

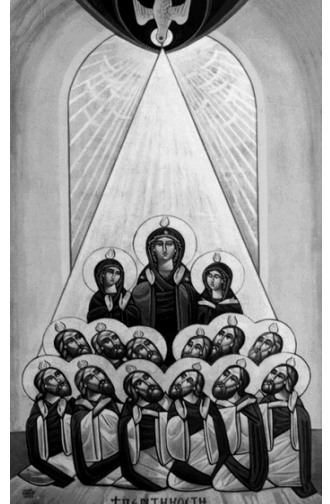


Day of Pentecost

MAY 27, 2012

We live in a world torn by conflicting interests, jealousy, aggressiveness, and so many forms of enslavement.

All this is the consequence of SIN, from the first to the latest sin that has darkened the horizon of mankind. Left to ourselves, we would have been unable to overcome such destructive forces. That is why God promised and sent the Holy Spirit, as the divine healing Power that can undo the tragedies of division, mistrust, hatred, and death brought about by human sinfulness. As we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit over the disciples gathered in the Upper Room, let us open our hearts to him so that we, too, may share in their wonderful experience. May the Holy Spirit fashion us to the likeness of Jesus and into a community characterized by mutual acceptance, appreciation, solidarity, and love.



The Spirit That Unites and Purifies Us

Jesus freed us from sin through his passion, death and resurrection. Thanks to him, salvation is made available and offered to all men. But this does not mean that we are all herded into heaven. Christ destroyed sin, but not our freedom. It is still possible that we say once again "No!" to God.

As long as we live on earth, sin remains a "possible accident" caused by a number of reasons, the main ones of which are the devil's temptations, the negative influence of the environment in which we live, and especially the moral weakness of our wounded nature.

Experience shows that sin remains a sad reality to this very day, both in ourselves and around us. Jesus knew it would be so. That is why he repeatedly promised and eventually gave the Holy Spirit to the Church that she might continue his healing mission in the power of the Source of all unity, solidarity and holiness.

Thus, Jesus completed his redemptive work by commissioning the Church to carry on the struggle against all that divides mankind, all that makes us selfish, proud, aggressive and oppressive. And this is what the Church has been doing in her 2,000 years of existence, in spite of all the limitations and weaknesses that come to her from her "human component." The Holy Spirit, present in her as her "soul," is the divine Power that keeps the Church alive, constantly renews her, guides her into an ever greater appreciation of the truths of revelation, sanctifies and strengthens her against all dangers and oppositions.

And so the *mystery of the Incarnation continues* – God saving men through men, not just through the all-holy Jesus, but also through the ministry of frail and sinful people, sanctified and strengthened by the Spirit of love, unity, and holiness. We will never be able to fully appreciate the importance of the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in each of us. Without him the Church would be just a human institution, destined to perish like all other institutions, empires and civilizations. But the Church will last until the end of time only because the Lord of Life animates her. Thanks to the presence of the Spirit, the gift of salvation and all other gifts of the Risen Christ are channelled to men especially through those sacred acts that we call "sacraments." In particular, the forgiving love of God becomes a reality for us, today, through the sacrament of Reconciliation which enables us to rise after every fall, purified and strengthened by God's forgiving love.



Congratulations to Our Confirmandi !

*Today, our Episcopal Vicar for Ethnic Communities,
Msgr. Piereangelo Paternieri, v.e.,
confirms fourteen children and six adults
of our Mission community.*

WELCOME Msgr. Piereangelo, Family, Friends and Guests !

We congratulate our Confirmandi for their careful preparation and for the faith commitment that this step implies, and we welcome them as they become more formally involved in the Church's mission of education, worship, and service.

Agana, Elaine Marie

Castellano, Nikko John

Cacatian-Martinez, Jacques Ivan

Foz-Dait, Joanna Valerie

Guia-Foz, Raphael Edmund

Panado, Naomi-Grace

Tan, Allen

Alcantara, Jonathan Jay

Mendoza, Agnes

Redrino, Marinen

Boloso, Bernard James

Castellano, Sophie Ann

Cruz-Gumal, David Bryan

Foz-Elamparo, Mary Grace Anne

Morong, Julian-Martin

Pavico, Marcus David

Vera, Michael Brandon

Canillo, Bryan

Paningbatan, Truby Karl

Reyes, Jasper



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

*The **First Canvassing** was held last night at our Church Hall. We thank all who made the event a big success ! We hope that you will continue to help and support our candidates until the closing of this project in October. More about this next issue.*



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 TRIDUUM of MASSES and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA here at the FCMM.

Schedule is as follows:

Sunday, June 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist - Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, pme

Monday, June 11- 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist - Rev. Fr. Andre Comtois, ofm

Tuesday, June 12 - 7:00 p.m.

Main Celebrant & Homilist - Rev. Msgr. Andre Desroches

Wednesday, June 13- 7:00 p.m.



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.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **AS THANKSGIVING FOR ALL BLESSINGS AND GRACES RECEIVED** offered by **JOSEFINA, CELY and TOMAS GARCIA.**



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

By giving each of us different gifts, God made sure that the Church would have the combination of talent and treasure that was needed to do God's work. However, what happens if one of us does not bring our contribution to God's altar? God's plan is not fulfilled. Some important work is left undone.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 20, 2012 totaled **\$ 1, 465. 00**

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: **LETTY VALLE, FRANCIS,, TESS & AARON TUBON, CARLO TADEO, LYN RIVERA and FAMILY, MINDA MIÑON, LUCILLE MANIGAO, WINNIE, RUBY, & CARISSA DE MESA, MR. & MRS. DAVID WONG.**



- ❖ 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 **GENEROSO VALLE, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS SR., MARIA ESGUERRA, ADELAIDA BRITOS, LEONARDO DIAZ, EUDALDO MOYO, 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.

