



*There comes a time in our life when we have to make important choices – choices that may have a repercussion on our state of life, our profession or work at hand, our plans and goals. The most fundamental choice concerns our relationship with Jesus Christ. We are constantly challenged to choose between faithfulness to his teachings and the allurements of the hedonistic world in which we are immersed. This is a choice that demands both wisdom and generosity. Wisdom leads us to stand by Jesus. Generosity enables us to pay the price for choosing to follow Jesus. May today's readings and Eucharist in which we participate lead us to make our own Peter's humble statement: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*



Peter spoke to Jesus and said: "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Peter's faith affirmation reminds us that we are bound together, each one of us, because we are a "faith" community. And as members of this faith community, each of us must ask: "Do I believe---am I convinced---that Jesus is the Holy One of God?" Today we come to the conclusion of the "Bread of Life discourse" in John's Gospel.

Over the past several weeks, we have been asked to consider and to meditate on Jesus' teaching about who we are as disciples in relationship to Him. His own followers confront Him and let Him know that "this teaching is hard." Many of his followers walk away from Him---because, indeed, His teachings are hard! We, as Catholic persons in the year 2012 are challenged today by Jesus, just like He challenged those followers so long ago. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ is to grapple daily with hard teachings. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ today is to grapple with a faith that is so very much at odds with our current hedonistic, materialistic culture. To be a disciple of Jesus Christ today is to grapple with a society that extols the virtues of an "I'm ok, you're ok" psycho-spirituality. In a world that proudly states that "anything goes," to be a disciple of Jesus Christ---to really live our Catholic faith---is, indeed, hard! Hard, but so very worth it---for the journey of the Catholic disciple is a journey that leads to everlasting life---ultimate union with the "Bread of Life!" Together we share in a great mystery. Central to our faith is the "truth" that Jesus Christ is the Son of God---and that we share fully in his presence---that we are the very Body of Christ---as we share Holy Eucharist together. Just as Jesus invited his followers to enter into life with Him, he invites each of us to also enter into life in Him. Today's Gospel is a powerful reminder of this invitation---this call to commitment. Today we are asked to consider the powerful reality that Jesus gives Himself to us: Body and Blood! Today we are asked to also consider that as we share Jesus, we are also called to commit ourselves to Him--- totally. This is the "hard" teaching. This is the teaching that is so difficult to "accept."

Commitment to Jesus: this is the "cost of discipleship!"

Commitment to Jesus: this is what it means to really be a Catholic!



As for me and my household,  
we will serve the Lord.

-Joshua 24:15b

## WHEN

We convince ourselves that life will be better after we finish school, find a good job, get married, or have children.

Then we are impatient because our youngsters need so much time and attention, or we're frustrated dealing with teenagers. Better days must be just around the corner.

We tell ourselves that our real life will start when our spouse gets the big promotion; when we can find that better job, take a vacation, or retire. Yet life will always be filled with challenges and hard times. It's best to admit this and decide to live in the here and now! Someone once said, "For a long time it seemed to me that life was about to begin—real life. But there was always some obstacle in the way, something to be gotten through first, some unfinished business, time still to be served, a debt to be paid. Then life would begin. At last it dawned on me that these obstacles were my life."

So treasure every moment that you have, beginning today. Stop waiting until you finish school, until you go back to school, until you lose ten pounds, until you gain ten pounds, until you have kids, until your kids leave the house, until you start work, until you retire, until you get married, until Friday night, until Sunday morning, until you get a new car or home, until your car or home is paid off, until spring, until summer, until fall, until winter, until you are off welfare, until the first or fifteenth, until your ship comes in, until you've had a drink, until you've sobered up, until you die—to decide that there is no better time than right now.

Living is something you do now or never.

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**ALL YEAR-ROUND** to all who wish to support our church. Cards are available in amounts from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **5% of your purchase goes to support our parish!** Please see Ms. Marites Quirapas.



### ❖ FAITHFIRST 2012-2013 REGISTRATION DATE:

**All Sundays of August before and after the mass  
at 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.**

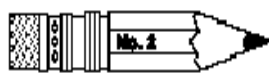
**\*Old Students must bring their Certificate of Participation from the previous year.**

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

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

### 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.



**From The Editor**

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**OUR REGULAR HOSPITALITY CORNER WILL BE BACK NEXT ISSUE !**



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE SPECIAL INTENTIONS** offered by **REY and LINDA BALLARES.**



**BACK TO SCHOOL...**

When our Lord our God wanted to teach us about His love and truth, He sent us a special teacher. Jesus is the model for all teachers, sharing knowledge and insight as well as inspiring curiosity and faith in His followers.

Let us pray for students, young and old, who are returning to school to continue on their journey of faith and knowledge.



**PRAYER FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

*Lord God Your spirit of wisdom fills our lives and teaches us your ways.*

*Look upon our young people.*

*May they enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries.*

*Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.*

*Look upon our teachers.*

*May they strive to share their knowledge*

*with gentle patience and endeavour always to bring the truth to eager minds.*

*Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth and the life, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**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.



**"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)**

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord.

A partner is a person who invests time, talent and treasure. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something!



**Your Offerings for the week ending August 19, 2012 totaled \$ 1,267.00**

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



generosity !

**WELCOME BACK** to our many parishioners who have enjoyed summer vacations. **Special thanks** to our generous parishioners who remember to "Make-up" to support our parish. **When all share in generosity, we are able to meet the expenses of maintaining our parish. May we continue to support each other as we continue to grow and serve Christ here in our community!**



## WISE DESIGNS

- God wisely designed the human body so that we can neither  
pat our own backs nor kick ourselves too easily.

-To get to heaven : Turn right and keep straight !

