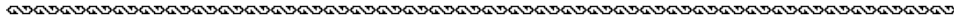




24TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

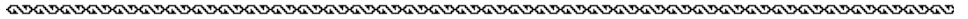
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Barely two days after having celebrated the Exaltation of the Cross, today's theme reminds us of the duty, which all of us have, to take up our cross and carry it in the footsteps of Christ. This is not something that we do with pleasure, for the cross always entails some degree of suffering and death. We instinctively choose life and tend to enjoy life. And yet, the cross looms large on the horizon of our earthly existence. It may be the cross of sickness, of natural defects, of failures, or of injustices inflicted on us. Or it may be the cross of living out the demands of our faith, as St. James reminds us in today's Second Reading. Or it is the cross of bearing with one another's shortcomings within our own family, in our place of work, in our communities In the Eucharist let us ask for the grace to carry our cross with patience and in a spirit of faith, always remembering that the cross is the great bridge to heaven.



- **CLEC Classes open on September 30**
 - 12:30 p.m. / Mass at 3:00 p.m.
- **Parents' Meeting on October 14**
 - 9:00 a.m.

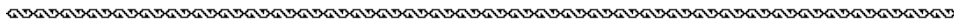
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SAN LORENZO RUIZ FIESTA:

- ❖ **Fiesta Mass – Sunday, Sept. 30 @ 3:00 p.m.**
 - Msgr. Michel Parent, v.e.
- (Main Celebrant)
- ❖ **Out-door Procession follows.**
 - **NOTE: No 11:30 a.m. Mass**

Be Sure to Bring Your Friends & Family



Turn to me thine eyes, oh most loving Virgin of Peñafrancia and have mercy on my soul that comes to Thee, full of repentance. Protect my family, my relatives, my friends and benefactors. Intercede for your devotees,

both the living and the dead, especially for those whom I am most obliged to help.

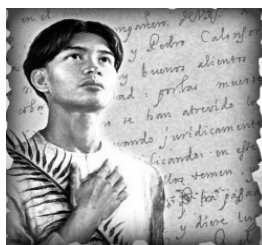
Pray for me, console me and save me. In my hours of peril, adversity & afflictions, above all, in the hour of my death, appear before your divine Son to help me and defend me. Tell him that I am your devotee, that having complete trust in your powerful intercession.

Virgin of Peñafrancia, pray for me, help me, console me, and deliver me from all evil. Amen



Greetings to all Bicolanos as they celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Peñafrancia. Blessings on all devotees who will be celebrating today's feast!

May they all draw closer to Jesus, the Son of Mary and the Son of God.



**A CATECHETICAL PRIMER ON THE LIFE, MARTYRDOM
AND GLORIFICATION OF
BLESSED PEDRO CALUNGSOD (Part 2)**
by Msgr. Ildebrando Jesus Aliño Leyson

Blessed Pedro Calungsod

***Why can we not be certain of Pedro's exact provenance in the Visayas?** The Visayas is the group of several islands in the central Philippines, the largest of which are Panay, Negros, Cebu, Bohol, Leyte and Samar. There are no existing pertinent documents, like a baptismal record, that could serve as solid bases for identifying which island is the birthplace of Pedro in the Visayas. The documents written by his companion missionaries simply identify him as an "indio bisaya", that is, a Visayan native.

***Would Pedro's surname help us make an inference about his birthplace in the Visayas?** There are three Visayan languages: Cebuano, which is spoken in Cebu, Bohol, southern Leyte and eastern Negros; Hiligaynon, which is spoken in Panay and western Negros; and Waray which is spoken in Samar and northern Leyte. The term "lungsod" for "town" is Cebuano, while in Hiligaynon it is rendered as "banwa" and in Waray "bongto". Nevertheless, we cannot surely say that Pedro was a Cebuano since there are Calungsod families in the Visayan islands of Panay and Leyte. At the same time, we cannot verify if the Calungsod families had already migrated to Panay or Leyte during the time of Pedro.

***Where in the Visayas are the Calungsod families densely found?** The Calungsod families are densely found in the Visayan towns of Ginatilan in Cebu, Hinunangan and Hinundayan in southern Leyte, and in Molo district of Iloilo City in Panay.

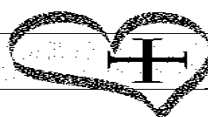
***Could Pedro be from Molo, Panay?** There are Calunsod/Calonsod [sic] families in Molo district of Iloilo City. Who knows, the Calunsod clan may have already migrated there in the 1600's. Besides, there was a Jesuit residence in Arévalo in Panay where Pedro could have been recruited for the mission.

***Could Pedro be from Ginatilan, Cebu?** By the fact that his surname is Cebuano, Pedro may well be from Ginatilan, Cebu. Ginatilan was a very remote place in south-western Cebu during the time of Pedro. If he came from there, it is not surprising that his exact provenance in the Visayas was somehow unknown especially to the Jesuits who had no mission station there. It is interesting to note, however, that the first account we have about Pedro was written twenty-four days after his martyrdom by his companion missionary in Guam, Fr. Francisco Solano, who had worked in Negros since 1665 when Pedro would have been about ten years old. Moreover, on August 8, 1676 – four years after the death of Pedro – two Jesuit priests made mention of Pedro: Fr. Jaime Bestart and Fr. Pedro de Casanova who was a companion missionary of Pedro in Guam for three years. Both priests were the only ones who made a more specific indication of Pedro's age by saying that Pedro was only a niño – more or less 16 to 17 years old – when he was martyred. Nevertheless, both witnesses did not explicitly say that Pedro was from Cebu.

***Could Pedro be from Hinunangan or Hinundayan, Leyte?** During the time of Pedro, Hinunangan and Hinundayan in Leyte were part of the Jesuit mission station of Abuyog. If he were from one of these towns, it may easily be explained why he got in contact with the Jesuits. Leyte was entirely a Jesuit mission territory at that time. It may just be strange why his companion missionaries could not exactly identify which island in the Visayas he came from if indeed he was from the Jesuit mission in Leyte



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF CONSOLACION MARIANO** offered by **NARCISO & OFELIA MEJIA**.





"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." (Mark 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to deny ourselves some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended them to be shared.



Your Offerings for the week ending September 09, 2012 totaled \$ 1,417.00

Thank you for your God bless you always!!!



continuing generosity !

IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION ON BAPTISMS IN THE FCMM



A. Baptismal Registration

- ❖ NO DATE RESERVATION BY PHONE.
- ❖ RESERVATION MUST BE MADE THREE (3) MONTHS BEFORE DATE OF BAPTISM.
- ❖ RESERVATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ONCE THE REGISTRATION FORM IS COMPLETED.

B. Requirements for Principal Sponsors (Godparents)

- ❖ MUST BOTH BE ROMAN CATHOLICS and OF PROPER AGE (18 yrs. AND ABOVE)
- ❖ IF SINGLE: MUST PRESENT BAPTISMAL and CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES.
- ❖ IF MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: A PHOTO COPY OF THE MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE IS NEEDED.

FOR MORE DETAILS: CONTACT THE FCMM OFFICE (514- 387 5292)



- ❖ 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:
RYAN SAMPANA, LUCILLE MANIGAO, TESS AMBAYEC, GLENN & ANGIE CABRADILLA, WINNIE & ISABEL REY and FAMILY, FILEOMENA and FILEMON TADEO, THE AMBAYEC FAMILY, RODEL & VANESSA MANGUBAT SIGUE



- ❖ 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, 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. May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **CIPRIANO BACOSA, GENARO CANINDO, RAQUEL ORTIZO, AURORA LAYON, CRISPIN MAGNO, BALBINA TUBES, CERELINA FAMI, IGNACIO VALLE, MARIA QUIRAPAS, NESTOR & APOLONIO BERNABE, JUAN MANINGAS, 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

The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. 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.