



## Sixth Sunday in Easter

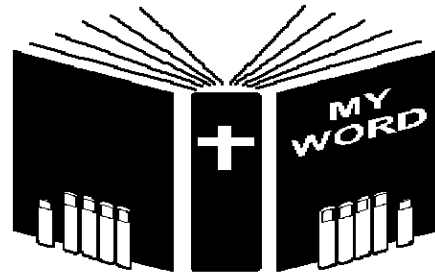
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*The thought of an imminent separation from a person we love fills us with sadness. So it was with the disciples, soon after they heard from Jesus that soon they would not be able to see him any longer. But the Lord reassured them that LOVE would make up for the lack of his visible presence and would fill their lives with peace and strength.*

*After two thousand years, we know how true Jesus' words are. He is always present in the Church, his Mystical Body. In each of us, His presence becomes particularly real when we celebrate and receive the Eucharist, as we are about to do now. Let us open our hearts to receive in him the love of the Blessed Trinity, and to reciprocate it with the homage of our loving faithfulness. In today's Eucharist, let us also pray for all mothers as we celebrate Mother's Day today.*



### Heaven on Earth



**Whoever Loves Me  
Will Keep It**

It is a matter of consistency – he who claims to love Christ has to prove it in practice. Jesus is not satisfied with verbal protestations of love and faithfulness. He wants action. Already at the beginning of his public life he had warned his disciples, “Not everyone who calls me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who DO the will of my Father” (Mt 7:21). Later on, he proclaimed that he considers as his closest relative whoever does the will of God. (See Mk 3:35.)

In his discourse at the Last Supper the test of love is even more personal: “Anyone who loves me will be true to my word” (Jn 14:23). Conversely, failure to be true to his word signifies a lack of love for him. (See v. 24.) To be true to Jesus’ word means to value it as the most precious treasure; to take it as one’s own highest inspiration in life; and to live by it, no matter what the cost. Such a cost may sometimes be high indeed. But the reward is higher still. God will bless with His continuous presence the believers who have learned how to live by the word of Christ. Then their lives will take on a new dimension – the dimension of communion with the Father, the Son, and the Spirit of Love. They will enjoy the essence of heaven, already in this life. This will be just a foretaste, of course, since the fullness of heaven lies beyond time and space. But it will be a real foretaste, nonetheless, which fills the soul of the “genuine believer” with divine splendor, insight, and peace. It is the splendor coming from the glory of the Father. (See Rv 21:23.) It is the insight deriving from the presence of the Spirit. (See Jn 14:26.) It is the peace produced in our hearts by the self-gift of the Son. (See Jn 14:27.)

All this spells a unique dignity for every human being. Man is great on account of his intelligence, his moral and artistic achievements, and for his call to be with God forever. But every human being is specially great because he/she can be the temple of the Blessed Trinity already in this life. The condition to actualize this potential is double-fold, as it is spelled out by Jesus himself: to love him and to be true to his word. Then heaven dawns on earth and the hearts of human beings become the most precious shrines in which Father, Son, and Spirit love to dwell.

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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!



#### **Father Frank's 40th Anniversary of Ordination-**

Father Frank is celebrating 40 years of priesthood this year and we are planning a little celebration.

There will be a Mass on **Saturday, 15th May at 5:00 pm** followed by a buffet in the hall. **All parishioners are invited** - we hope that many of you will come along and join Father Frank celebrate this milestone in his life, and in the life of our Mission community .



#### **THE SEARCH FOR THE 2010 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS is in FULL SWING !**



The First Canvassing will be held on **Saturday, May 29, 2010, 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 2010. Entrance is \$ 7.00 inclusive of light refreshments. Tickets are now available from our FCMM Administrators.





**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** here at the FCMM for the **ENGLISH TRIDUUM of MASSES** on Thursday, June 10 – Saturday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. and **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA** on Sunday, June 13 at 11:30 a.m.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR HEALING INTENTIONS** of all sick family, relatives and friends offered by **JOSEFINA YABUT**.

**STEWARDSHIP** – *“Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”* - John 14:27  
When we let the daily pressures of life trouble us we begin to believe that we are responsible for taking care of everything. This causes us to frantically cling to both our time and treasure. Yet, Jesus tells us not to be troubled or afraid. Take a deep breath and place your trust in God. When you do, you can be a better steward of all that God has placed in your care.



Your Offerings for the week ending May 2, 2010 totaled **\$ 1, 629. 00**

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:  
DOMENICO CAVALLARO, DELIA GERAL, RAY & OHDA and FAMILY,  
PATRICK and DUSTIN ALCAIDE, INO, LUMEN & DIANE GRACE SILVERIO,  
SOPHIE ANN CASTELLANO.



- ❖ 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, ELECITA ARACENA, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., ANTONIO FOZ, NORA ZABALA, JULIO MACARAIG, BEATA SANGALANG FRUCTUOSA VELASQUEZ, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, EMELITA GASPAY, ANGELITA ZARAGOSA, FELIMON AMIAN SR., GERRIELYN ANN MASAYA, DAWN DELA PAZ, PABLITO DE CASTRO, MARIA MINDA MIÑON, RODOLFO REQUILMAN, FELICITAS GARCIA, C.G.A., JESS ALCAIDE, VERONICA DE LAS ALAS, DALMACIO AQUINO SR., ANNIE FORGET, JULIE PARADO, MARIE FAUBERT. May God bring them healing and peace.
- ❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially BENJAMIN NIEVA, VER MANGUBAT, JOAQUIN GUTIERREZ, JUSTIN SHANE GOMEZ, 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.



### Upcoming Events

- May 30 – CLEC Confirmation
- June 6 – CLEC First Communion
- June 10 – June 12 – St. Anthony of Padua Triduum
- June 13- CLEC Closing and St. Anthony Feast Day Celebration