



05 September 2010
23rd Sunday
in Ordinary Time - Year C

On this Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the radical demands of an authentic Christian faith. We are challenged to make our own the values and priorities of Christ even when this entails sacrifice and detachment from all we hold dear. We are expected to love as Jesus does, that is, in an absolutely pure, selfless, and generous way that seeks the real good of the beloved and excludes no one. It is not easy to love in this manner. That is why to love "the Jesus way" requires plenty of moral strength and a long apprenticeship. But this is the only way to be a real disciple of the Lord, for it is only through such a strong love that the Kingdom of God flourishes and we can attain lasting happiness. In the Eucharistic celebration let us ask for the grace to love Jesus above all, not only in words but also in deeds.



❖ **FAITHFIRST 2010-2011 REGISTRATION DATES:**

September 5 & 12
(9:00 – 11:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)
@ the Church Hall

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry.

Please bring:

- *PHOTOCOPY of BIRTH and BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES/*
- *2 ID SIZE PHOTOS/*
- *FEES (accdng. to each level)*

**Parents and children must be present during registration for an interview.*

**Old Students must bring their Certificate of Participation from the previous year.*

**Students from other parishes must bring a Letter of Certification.*

**September 19 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.)*

- *FaithFirst Class Orientation Day/ Parents' Meeting*

For more information, please call the FCMM Office (514- 387-5292)



Upcoming Events

- ❖ **VIRGEN DE LOS REMEDIOS (San Fernando, Pampanga) FIESTA**
Celebration on Sunday, September 12. 11:00 a.m. -Novena Prayers, Mass and Fellowship.
- ❖ **OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA FIESTA** on Sunday, September 19.
Novena Prayers will be recited before the Mass.
- ❖ **SAN LORENZO RUIZ FESTIVITIES:**
 - *Tridium of Masses- Wednesday – Friday (Sept. 22- 24 @ 7:00 p.m.)*
 - *K of C San Lorenzo Ruiz Assembly Dinner- Dance – Saturday (Sept.25 @ 6:00 p.m.)*
 - *\$25 Tickets available from Mr. Jun Diaz*
 - *Fiesta Mass – Sunday, Sept. 26 @ 3:00 p.m. followed by an Out-door Procession and Fellowship*
 - *NOTE: No 11:30 a.m. Mass*



*You who labor as you pray
lift your heart to God with your hands.*

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux



On this Labor Day weekend, we reflect on the dignity of labor. Most of us work because we have to. But, in addition to raising needed money to support our needs we ought to look at work as a vocation

to join God who is at work in the world and as an opportunity to serve others. Whether we work in the home or out, whether we are active or retired, we give thanks to God for health and talent to make a contribution to this world.

Saint Augustine, that fourth century saint, once remarked that his "life was his work" and that it had become for him a "troublesome land, a place of too much sweat." His words remind us that our essential life work is our life—creating it in the image of Christ. As we mold and shape our lives into a perfect reflection of Jesus, our tools for the task are the two precepts: "Love God" and "love neighbor." Perfecting one's life is the work that every individual can do and must do. We must make of ourselves a beautiful object—a decent human being. If we do our best day by day to live good lives, God counts it as a productive day. If we have such productive days often enough, and don't give up on ourselves and not brush the hand of God away, then God will judge our lives to be a good work. He is still the creator and is, even now, creating you along with your self-creating.

As we begin September and all the activities of parish life begin anew, each of us must take on the discipline of a disciple. Discover what you will do for the FCMM by way of sharing your time and talents.



Do You Know ...

As we start a new PASTORAL YEAR

We are called to use our gifts for the good of the community. It's not true that some people are gifted and some are not. Every single person is creative, and each has gifts. We hope the church will not only treasure each individual's gifts, but also will put them to good use. St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians, Chapter 12, tells us that there are many gifts. He also says there are different gifts.

Many people can sing. Not everyone is called to be a cantor or leader of song in the liturgical assembly.

Some desire to be a cantor on the part of the individual is necessary, but consultation with the music director will probably provide a more accurate discernment. Sometimes it doesn't work out. The challenge then is to recognize your gifts. Putting those gifts to good use is another way to build up the community.

Discovering and recognizing your gifts for ministry is part of the work of Christians. There are several approaches to discernment. The first style is "invitation by hunch." You've observed Communion ministers over the years and you think you might like to serve the community through this ministry, but you're not certain. This is a valid call to ministry from within. Check it out! Talk with friends already involved in the ministry and ask them what they think. Several opinions from the community will help you confirm your hunches.

Unlike the invitation by hunch, a second style is "invitation by nudge," a call from outside yourself. The recruitment blurb for liturgical ministers is resonating through the room and the person next to you nudges you. Check it out! In this situation, you may have to look within yourself to recognize that indeed you have a unique gift to offer. Don't deny it. Use it. Even if it means getting up early on Sundays.

If you are already a liturgical minister, you might consider passing the invitation to a friend whom you think would become a good minister. If you yourself are interested in becoming a liturgical minister, consider this: As Christians we believe that gifts have certain characteristics: (1) they are truly gifts—a grace given to us from somewhere other than ourselves; (2) they are forms of service—given to build up the community; and (3) God is working through our gifts. If you believe this, you will become a good servant. For more information on the different Ministries of the FCMM, come and visit the FCMM Office, THANK YOU !

STEWARDSHIP - *"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."* - Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



Your Offerings for the week ending August 29, 2010 totaled \$ 2,055.50

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



WELCOME BACK to our many parishioners who have enjoyed summer vacations. Special thanks to our generous parishioners who are remembering to use "Make-up" envelopes to support our parish. When all share in generosity, we are able to meet the expenses of maintaining our parish. May we continue to support each other as we continue to grow and serve Christ here in our community!



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS** offered by **LUCILLE MANIGAO**.



- ❖ 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:
MICHAEL FRANCIS PANDY, LINDA CLADITO BALLARES,
CORAZON AFAN, PRECY DARIA, LUCILLE MANIGAO,
ROSA VELASQUEZ



Please join in lifting up to the Lord the *special intentions* of: MR. & MRS. CRIS ESTOQUE, CHARITY PESTILOS. May the Lord grant them their heart's desires.

❖ 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, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, GIGI SALARDA, ANTONINA VIRTUCIO, ARACELI AQUINO, ROMEO AQUINO, WINSTON JAN DOMINGO. May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially LORENZA GUIA, DANILO BACOSA, CARLITO GONZALES, PABLO & PRISCILLA QUEJA, ALTON REMOROZA, ROBERTO, FILIPA, DONATO TABLANDA, GLICERIA AMORA, ESTANISLAO VILLARICO, MARIA RAQUEL MARTINEZ, MAURICIO BERNABE SR., ROQUE BRIGAUDIT SR., DOLORES BRIGAUDIT 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

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well 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.
