



YEAR OF FAITH 2012
2013

12 May 2013 Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension

Today, Ascension Sunday, we recall the glorification of Jesus Christ who, as a man, has been called to share in the glory of God. His ascension also reminds us that heaven is our destiny.

That is what we have been created for. That is where we will find the perfect fulfillment of all our aspirations. But before we reach such a glorious destination, we have to do our share in the fulfillment of God's plan for ourselves and the rest of humankind. Jesus wants that we become more and more involved in the building of the Kingdom.

Today is also "World Communications Sunday," a worldwide observance that emphasizes the importance of Mass Media in the work of evangelization, and the need to pray for all those involved in this profession. Let us include them in the intentions for which we offer the Eucharist.

Today we also observe Mother's Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and gratitude to our mother. We will do that not only by offering them flowers and hugs, but also by praying for them, especially in this Eucharistic celebration.



ASCENSION: GLORIOUS END AND DAUNTING BEGINNING

God is perfect justice. He cannot contradict himself. He could not leave Christ's innocence unvindicated. He could not leave His Son's total trust unrewarded. Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension are acts of the Father's justice and faithfulness to His promises. He owed the glorification of Jesus not only to Himself and His Son, but also to all men. We too, in fact, need to know with certainty that the just Man who was humiliated in so many ways, to the point of being numbered among the wicked and evildoers (see Is 53:9, together with Mt 27:37 and parallels), has not only been raised from the dead, but has actually been exalted "high above every principality, power, virtue and domination, and every name that can be given in this age or the age to come." (Eph 1:21. See also Phil 1:9-11.) This is the meaning of the event we commemorate today. The Ascension, then, is for all of us a source of reassurance about God's justice and the triumph of good over evil.

Christ has done his part in bringing about the salvation of mankind by giving his life in atonement for the sins of all men. God the Father has done His part in allowing His dearest Only Son to die for the salvation of all sinners and in raising him from death as a proof of all the values he stood for. The Holy Spirit has been doing his part in applying to all the merits earned by Jesus through his bitter passion. It is now our turn to do our share. We do that by expressing our gratitude to the Blessed Trinity for the gifts of creation, redemption and sanctification. We do that when we respond positively to the call of God to fight evil in whatever form and promote good in ourselves and around ourselves. This means working for the spread of God's Kingdom by treasuring and upholding its values of truth, justice, peace, love, faith, hope, forgiveness, generosity, purity, fairness, respect for others,



honesty, and concern for the greater good of all. The Kingdom is like a seed entrusted to us by God's love. It is our duty to let the seed grow in ourselves and around ourselves, for that seed has a tremendous power to develop and envelop the entire universe. It is our duty to make the seed grow by positively working for its development and affirmation by our labor of love and our brave stand against the forces that oppose the Kingdom and constantly try to suppress and conquer it. This is the challenge addressed to us

by Jesus' ascension: a job for which we may feel inadequate and unworthy of. It is

precisely because of this that the Lord does not leave us orphans. He promised to give us the Holy Spirit to be our Consoler, Friend, Inspiration, Guide, and Strength. Like the disciples and the apostles after the Ascension, we await his coming in prayer that widens our hearts in hope. With him, no mission will be impossible. **In his power we will conquer.**

WORD & LIFE PUBLICATIONS



This weekend we celebrate Mother's Day. At our Mass, we will bless our mothers. The word "bless" has two meanings in our tradition. To bless means asking God to look with special favor on someone or something; and to bless means to give thanks to God for someone or something. Sometimes to bless means both at the same time. On Mother's Day we do give thanks to God for our mothers, both living and dead, and we ask God to watch over them, and to fill them with joy and well-being. We also pray for and give thanks to God for everyone who "mothered" or "mothers" us, the people who nurture us, encourage us, help us grow, urge us to soar and to fly.



*Heavenly Father,
You have given each person the precious gift of having a mother. Throughout the Ages, mothers have been the unsung heroes of our lives, content with little things; a smile a thank you, a token remembrance.
May all mothers learn from the example set by Jesus' mother, Mary our Mother in Heaven. Let us always remember our mothers as a treasure which You have given us, whether she is still here or in heaven. Pour down Your grace on all mothers today and everyday, and help each one of us to live our lives based on the good examples, love, and devotion which we have learned from them. Amen*



One of the ancient titles of the Church is "Mother Church." St. Cyprian of Carthage, who was martyred in 258, often referred to "mother church" in his writings as though it were already in common usage. So let us pray for and ask God's blessing on our Holy Mother Church on this Mother's Day, that we can go about doing the work given to us... to proclaim the good news to all creation.



Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our FCMM Moms and Grandmas — and all those special women in our lives who so lovingly teach, nurture, listen, and counsel — reflecting in some measure the Light and Beauty of Mary — Queen of heaven and earth who, as Saint Thérèse said, "... is more Mother than Queen." May Our Lord grant you His peace!

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS -The Family Life Ministry of the Filipino Mission will host on **Saturday, June 22, 2013** a special celebration for couples marking their 25th, 30th, 35th and above years of being consecrated Ministers of Matrimony. **FOR MORE INFORMATION : CONTACT ANY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY or COME TO THE FCMM OFFICE !**



JOIN US here at the FCMM for the ENGLISH TRIDUUM of MASSES on Monday, June 10 – Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

on Thursday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.



Upcoming Events

Mark Your Calendars !

- May 19 - PENTECOST SUNDAY
- May 26 – TRINITY SUNDAY
 - CLEC Confirmation Day (11:30 a.m. Mass)
- June 2 – CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY
 - CLEC First Communion (11:30 a.m. Mass)
- June 7 (Friday) –SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART (6pm Holy Hour and Mass)
- ST. ANTHONY of PADUA TRIDUUM and FEAST DAY
 - June 10 (Monday) – June 13 (Thursday) 7:00 p.m.



STEWARDSHIP – “ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.”

- Revelations 22:13

These words from the very last chapter of the Bible are a final reminder for us to put God first in our lives. Putting God first doesn't mean giving until it hurts. Putting God first means giving until our giving fills us with joy and contentment. This usually means giving more generously, not less.



OFFERING

Your Offerings for the week ending May 5, 2013 totaled \$ 1, 649.50

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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR ALL GRACES RECEIVED** offered by **JOSEFINA YABUT.**



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:
JACQUES & AIDA BEDARD, FELY MANGUABT and FAMILY.

**IN ALL THINGS
GIVE THANKS**

**OUR
prayer
CONCERNS**



- Please join in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of:
MR. & MRS. FELIMON TADEO and FAMILY, . May God grant them their hearts' desires.
- Your prayers are humbly requested for **all the sick and suffering** members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially:
FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO, ANTONIO FOZ, NORMA FOZ, ALICIA GINES, CECILIA CEÑAL, LEONIDAS ORBITA SIMBULAN, DERRICK SOTELO, JEFFORD SAMPANG, LUIS SILVERA, OFELIA SUBONG. May God bring them healing and peace.

- Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **RODOLFO KAHULUGAN SR., MARIA CLARA QUIRAPAS, TIRSO FERNANDEZ, JUANA TADEO, JUAN MANINGAS, LOLITA ROBLES, PEDRITO & GERALDINE EMBALSADO, LEONOR GALEDO, CARMINITO OJERIO, ABONJO MILLETE, JOY DELOS REYES, JAIME KEVIN HUGO II, JACQUES JASMIN, RAYMUND TUVIDA, BEATRIZ LUPENA, 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 ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.

