



On Mission to the World, Trusting in God Alone

Today we are reminded that the Church is missionary by nature. From the very beginning, the Lord sent his apostles to preach the Gospel, drive out demons, and take care of the weak and the sick. This is an enormous task which sometimes may even be met with rejection and opposition. But this should not be a reason for discouragement,

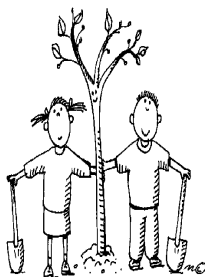
but rather a stimulus to do our very best while trusting only in the power of God's grace and of His Word. The weakness of the Cross is much more powerful than all the resources of this world.

Let us keep this in mind as we participate in the Eucharistic celebration and offer it in a special manner for all those involved in apostolic works.



THIS IS YOUR NEWS BULLETIN'S LAST ISSUE FOR THE MONTH. WE'LL BACK ON THE SECOND SUNDAY OF AUGUST .

Have a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe Summer !

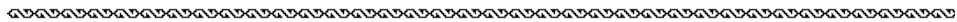


Summer is always a welcome change of schedule: vacations, camping, trips, a time for family. And, of course, family time is so crucial. The highest priority in the home is love, and the summer opportunities provide great occasions to focus on things neglected.

It is also a time of ad hoc stewardship:

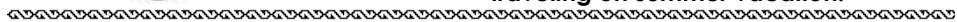
What will this summer accomplish?

When Labor Day signals a return to school and other normal routines, what will the summer months have yielded for your "investment"? Give it some thought.



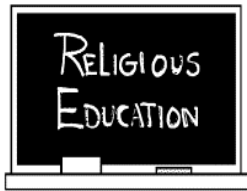
Please be informed that in the FCMM, during the summer months of July and August there is NO CHANGE in the schedule of our celebration of the Weekday and Sunday Eucharist + Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m. +Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

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



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!





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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5% of your purchase goes to support our parish! Please see Ms. Marites Quirapas.



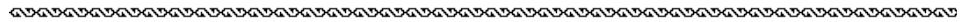
You enter this Church...not as a stranger, but as a guest of God. God is your heavenly Father. Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service.

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 the parish office during normal business hours and ask how you can have a Mass offered for your special intention.

OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER IS CURRENTLY BEING UP-DATED.

Please inform the FCMM Office (514- 387 5292) for your intentions to be included in the Bulletin when we resume in August.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL DEPARTED RELATIVES** offered by **DIANE MARIE FERNANDEZ**

- For the week of July 22, 2012 -

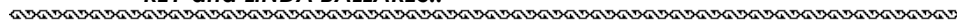
:::for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE** offered by **DIANE MARIE FERNANDEZ.**

- For the week of July29, 2012 -

:::for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE HEALING OF SICK RELATIVES and FRIENDS** offered by **DIANE MARIE FERNANDEZ.**

- For the week of August 2, 2012 -

:::for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING** offered by **REY and LINDA BALLARES..**

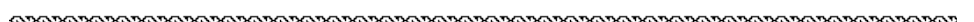


STEWARDSHIP: The concept of Christian Stewardship giving is the very essence of Church support. Each of us should return to the Lord a portion of our blessings so that the Church may continue to grow and provide a spiritual haven for the faithful. A faithful steward manages his Time,

Talents, and Treasury for the glory of God and His Church.

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.



Take nothing for the journey but...

On a Mission

Just the other day, I was helping to pack the trunk of the car with the luggage of friars, including my own, as we prepared to be driven to the airport after a ten day trip to Rome. I'm never good with long trips. I always bring too many things with me." In light of today's gospel, I wonder what type of response I would have gotten from Jesus, had he seen my stuff! No food. No sack. No money in heir belts. No second tunic. I would have failed miserably! Okay, so I didn't have food, but I knew I would be fed on the plane. I definitely had a sack, and it was filled

maybe not with a second tunic,

but it had two pairs of shorts, jeans, khakis, black pants, and several shirts. I also had a back pack with some gum, magazines, and two books, just in case I got bored. We wouldn't want that to happen. While I admit that I brought too much "stuff" with me, it's still hard to imagine bringing only what Jesus asked the Twelve to bring on their mission. It seems rather limiting, at least in our time. I wonder though if we have a tendency to read today's gospel passage too literally. True, it does serve as a good critique of our society, a society that is so caught up with "stuff" and the latest Ipods, cell phones, and palm pilots, but that would be our way, wouldn't it, only looking at what the Twelve weren't allowed to take with them. Maybe we shouldn't be concentrating here on what they *can't* bring. Maybe the point is for us to look at what they *can* bring with them: Jesus allows them to have two things with them: a walking stick and sandals.

In one way or another, both provide support on the journey, don't they? But what else can they bring? Notice that Jesus doesn't send any of the Twelve alone. Jesus sends them out *in twos*.

Jesus sends them out with very little so that they can rely *on each other* along the way, so that they do not become distracted with their belongings and lose sight of their purpose of the journey: to preach repentance, to heal, to do what Jesus does. Jesus sends them out in pairs in order to support one another when they are not met with hospitality and have to shake the dust off their feet. Jesus sends them out in pairs to remind each other that this mission is not his own:

the purpose is of God and the Kingdom, and just in case after preaching and healing, things start to get to one's head, right next to him is another to ground him once again in this purpose.

In other words, Jesus sent the Twelve out in twos so that each could remind the other *where he came from*. Knowing one's identity and roots is at the heart of being an authentic prophet. Prophets know where they come from.

Amos certainly did, as we hear in the first reading.

After his conversion, Paul knew who he was, and was quick to tell others.

And Jesus, in his prophetic role, certainly knew Whom he was rooted in.

Traveling simply, without many goods, except for the presence of a companion, would allow each disciple to remember his call, *where he came from and why he was sent*. Had they so many things with which to distract themselves, they may never have gotten to ask the question. Do we ever get to ask the question? Or are we too busy putting suitcases in the back of cars? Are we aware that we are on a journey and that not only have we been given companions but are also companionship others?

Do we ever remind each other in our daily lives that we are all on mission, to preach the good news and to heal?

When we gather around God's table and break bread with one another, it is not coincidental that it is the root of the word *companion*.

It is in the breaking of the bread, in this companionship, that we are reminded who we are, where we have come from, and where we are going.

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