

MARCH 04, 2012



In this Second Sunday of Lent we are invited to reflect on the message of Jesus' transfiguration and apply it to our lives. This event in the life of the Lord is an encouragement to bring out the best that is in us – to let our light shine! This will become a reality if we live our lives according to the teaching and example of Jesus. We are also challenged to remain steadfast in our faith even in the midst of trials. The God who gave His only Son for us will surely protect us from all evil and give us all the help we need. Let this Eucharist be a profession of faith in God's unfailing love for us and a renewal of our commitment to live a "luminous

life."

THE BEST TEACHER

The world is like an immense "learning center" in which most of the teaching is done in an informal manner. All of us are "learners" because all of us have plenty to learn. On the other hand, all of us are also teachers, even if we may not climb the rostrum of a lecture hall and do not follow detailed syllabi and lesson plans. With so many "teachers," and surrounded by divergent opinions and schools of thought, many may often feel confused. It need not be so for us, for **in making our profession of faith, we acknowledge JESUS CHRIST as our best and most trusted TEACHER. He is the only one who deserves such title.** (See Mt 23:10.)



He is the teacher given to us by the Father to teach the truths that really matter in life. Jesus, the Teacher of all men, is "different" from all other teachers. He is "different" in what he is, in what he teaches, and in the way he teaches it. He is no ordinary teacher because **he is no ordinary man.** The closest among his disciples were the first to realize it. They had begun to wonder who that man could be who had the power to quell storms and cast out devils. (See Mk 4:31 and 1:27.) In the episode of the transfiguration, the radiant aspect of Jesus' whole person revealed the divinity hidden in him, and the voice of the Father confirmed that visual revelation. **"This is my Son, my beloved. Listen to him!"** (Mk 9:7). Jesus does not repeat half-assimilated notions. He brings a teaching that is new and vital. **Being the only one who knows the Father perfectly, he has come to reveal Him to all men.** (See Jn 1:18.) Jesus' words are filled with divine wisdom, a wisdom he wants to share with us to make our joy full. (See Jn 16:24.) That is why the Father enjoins his disciples: "Listen to him!" He is also different from the teachers of his time. "They bind up heavy loads on other men's shoulders, while they themselves will not lift a finger to budge them" (Mt 23:4). **Jesus is a teacher who teaches by example, even before teaching by words. His whole life is his most impressive "lesson."**

Through it and through his preaching, **Jesus introduces us to the mysterious wisdom of the cross and injects in us the hope of the Resurrection.** His message is essentially one of love and life. It is usually pleasant to hear, but demanding. It requires selflessness and the courage to take up one's cross and carry it patiently after him.

This should not scare us away. **Jesus, our Teacher, walks ahead of us, burdened with the sin of the whole world. He reminds us that after the suffering of this life, there is a wonderful "new life" to be enjoyed for ever.**

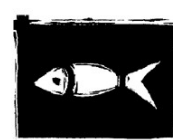
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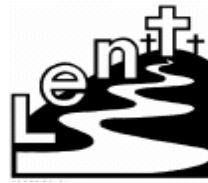
FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Daily Lenten Prayer

Jesus, we know you came to love us, to forgive us, and to make us new.

We give you all of our troubles, large and small.

Help us as we walk with you now on your of the Cross. Amen.



THE HOLY SEASON OF RENEWAL

o **LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. All Catholics 14 years of age and older abstain from meat, and all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age eat sacrificially on these days.

o **PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross is being prayed each Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m.

o **THE PENITENTIAL THEME OF LENT - Communal Celebration of Penance before the Mass on Sunday, March 25.** Please plan to attend our celebration. Also, please be informed that individual confessions may be scheduled 20 minutes before our liturgical services (Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays). Come to the Office.

o **ALAY KAPWA – LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 2012** - Please donate non-perishable Food stuff which will be given to those in need. You can deposit your donations in the boxes at the church entrance.



ENVIRONMENT

"The heavens declare the glory of God, the vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork."

Many of us have read or heard statements on Global Climate Change, "We believe our response to global climate change should be a sign of our respect for God's creation." It is about protecting both the "human environment and the natural environment". We have heard so much about the devastating effects of global warming and the human actions that either contribute or can reverse it. Right after we feel horrified at the predicted effects we tend to ask "How can it be stopped? or more personally, "What can I do?". In particular we can reflect on how and how much we add carbon to the "vault of heaven' It is said that we need thirty days to acquire a new habit. We have the forty days of Lent to acquire some new habits that will help to reduce our carbon emissions, protect our planet and all persons on it especially the poor that will be most affected. Each week in this space we will offer ways to do that.

Lenten Habits to Develop: Tips to Reduce Global Warming

***Have you decided which light bulbs you can replace with compact fluorescent lights? .**

***Are you forming the habit of unplugging electronic devices each night? It takes some effort at first.**

***NEW TIPS: Reduce your use of paper. Suggestions: Use e-mail, pay bills on-line, and get bank statement and newsletters on line. Buy paper and cards with high recycled content. Recycle paper, magazines, cardboard packaging.**

Remove your name from unwanted mailing lists at www.mass.gov/consumer. Use the library. You may have many more suggestions, share them.

Trees are a vital part of the global mechanism for balancing carbon emissions. A tree is a terrible thing to waste!



On Saturday, March 10, before going to sleep, don't forget to SET YOUR CLOCKS ONE HOUR AHEAD ! DST starts on Sunday !



YEAR 2011 TAX RECEIPTS are available for pick-up. For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during regular working hours (514 -3875292)

SUPPORT :: THE SEARCH for the 2012 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS



The children/candidates will participate in various celebrations in our Mission Community while their parents and supporters dispose of their \$2.00 ballots. Please remember that supporting them means supporting the Filipino Church in Montreal.



As we gather, may YOUR SPIRIT work within us...

COMMUNITY FAITH SHARING

MARCH 09, 2012 – Friday - 8:00 PM- FCMM Church Hall

Be super blessed!



"Here I am!" he answered. - Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. Can we just as easily answer, "Here I am, Lord," when we go home, when a neighbor needs our help, when a fellow parishioner asks us to join a

committee, or when a letter asks for our financial help? These are often exactly the places where Jesus calls us to be.



OFFERING

**Your Offerings for the week ending February 26, 2012
totaled \$ 1, 765. 00**

**Thank you for
God bless you**



**your continuing generosity!
always!!!**



welcome!

- ❖ 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:
**KAYKAY LAUS, DORIE PAVICO, ROBERTO & MILDRED YASIS,
NOEL-JAMES ANDAL, JOY CASTELLANO, LARRY & ALICE PANADO and FAMILY.**

- ❖ 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, JESS ALCAIDE, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL, JOSEFINA CALDITO RAQUIZA, NIDA VIERNES.** May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **DR. JOSE ROSALES, CARMELITA SIDECO, FR. DONALD BOUCHARD pme, GUILLERMO PENULLAR, RITA MOLINA, EMILIA FOZ, ALICIA MORAN FERNANDEZ, MARCELINO and ADELAIDA PALITIC, 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

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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and for the **REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ROSALINA BIGCAS** offered by **THE BIGCAS-CAMBALIZA FAMILY.**



Lenten Psalm: "Oh Father of Jesus, Mother of Christ, help me not to waste these precious Lenten days of my soul's spiritual springtime."

