and for the needs of all mankind.*



❖ **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 11<sup>TH</sup> 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 !!!**



❖ **THE LEGION OF MARY MONTREAL CURIA** is sponsoring a **DAY OF RECOLLECTION** on **SEPTEMBER 10, 2011**, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., at the **CONGRESS HALL OF ST. PATRICK'S BASILICA**, 454 Rene-Levesque.

*Theme: The Gifts of the Miraculous Medal*

*Guest Speaker: Fr. Michael Shea, Associate Director of the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal in Philadelphia.*

*Admission ticket: \$10.00      **Welcome all.***

*Bring your own lunch. Coffee & tea provided.*

**HELP KEEP OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER CURRENT**

After the Summer break, it is imperative to up-date the bulletin's hospitality corner. Please contact the FCMM Office or the Bulletin Editor if you would want to put a name on our prayer list.  
(E-mail address 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:  
MR. & MRS. ANGIE CUELLO & GLENN CABRADILLA, MEL VILLANUEVA.



- ❖ 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, , EDITH VALENZUELA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, MERCY BAUTISTA . May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially MARIANO TADEO, MERCEDES DELA SANTA, INOCENTA OLARTE, WARTHER SONNY ESPANOLA, ANTONIO ALUMBRO, ALFRED GALARDO, EDMUNDO GUIA, GODOFREDO BADO, LAUDINA BADO, MILAGROS SIOCON, CLAUDIO V. SAN JUAN, FLORA B. SAN JUAN, AIDA VILLANUEVA, MANUEL LAGASCA I, FELICITA RODRIGUEZ , 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.



*"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - Romans 11:35*

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything. All that we can do is return a portion of God's many gifts back to Him. The good steward does this with gratitude.



*Your Offerings for the week ending August 14, 2011 totaled \$1,192.00*

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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **IN REMEMBRANCE OF ALL DEPARTED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS** offered by **REY and LINDA BALLARES.**



God our Father, we place the World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, In your hands. Save and protect Pope Benedict and all the pastors of the Church. Enlighten and strengthen all those participating in this event. Grant the youth of Spain and the world the wisdom and strength to carry out your work of redemption. AMEN.

## CHOSEN TO BE A SOLID ROCK



*Simon did nothing special to attract Jesus' attention and deserve "preferential treatment."* He only put his fishing boat at the disposal of the Master, and accepted to carry out Jesus' questionable instruction to cast the nets again when the sun was already high on the horizon – a most unlikely hour for a good catch. (See Lk 5:4f.) **Yet Jesus loved him with a special love.** There were reasons for that ... *Simon was a simple, unschooled fisherman.* He was *well aware of all his limitations and moral failures.* (See Lk 5:8.) But when the crucial moment came to express his opinion on Jesus, **he showed a unique perceptiveness** which outshone all others.

He had no doubt: **Jesus was "the Messiah, the Son of the living God"** (Mt 16:16). The learned and the clever had formed their opinion about the Christ from what they had studied or heard or seen with their material eyes. Their answers could only be conjectural. They were all inadequate. But Simon's deep conviction – his faith – was rooted in another kind of knowledge: *divine revelation. It was God Himself who had implanted that certitude in him.* Hence, Jesus' reaction: "Blest are you, Simon! . . . No mere man has revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father" (Mt 16:17). **This fisherman from Bethsaida was the object of the Father's special love.** God knew him through and through: his weakness as well as his generosity and sincerity. God had plans for him. He who put the right answer on his lips, would still enlighten him, time and time again, whenever needed for the good of His Church. Peter would outlive his Master only by thirty years, but **the mission of being "rock" and steersman would outlive the fisherman from Galilee and would last till the end of time.** It would live on in his successors, regardless of their personal worth, century after century. Peter's role would be fulfilled by others, called by different given names, but **always bearing the same root name of "Peter/Rock."** On each of them, as on the fisherman from Bethsaida Jesus has been conferring his authority to bind and loose, and the strength and wisdom needed to steer the fragile but unsinkable boat of the Church. Ever assailed by hell's fury, **this Church is ever victorious over storms and reefs, as it is steered by the God-steadied hand of Peter's successors.** As members of the Catholic Church – the Church established by Jesus Christ, and by him entrusted to the visible stewardship of Peter and his successors – we should, first of all, feel grateful to the Lord for having given us a visible leader who guides us with the authority and power received from Christ. This is no small advantage, in the cacophony of so many discordant voices which create uncertainty and confusion, **all that we have to do is to listen to the voice of Peter's successor and act on it, knowing that the Lord constantly guides the Pope and preserves him from committing errors in matters of faith and morals.**

In the light of this premise, it is sadly surprising to meet self-styled Catholics who dare to take positions in the doctrinal or moral fields that are not in agreement with the teaching of the Holy Father. **A real Catholic has to be a loyal follower of the supreme Shepherd assigned by Jesus Christ.** This may not be so easy, sometimes. But when all is said and done, we have to remember that **it was to Peter (and not to individual believers) that Jesus said, "To you (thee!) I will give the keys of the Kingdom of heaven.** Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:19)



Nor should we reduce our duties toward **the Pope** to loyalty and obedience. He **is our spiritual Father, our "Gentle Christ on earth,"** as St. Catherine of Siena called him. As such, **we must love him affectionately and sincerely.** And we must, likewise, pray for him, as we pray for the people most dear to us. So heavy a burden has been placed on his shoulders. He needs all the help he can get, and prayer is the most effective help when offered with living faith and a loving heart.