



Ascension

May 20, 2012

Jesus' Ascension marks the climax of his glorification, but it does not mean that he has severed his relationship with us. It only means that, while still remaining the great "protagonist" in the history of salvation, Jesus recedes for a time into the background to let the members of the Church play their role in the construction of God's Kingdom with a greater sense of responsibility.

All of us are involved in this great enterprise which is the core of God's plan for mankind. We do our share in it by contributing to the proclamation of the Gospel and by making the Kingdom present through a life of authentic Christian witness. Today we also observe the 46th World Communications Sunday. Let us keep in our prayers all the Media practitioners and the recipients of their service.



Heralds and Witnesses of the Gospel



The Ascension ushered in the time of the Church – the time of the call to conversion addressed to all peoples through the cracking voice of men who were themselves frail and sinful. By human standards, their preaching would have been a short-lived effort, doomed to fail from the very start. And yet, after almost two thousand years and millions of setbacks, the preaching goes on, as daring as ever.

The reason for this astonishing phenomenon? Christ has been keeping the promise he made to his apostles: "I am with you always, until the end of the world" (Mt28:20). He is present in his Church. He is present in the Word which the Church treasures, proclaims and witnesses to. It is thanks to the unflinching presence of the Risen Christ that his Word displays a freshness which makes it contemporary with all generations, and possesses a richness which makes it relevant to all cultures and circumstances.

The heart of the Word proclaimed by the Church is the GOSPEL, the GOOD NEWS that God has reconciled all human beings to Himself in Jesus Christ (see Rom 5:10-11), has exalted Jesus above all creatures by seating him at His right hand (see Mk 16:19), and has given him the name which is above every other name. (See Phil 2:9.)

The "Good News" is not simply about Christ's glorification. It is also about its saving effects on all men and women of all times and places. In this way, the wonder of Jesus' resurrection and mankind's redemption is announced not as a news item of a distant past, but as a saving reality rooted in history and spanning into eternity. Such a blessing can be experienced personally by all through a response of faith to the proclamation of the "Good News." And, having experienced it in our lives, we are also expected to proclaim it to others and to witness to the Good News of the Gospel through a life characterized by serenity, generosity, peace, and all other qualities that make the environment in which we live a little heaven.

Thus, in a world perpetually saddened by hosts of bad news, the proclamation of the "Good News" of Jesus Christ remains the perennial source of pure joy for all. It is like a bright torch held aloft by the Church in the dark night of a world still under the spell of Satan, but destined to be finally conquered by Christ and to be presented by him to the Father. (See 1 Cor 15:24.)



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.



The OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES FRATERNITY (Secular Franciscan Order) is organizing a Pilgrimage to the **Basilica of Notre-Dame du Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec** and **The Shrine of Blessed Frederic Jansoone at The Church Of Saint-Antoine in Trois Rivieres** on **SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2012.**

8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

COST: \$ 30.00 / person (includes COACH TRANSPORTATION and TOUR FEES) RESERVE YOUR SEATS NOW !

Contact **Linda Ballares (514 737 1424)** linda.caldito@yahoo.ca
 or **Mercia Suarez (514 351 8771)**



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.

A P P E A L



One of the things that we are losing in the FCMM Church is the sense of the Church as a 'place of silence and prayer'.

Recently, it is often observed in our church where people don't mind the ROSARY and MASS being said and continue chatting at their seats and at the back; furthermore, people are seen chatting away in the line going up to communion. **When we lose the norms on SILENCE and REVERENCE in Church, something very precious is being lost which will be difficult to reclaim.**

It is predicted that in those places where chattering in the Church before and during Sunday Services is becoming the norm, you will see fewer people dropping in to say a prayer. This is aside from the fact the children see irreverent acts as OK inside the Church.

PLEASE LET US DO OUR SHARE TO MAINTAIN REVERENT SILENCE IN THE CHURCH !!!

"Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, Before the service... speak to God,

During the service... let God speak to you.

Then after the service... you may speak to one another."

Be attentive to others praying and try to make it easier for them rather than more difficult.

THANK YOU !



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ADELAIDA BRITOS and CHRISTOPHER GARCIA** offered by **JOSEFINA, CELY and TOMAS GARCIA.**



DIOCESAN AWARDS OF MERIT for Altar Servers

Altar Servers from Parishes in the Archdiocese of Montreal have been selected for this special recognition in light of their dedication, senses of responsibility and display of leadership in their duties. Our Mission is truly grateful to all of its altar servers for their participation at celebrations throughout the year. On **Sunday, June 3rd, 3:00 p.m., at the Mary Queen of the World Cathedral**, His Excellency, Bishop Christian Lepine, Archbishop of Montreal, will present the awards to altar servers from our Parish. All are invited.

The following altar servers will be honored:

- RAFAEL EDMUND GUIA-FOZ** -**JULIEN VINCENT FOZ- DAIT**
- ELDEN JED BIGCAS- CAMBALIZA**

The Bishop's Award is sponsored by the Club Serra Montreal/Ville Marie, a long established organization in the Archdiocese whose purpose is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood.



"This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."
- Acts 1:11

How strong is your faith? Do you believe that Jesus will return? In the Gospel Jesus tells us that He will return and when He does He will separate us into sheep and goats, depending on how much we used our blessings to help those in need.

So how strong is your faith? The answer can be found in how much you give.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 13, 2012 totaled **\$ 1, 090. 50**

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



- ❖ 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:
BOBBY, CHERRY & CHRISTOPHER PERLAS, JAN ROBIN PANDY, DULCE PANDY, NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA 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, 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 **CELSO MABALHIN, AMBROSIA & JUANITA BELDAD, VIRGILIO MANGUBAT, ELENA VISARIO, TIMOTEO VISARIO, VICENTE HALLADO, MARLENE MECUANIDO, IGNACIA NITURA BAUTISTA, MARCIANO MANIGAO, ALL MOTHERS IN PURGATORY, CORAZON ABSUELO, 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.



