



## THE WONDER OF GOD'S WORD

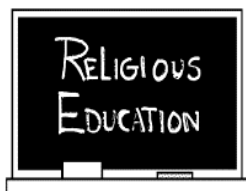
We live in a world entangled in a thick web of words – words that often are empty sounds or are used to hide a person's thoughts, rather than to express them. There are also words that are more penetrating than swords as they pierce hearts, destroy reputations, arouse hatred, or cause other forms of immense damage to people.

God's Word is very different from all this.

It is like rain or snow that make the earth fertile.

It is like a seed that can produce wonderful harvests.

But nothing happens automatically, for our freedom is challenged to play its role in a synergy that has produced its best results in the lives of all saints. Today the challenge to make the Word produce its fruit is directed to us, right as we hear the Word proclaimed during the Eucharistic celebration.



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### DON'T FORGET TO PRE-REGISTER YOUR CHILD !

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by pre-registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry. Formal Registration will be on all the Sundays of August. For more information please see any of our Catechists or visit the FCMM Office.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED!!!** This important Lay Ministry is in need of more people who can assist our children in their journey as young Catholics. Those interested may see Mrs. Linda Caldito-Ballares, Sr. Celia, or Fr. Frank.

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### Raise funds for the FCMM every time you shop!

### Get Gift cards from the FCMM every week for your shopping needs !

Please be reminded that Shopping cards for many local stores, gasoline stations, and supermarkets are available



**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 Bernabe.



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### CALLING ALL "LIVE-IN" and "CIVILLY MARRIED" COUPLES WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH !!!!

*A Revalidation Of Marriage is being planned for OCTOBER, 2011  
by the FCMM Family Life Ministry.*

### REGISTER NOW !

To find out more about this, please contact Mrs. Alice Panado or Mrs. Judith Diaz of the Family Life Ministry or the FCMM Office.



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We wish our parishioners a blessed and enjoyable summer vacation. As many of us make vacation plans, let us also pray that as we travel, we travel with the Lord. May we also remember to include Our Lord in all our travel and vacation plans this season!



Please be informed that in the FCMM, during the summer months of July and August there is **NO CHANGE** in the schedule of our celebration of the Weekday and Sunday Eucharist + Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. +Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Parents are particularly encouraged to make the extra effort to find a Sunday Mass when the family is traveling on summer vacation.



## GOD'S WORD IN OUR LIVES

God's Word shares in His creative and healing power. "By the word of the Lord the heavens were made" (Ps 33:6). And when the Word became a frail human being, the words he uttered possessed a power which no human word could have. They stilled storms (see Mt 8:23); restored sick people to health (see, for instance, Lk 17:11-14); called dead persons back to life (see Lk 7:11-17; Mt 5:41 and Jn 11:43f); subjugated the devil (see Mk 1:25-27). By the power of his word, a piece of bread and a cup of wine were and are transformed into his body and blood!

The word of Christ had the power to transform people: a simple fisherman was transformed into the leader of the Church (Peter); a persecutor, into a tireless apostle (Paul); a hardened sinner, into an announcer of the Resurrection (Mary Magdalene) . . .

Sown like a seed in the hearts of men, Christ's word can work incredible wonders.

But, for all its divine, omnipotent power, his word will bear fruit only if and to the extent that we allow it to do so. Its fruitfulness depends on our response – our openness, sincerity, generosity, perseverance . . .

The wonderful transformation undergone by Peter, Paul, Mary Magdalene and innumerable others can become our own personal experience, if we want. Thanks to the power of the Word, in spite of our weakness, we can soar to greatness and thus make the Kingdom a magnificent reality in us and around us. But if we are proud, self-conceited, backsliding, inconsistent, stone-like . . ., then the Word's divine power will be reduced to nothing because of our weakness and wickedness.

Today, as at the creation of the world and as two thousand years ago, God sends His Word to us. It is up to me and you to let it bear fruit in plenty as it has the power to do.

But there is more to today's message than the challenge to let the seed of God's Word bear fruit in our lives.

The other part of the message concerns the sower – the sower we are called to be. This is very much a part of our vocation as disciples of the Lord who are expected to become apostles, i.e., believers sent to proclaim the Word. We are all called not only to receive and treasure God's Word in our hearts and to make it bear abundant fruit in our life, but also to sow it in the hearts of other people. This demands of us the faith, the hope, the humility, and the optimism of the sower. The sower scatters the seed with faith because he believes that the seed has immense potentials of life, and the land to which he entrusts it has the power to transform those potentials into reality. We should have the same faith when we present God's Word to our brothers and sisters. The sower scatters the seed abundantly even in days of drought, hoping that the rain will come and transform the dusty fields into the fertile wombs that will bring forth an abundant harvest. So should we continue preaching the Word with undying hope, even when we do not see signs of a positive response. God's Word has a very long life. It can bear fruit at a time and in ways that elude our limited perceptiveness.

Faith and hope, joined together, produce optimism: the optimism of the one who knows how to confidently wait for the rain to fall, the sun to shine, and the breeze to blow . . . till the harvest season comes, in God's own time...

WORD & LIFE PUBLICATIONS



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS** offered by **DIANE MARIE FERNANDEZ**



*"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit." - Matthew 13:22*  
 Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in worldly activities and anxieties that you have no time for God? These are questions that we all must ask of ourselves if we are going to live as God's stewards.



Your Offerings for the week ending July 3, 2011 totaled  
**\$ 1, 772. 50**

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



**Vacationing this summer?** Have a great time, but don't forget the FCMM. Those monthly bills arrive like clock-work and we need your support in keeping our beautiful parish running smoothly.  
**Let's keep each other in prayer** during these relaxing summer months, remembering always that we're family.



- ❖ To the *new arrivals* from the Philippines;
- ❖ To the *visitors* from other places;
- ❖ To those who have *been away and are back*;



❖ **WELCOME** into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Family through **Baptism - NICKHAELA FAITH TADEO**  
 We pray God will give wisdom and courage to her parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to faith growth.



❖ We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of:  
 LAIZA SALONGA, RANDY & GLORIA ANTONIO and FAMILY,  
 MIKAELA CALADO, JULIA RAMOS, TONY FOZ and FAMILY,  
 JADEN LEE DOMINGO. KAYLAN LAUS, ASUNCION GARDINER,  
 DELIA & DOMENICO CAVALLARO, TOMAS & JOSEFINA YABUT, JOHN & LORIE PALISOC,  
 CHARITY PESTILOS, THE LAZARO-MAGNO FAMILY, LUCILLE MANIGAO, DELIA GERAL,  
 THE SERASPE FAMILY, ANNIE MOJADO PAMBUAN, JHONG & ANN DAIT, MALU & ADEL,  
 GRANT RICHARD ANTONIO, THE CACHERO FAMILY.



❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of:  
 LAIZA SALONGA, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, THE VILLANUEVA FAMILY.  
 ❖ Please pray 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, NORA ESPIRITU, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, ANNIE MOJADO, GREGORIO DEL MONTE, EDMOND GABA, MABEL TUVIDA, EDITH VALENZUELA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, IMELDA ARALAR, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, IMELDA RUIZ, LUZ ORMILLO, WILFRED DARIO, CRISTY RABILAS, LILIA LAMADORA, SALLY VINEBERG, ISABEL VITO VALLE, PAULINA FEDERIZO, ANITA CACHERO, BENJAMIN VINLUAN.  
 May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially:  
 JULITA GABA, RAQUEL TATON, AGUSTIN AQUINO SR., CRISOSTOMO DARIO, CIRIACO CALUMPIANO SR., RAFAEL GERAL, CONCHITA VILLARICO, MONTROY COHEN, ERNESTO SALONGA, LUCIA BENITEZ, PONCIANO ACURANTES, RAQUEL TATON, ZENaida GARCIA, FRASAD SARABJET SINGH, MARK GERAL, CHARLES RUSSELL and FAMILY, ELSA BALIGNOT, PIO & MARCIANA MANIGAO, RESTITUTA QUINZAN, LUCIA BENITEZ, ROSALINA BIGCAS, MACARIO, TEODORA, CRESENCIA SALINAS, MAXIMINO CANTON, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., RACQUEL V. TATON, JAMES SHEAGREEN, and those dying everyday in calamities and battles around the world.

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Stop by or call the FCMM Office (514 387 - 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.*

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