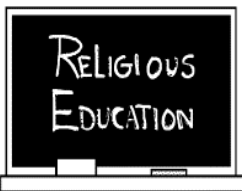


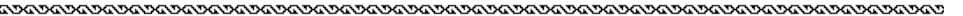


Today we are reminded that God continues to care for all human beings, including those who reject Him and wander far away in their moral life. Some of the clearest signs of His caring love are the prophets that He sends to His people to remind them of their duties and to make them understand the great harm they cause to others and themselves through their misbehavior. Jesus, the greatest of all prophets, experienced the bitter taste of rejection and warned his disciples that they, too, would be treated in the same way. Far from discouraging us, this should bring us to do our best to be faithful to our prophetic mission in the Church and in society, following the example of Jesus himself. In the Eucharist, let us ask for the grace to do just this, **no matter what the cost.**



**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.



**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.

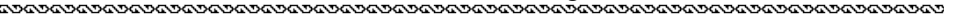


**We wish our parishioners a blessed and enjoyable summer vacation. As many of us make vacation plans, let us also pray that as we travel, we travel with the Lord. May we also remember to include Our Lord in all our travel and vacation plans this season!**



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.**



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



We wish *Kuya Jess and Ate Alice Alcaide* all the best  
as they move to Calgary !

We thank the Lord for having known you. We thank  
you very much for all the service you have given to the  
Filipino Church in Montreal since the very beginning.

We will surely miss you !



**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.



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.

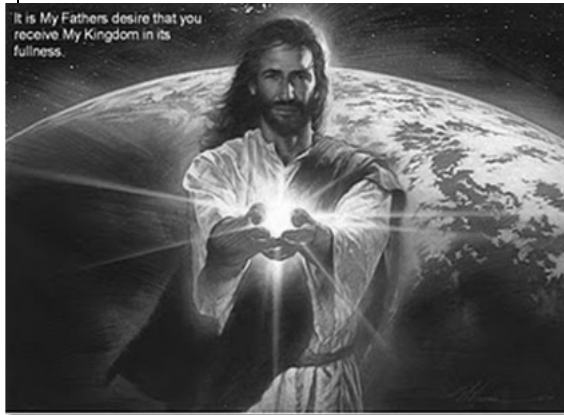
### MASS INTENTIONS

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.





## **Rejected By His Own People**

Being appreciated and accepted is a basic human need. Rejection always inflicts a moral wound which hurts us all the more when it comes from the people we love. Most of the prophets of Israel, especially Jeremiah and Ezekiel, suffered some forms of rejection at the hands of the very people to whom God had sent them. (See the First

*Reading.*)

Jesus Christ, the greatest of all prophets, did not enjoy a better deal. Old Simeon had prophesied that he would be "a sign that will be opposed" (Lk 2:34). And the Nazareans – the townfolk of Jesus – took upon themselves the sad task of beginning to fulfill that ominous prophecy. (See Mk 6:3-6.)

They thought that they knew Jesus well (see Mk 6:3). He had been one of them for thirty years! When he went back to them as the "bearer of the Good News," they refused to see and accept him as "the Christ," the Anointed One of God, The Savior of the world – *their Savior*. Their prejudices blinded them to the point of rejecting the salvation Jesus had come to offer. And this distressed him so much. (See Mk 6:6.) But the rejection by the townfolk of Nazareth was just the beginning, almost an "acted-out prophecy" foreshadowing the numerous other rejections Jesus would suffer and which would culminate in the one that brought him to Calvary – the worst rejection orchestrated and spearheaded by the religious authorities of the people.

The rejection of Jesus as the "Messiah" by the majority of the people of Israel continues to this very day. Such is their tragedy. "To his own he came. Yet his own did not accept him" (Jn 1:11)! Jesus wept bitterly over the failure of his people to recognize the time of God's "visitation" (Lk 19:41-44).

All these serve as a warning addressed to the whole world (including us) today. It is not enough to acclaim Jesus as "Superstar," "wise man," "friend of the poor." We have to accept him especially as Son of God and Savior of all mankind. Refusal to acknowledge him as such is the worst form of spiritual suicide we could ever commit, for "there is no salvation in anyone else" (Acts 4:12)!

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**Isn't he the carpenter?  
Mary's son?**

**Yes, and God's too.**

**In the beginning was the Word  
and the Word was with God  
and the Word was God  
and the world came to be  
through him,**

**but the world did not know  
the Carpenter...**

**Christ,  
Fix our hearts.  
Shape us into your Body.**

My LORD and my GOD!

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