



04 September 2011
23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time

*Contemporary society is torn
between two extremes:*

*that of not caring about what others do, and that of intruding into the private lives
of individuals in order to discover and expose hidden misdeeds or weaknesses.
A real disciple of Jesus cannot approve of either. We must care for our neighbor.
We should feel responsible for their spiritual as well as their physical welfare.
Such an attitude of brotherly/sisterly concern may put on us the burden of giving
fraternal correction to the person concerned. This may prove to be quite a
challenge for very few people know how to give corrections in a real Christian
manner. Equally few are those who know how to accept corrections graciously
and gratefully. In the Eucharist let us ask for the grace to be able to do both,
in all humility and Christian courage.*



A Love That Forgives and Corrects

In his first letter to the faithful of Corinth, St. Paul spells out in some detail the demands of true Christian love. (See 1 Cor 13:4-7.) Without love, even the greatest act of self-sacrifice profits the doer nothing. (See 1 Cor 13:3.) Paul's list of concrete signs of love is not exhaustive. Love

has millions of faces and shapes. Sometimes it takes quite "unconventional" forms, like saying "No!" to wrong requests of the people we hold dear; giving bitter medicine to the feverish child, or even allowing the amputation of a cancerous limb in the person we love

The short passages from Ezekiel and Matthew in today's liturgy remind us about yet another very important sign of love: giving fraternal correction. (See Ez 33:7 and Mt 18:15.) The term sounds nice, but its application is always challenging and often hurting because most of us (all perhaps?) do not easily accept to be corrected, to be told that we have done wrong, or that we are wrong. It should not be so, actually, for we are all frail and often do what we shouldn't, or omit what we should have done. We need to be reminded about our duties though it hurts our pride to be reminded of these elementary truths. And God does send us "reminders." He sends us his messages not only through our conscience, but also through people. These are his messengers, his disturbing "prophets," the ones who give us the bitter pills!

Fraternal correction may also be hurting to the very persons who give it, for they may have to face a harsh reaction, and even see a friend turn into an enemy because of a "brotherly correction" they gave Indeed, it is as difficult to give a brotherly correction with sincere charity, as it is difficult to receive it with grateful humility. But giving brotherly advice and correction is part of the share we have to pay to bring about our own salvation as well as that of our neighbor. It is part of

our "carrying one another's burdens" (Gal 6:2), no matter how uncomfortable the fulfillment of our prophetic task may sometimes be. We are our brothers' keepers, for we are all members of the same family. And we cooperate with God in bringing about our salvation also by helping Him to save others

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**CLEC PARENTS and CHILDREN ORIENTATION DAY
- September 18, 2010 (9:00 - 11:00 am)**

For more information, contact the FCMM Office
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**JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL/
ADMINISTRATORS' EMERGENCY MEETING
NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, 2011
2:00 p.m. @ THE PRESBYTER BLUE ROOM**



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VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS

INDU NING CAPALDANAN, ING TULA NING CAPAMPANGAN

(The Virgin of Remedies, Joy of the Capampangans)



The Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal welcomes the organizers, devotees and 'kabalens' from the province of Pampanga who celebrate today the 55th Anniversary of the canonical coronation of The Virgin de los Remedios of Angeles City in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The image has become the one unifying symbol of all Kapampangans under one faith, a powerful reminder of God's infinite saving grace through the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother.

HAVE A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION !!!



Upcoming Events

❖ **OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA FIESTA**

- Sunday, September 18, 11:30 a.m.
- Novena Prayers will be recited before the Mass.

❖ **SAN LORENZO RUIZ FESTIVITIES:**

- *K of C San Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly Dinner-Dance*
 - Saturday (Sept.25 @ 6:00 p.m.)
 - Tickets available from Mr. Jun Diaz
- *Fiesta Mass – Sunday, Sept. 25 @ 3:00 p.m.*
 - Msgr. Pierre Blanchard, v,e,
- Main Celebrant
 - Out-door Procession and Fellowship follows
 - NOTE: No 11:30 a.m. Mass



Be Sure to Bring Your Friends & Family



For many of us, Labor Day provides a much-needed break from the rigors of our busy work weeks. But as we gather with friends and family this Labor Day, we are also reminded of our Catholic responsibility to honor and support those who work hard to keep our society and our economy healthy – especially those who work hard but remain in poverty.

In the Catholic tradition, work is not a burden, not just how we make a living. Work is a way of supporting our family, realizing our dignity, promoting the common good, and participating in God's creation. This often means doing the ordinary well by making the most of our talents and opportunities, treating others fairly, and working with integrity and creativity.

"Lord, give success to the work of our hands."

Happy Labor Day!



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF EUGENIO and ROSA ROSITA** and **IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS (Nini, Jules, Remedios)** offered by **CORA, LITA, MAYETTE & JAMES ACASIO**.



"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." – Ezekiel 33:7

How well are you watching over God's house and all that He has left in your care?



Your Offerings for the week ending August 28, 2011 totaled \$ 1, 765.00

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



Many of us have been away during the summer months. The parish has been operating each week during the Summer. Our expenses continue to escalate. Parishioners who have missed regular support of our parish during the summer are invited to "make up" donations for their missed Sundays.

Your continued and regular support enables the FCMM to continue to "sparkle".



- ❖ To the **New Arrivals** from the Philippines
- ❖ To the **Visitors** from other places;
- ❖ To those who have **been away and are back**;



❖ **WELCOME** into our Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal Family through **Baptism – JANRELL LUIS BUEN / PAOLO DES LAS ALAS / ALEXA ESPERO / AUBREY RUTH FURIEL / LYSA NESSIAH VILORIA GRACEILA FAITH BANDOLA / ALEXANDRIA MAREY CEREZO / / KIRK URIEL BIGCAS**
We pray God will give wisdom and courage to her parents as they endeavour to provide an atmosphere that will be conducive to faith growth.



- ❖ We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of: ROSA VELASQUEZ, GEMMA BERNABE, MARK RUBIO .
- ❖ Let us join in lifting up to the Lord the **Special Intentions** of: SONIA TORRES, CHRISTINA MALEKI 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, ELECITA ARACENA, JESS ALCAIDE, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, ANNIE MOJADO, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, NORA ESPIRITU, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, , EDITH VALENZUELA, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, ANITA CACHERO, WILFREDO DARIO, MERCY BAUTISTA, LEONILA DELA COSTA ROSALES. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **Deceased Relatives and Friends**, especially JOSE ROSALES, ROBERTO ROSALES, REMEDIOS KALALO ROSALES, DANILO BACOSA, GLICERIA AMORA, ADELAIDA SORBETO, MARCELINO PALITIC, JEFFREY BERNABE, MARTIN CORTEZ, OLIMPIA CADORNA, SILVERIO 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

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.



THE GREATEST NEED
The world's greatest need is not more Christians but...
more Christians
who practice their Christianity.