



Sixth Sunday in
Easter

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May 13, 2012

Today the Lord Jesus continues to develop last Sunday's idea of union with him as a condition to bear fruits of holiness in our lives. He does so by emphasizing that keeping his "Love-Commandment" is the practical way to show the reality of our union with him and to bear fruit.

There is a life-giving relationship between union with Jesus and fruitfulness, fruitfulness and love, love and obedience to God's Commandments.

The Eucharist we are about to celebrate is a manifestation of our union with the Lord and among ourselves. It is also a most effective way to strengthen such union whenever we proclaim God's Word, participate in shared prayer, and receive Holy Communion.

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 the Eucharistic celebration.



The Love That Unites and Bears Fruit

There is in us an instinctive selfishness – an unmistakable sign of the deep wound inflicted on all the descendants of Adam by original sin; a wound continuously kept open by all subsequent sins. As a consequence, we often feel tempted to become aggressive, carried away as we are by pride and other lower passions. Some see more easily in others the competitor, the rival and even the enemy, rather than the brother or sister to be appreciated and loved.

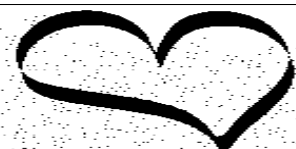
Clearly, a good deal of the "old man" still survives in us, alongside with the positive aspirations which are the fruit of a sound upbringing, a helpful environment, and especially the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. Unlike us, the whole of Christ's life was characterized by LOVE: a love patterned after that of the Father (see *Jn 15:9 and 1 Jn 4:9-10*). It reached its highest manifestation on the cross, when Jesus died, "the just for the unjust" (*1 Pt 3:18*), as a sacrificial offering for our sins. (See *1 Jn 4:10*.) To all his followers – to us – he enjoined only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you" (*Jn 15:12*). Our love of neighbor, then, to be genuine has got to be Christ-like: i.e., rooted in the Father's love, boundless, unconditional, total, ready even for the supreme sacrifice, for "there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (*Jn 15:13*).

This is the kind of love that unites us with both God – through Jesus – and our neighbor. This is the kind of love that bears fruits of compassion, forgiveness, solidarity, respect, affirmation, comfort, joy, and peace. Each of us knows how difficult it is to love in such a manner and at all times. And yet that is what we are called to do if we want to give witness to Christ and his resurrection. By constantly doing our best to overcome selfishness, aggressiveness and greed through our loving attitudes, words and actions, we will grow in the awareness that there is something wonderful created in us by God's grace. We are "new men/women," created in God's image, thanks to the crucified and risen Christ. (See *Eph 4:24*.) Then will our behavior become a living proof of the reality and universal effect of the resurrection of Christ. Through our own and our neighbor's love, we shall experience that the "newness of life" brought by Jesus is not a myth but a fact. We will also see that this resurrection is not just an event of the past which concerns him alone, but an ever-present power which re-creates every human being from within, transforming him/her from a weak sinner into a strong child of God who lives by the commandment of brotherly love.

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Love never
fails



A priest shared this story of their theology days (that period prior to ordination when they studied theology). One of the subjects was moral theology (the study of Christian morality). For their finals their professor was going to give them only one question. If they answered it correctly, they would get 100. Otherwise, they would get 0. Examination for moral theology came. They received one question: What was the command of Jesus concerning love? The day after they received their papers. Some received 0. Others, 100. They looked at the papers marked 0. The answer was: Love one another. They looked at the papers marked 100. Their answer? Love one another **as I have loved you**.



Love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love us? He gave his life for us. How should we love one another? Even to the extent of being ready to give our life.

Yet the time when we might be called to sacrifice our life for the one we love may never come. But the opportunity to spend our life for the good of the ones we love will always be there. There are two practical ways we can live our lives in ways that speak of love. First, by being understanding and forgiving toward one another. And second, by being thoughtful and considerate toward one another.

THE SEARCH FOR THE 2012 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS is in FULL SWING !



The **First Canvassing** will be held on **Saturday, May 26, 2012, 6: 00 p.m.** at the Church Hall. The boy and girl candidates who would remit the highest amount of solicitations would be named the FCMM Reyna Elena and Constantino 2012. Entrance is \$ 7.00 inclusive of light refreshments. Tickets are now available from our FCMM Administrators.



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 Quirapas.



This coming month of June, can you spare a few hours on Saturday mornings ? We will need volunteers to help us in the repair of the outer walls of the Church. Please notify Mr. Peping Tolentino or Mr. Louie San Juan of your availability. Women are welcome too to help prepare the meals and snacks for our volunteers. Thanks in advance.



St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world.



JOIN US for the ENGLISH TRIDUUM of MASSES and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA to be held here at the FCMM on **Sunday, June 10 @ 11:30 a.m., Monday, June 11, Tuesday, June 12 and Wednesday, June 13 @ 7:00 p.m.**



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE GIFT OF LIFE TO THE FAMILY MEMBERS** offered by **JOSEFINA, CELY and TOMAS GARCIA.**



"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends"
- John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we should be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. the Church.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 6, 2012 totaled
\$ 1,818.50

Thank you for your continuing generosity!
God bless you 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:
ALYSSA PAMBUAN, ESTELA ERIVERA, MR. & MRS. CRIS ESTOQUE, RYAN BAUTISTA, KERWIN REY, MELISSA LOCQUIAO.



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

❖ Remember also all of our Deceased Relatives and Friends, especially **TOMASA CASIL, FAUSTINO YADAO, CARMINITO OJERIO, FELIX ALEJANDRO, EMILIO AGUILA, PESCASIO DIWA SR., PRISCILLA DIWA, ANITA CACHERO, BERCHA LIBERMAN MANCOVITAH, 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.

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



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!



Happy Birthday Fr. Frank !