



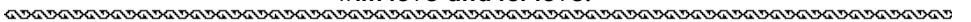
25TH Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 September 2012

The aspiration to rise above others is deeply rooted in the heart of man. Its source is usually pride. On this 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, we are invited to overcome that pride with humble and generous service.

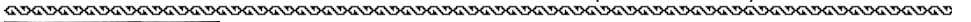
In the Gospel, Jesus challenges his disciples and us to be the servant of all. That is the most practical and effective way to counteract the devastating consequences of "the passions that make war within our members." (Second Reading)

In the Eucharist, let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to be able to serve with love and for love.



- **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.

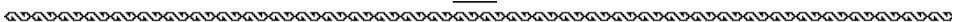
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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE SAN LORENZO RUIZ FIESTA CELEBRATION NEXT SUNDAY !

Be Sure to Bring Your Friends & Family

- ❖ **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**



IMPORTANT NEW INFORMATION ON BAPTISMS IN THE FCMM



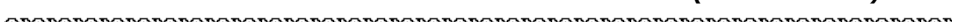
A. Baptismal Registration

- ❖ 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.

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The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

-James 3:18



**A CATECHETICAL PRIMER ON THE LIFE, MARTYRDOM
AND GLORIFICATION OF
BLESSED PEDRO CALUNGSOD (Part 3)**
by Msgr. Ildebrando Jesus Aliño Leyson

Blessed Pedro Calungsod

root). It originally meant a reward for good news given to the messenger and later "good news", thus, "Gospel" from "good" and "spell" meaning "words" or "speech". In its precise sense, evangelization is the mission directed to those who do not know Christ. In a wider sense, it is used to describe ordinary pastoral work, while the phrase "new evangelization" designates pastoral outreach to those who no longer practice the Christian faith.

***How did Pedro become part of the Jesuit Mission in the Ladrões?** It was the strategy of the Jesuits who were evangelizing the Visayas in the 1600's to train young boys as assistants or catechists to help them in their missions. The training was done in Jesuit-run boarding schools for boys. Pedro may have attended one of the Jesuit boarding schools for boys and thus was among those brought by the Jesuit priest Fr. Diego Luís de San Vitores to start the Mission at the Ladrões Islands together with other Jesuits.

***Fr. Diego Luís de San Vitores was assigned in Antipolo. How could he have recruited boys from the Visayas?** It is known that Fray Juan Lopez, OP, the bishop of Cebu at that time, manifested his willing support to the Mission organized by Fr. Diego since the Ladrões were then part of the ecclesiastical territory of the Diocese of Cebu. It is possible that the bishop himself may have sent boys from the Visayas to support the Mission. Another possibility is that the Jesuits in the Visayas themselves may have sent the boys to their confrere Fr. Diego.

***How did the missionaries arrive in the Ladrões?** Overcoming all difficulties, the missionaries left with the ship named "San Diego" from the port of Cavite on August 7, 1667. They sailed first to Acapulco in Mexico to get some provisions for the Mission. They arrived in Acapulco on January 6, 1668 and stayed there until March 23, 1668 when they left for the Ladrões. They reached the island of Guam in the Ladrões on June 15, 1668.

***How was life in the Ladrões Mission?** Life in the Ladrões was hard. The provisions for the Mission did not arrive regularly; the jungles were too thick to cross; the cliffs were very stiff to climb, and the islands were frequently visited by devastating typhoons. Despite the hardships, the missionaries persevered, and the Mission was blessed with many conversions. The first mission residence and church were built in the town of Hagåtña [Agaña; Agaña; Agana] in the island of Guam and was dedicated to the *Dulce Nombre de Maria*, the Sweet Name of Mary. Subsequently, the islands were renamed "Marianas" by the missionaries in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the then queen regent of Spain, Maria Ana, who was the benefactress of that Mission.

***How did the persecution against the missionaries in the Marianas begin?** A Chinese quack, named Choco, envious of the prestige that the missionaries were gaining among the Chamorros, started to spread the talk that the baptismal water of the missionaries was poisonous. And since some sickly Chamorro infants who were baptized died, many believed the calumniator and eventually apostatized. The evil campaign of Choco was readily supported by the Macanjas who were superstitious local herbal medicine men, and by the Urritaos, the young native men who were given into some immoral practices. These, along with the apostates, began to persecute the missionaries, many of whom were killed.

***What sustained the perseverance of the missionaries in the Marianas?** The missionaries were able to persevere in the Mariana Mission because of their firm spiritual life. They were fervent in their prayers and sacrifices for the salvation of souls. They were faithful to the daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist. They regularly and frequently received the Sacrament of Confession, thus keeping themselves always at peace with God and always prepared for death. Moreover, they were so devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary as their inspiration and protector.

***What were the circumstances of the martyrdom of Pedro Calungsod?** The most unforgettable assault happened on April 2, 1672, the Saturday just before the Passion Sunday of that year. At around seven o'clock in the morning, Pedro – by then already about seventeen years old, as can be gleaned from the written testimonies of his companion missionaries – and the superior of the Mission, named Padre Diego Luís de San Vitores, came to the village of Tomhom [Tumhon; Tumon], in Guam. There, they were told that a baby girl was recently born in the village; so they went to ask the child's father, named Matapang, to bring out the infant for baptism. Matapang was a Christian and a friend of the missionaries, but having apostatized, he angrily refused to have his baby christened.



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



"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus teaches us through His words and through His life that we are called to serve one another. We can serve through our sacrifices of time, talent and treasure. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = *sacred* and "facere" = *to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by giving up some of our time, talent and treasure in the service of God and His Church.



**.Your Offerings for the week ending September 16, 2012
totaled \$ 1,207.00**

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



Our Parishioners are pretty much back now from summer vacations. If you were away from church for all or part of the summer, please make an effort to "make-up" financially for the weeks you missed at the FCMM. Remember that Parish Life continued in your absence. Remember also that our parish cannot remain successful without your active stewardship. THANK YOU !



- ❖ 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:
NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA, MERLY GUMAL 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, 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 **GERRY PAMBUAN, DAMIANA BEJARASCO, ROMAN BEJARASCO, GLORIA BACOSA, JUAN MANINGAS, DANILO DERIQUITO, RICARDO JARIN, SILVERIO CADORNA, OLIMPIA CADORNA, 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.

