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MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS



Prayer to our Lady, Help of Christians by St. John Bosco

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help. If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me? Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations. I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life. Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven.

"SPREAD DEVOTION TO MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, AND YOU WILL SEE WHAT MIRACLES ARE."



DON BOSCO'S MADONNA

"THE MEDAL OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS IS A POWERFUL WEAPON AGAINST SIN."

- DON BOSCO



Pope Pius V gave Mary the title "Help of Christians" and added this to her litany in thanksgiving for victory in the great naval Battle of Lepanto in 1571, where outnumbered Catholic forces routed the Islamic invaders. Their miraculous victory was attributed to the intervention of the Blessed Mother.

Centuries later, the feast of Mary Help of Christians was instituted on May 24, 1815 by another pontiff, Pope Pius VII, again in gratitude to the Blessed Mother on the 1st anniversary of his safe return to the Holy See in Rome, five years after being kidnapped and held prisoner by Napoleon Bonaparte.

Upon learning of these and subsequent miracles, St. John Bosco's singular affection for Mary Help of Christians deepened through the years, and with it, his determination to promote devotion to Our Lady under that title. As expected, Don Bosco's devotion to Maria Ausiliatrice defines the spirit and mission of the communities founded by the Saint, notably, the Salesians (SDB), the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (FMA) and the Association of the Devotees of Mary Help of Christians (ADMA).

To this day, the feast of Mary Help of Christians is celebrated with community-praying of the rosary and Blessed Sacrament processions just as they did before the triumph in Lepanto.

When St. John Bosco wrote the following commentary on the Church's challenges in 1868, he could have been describing current events as today's Church confronts the serious implications arising from the adaptation by governments worldwide of WHO-initiated policies on Reproductive Health. Then and now, her faithful have turned to Mary Help of Christians, to overcome what threatens to rend the very fiber of their faith which holds all human life sacred.

The title of "Help of Christians", attributed to the august Mother of the Redeemer is not new in the Church of Christ, but in these latter times... it has been invoked not only for private favors... but especially because of the serious and imminent dangers that threaten the faithful.

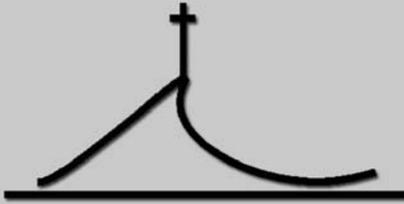
Today the Catholic Church itself is attacked in its mission, in its institutions, in its head, in its doctrine, in its discipline. It is attacked as the Catholic Church, the pillar of truth and the teacher of all the faithful.

And it is precisely to obtain the special protection of heaven that we have recourse to Mary as the Mother of us all, the special helper of Catholics throughout the world and of their leaders.

As so-called forums have degenerated into circuses of grandstanding, mud-slinging and fashionable "Church bashing" and the passing of the Bill seems just a matter of time, we turn to our beloved Patroness, we plead our cause and entrust to her intercession our desperate prayers for good governance which is well-grounded on truth, for an informed people who are genuinely concerned about issues threatening the Filipino family values and for more and more enlightened leaders and citizens who stand up not for lifestyles, but for life.

Mary Help of Christians, pray for us.

Maria, Mapag-ampon sa mga Kristiyano, ipanalangin mo kami.



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BLESSED JOHN PAUL II

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



For this issue, I would like to make the most of a very extraordinary event that happened to the whole Catholic world on May 1, 2011: *the Beatification of John Paul II*. **JPII**, as he is fondly remembered, accomplished so many things for the Church and the world, and in the words of St. Paul was, *“all things to all men.”* (1 Cor 9:22) But being officially declared by the Church now as **“Blessed”** (meaning he is now considered among the ranks of the saints in heaven), gives a new dimension to what we already know of and esteem about this man: that the source and energy by which he was able to live and accomplish so much was his holiness. So let us talk about holiness in this issue.

In his beautiful homily during the beatification rites, His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI singled out among others, **the faith of John Paul II**. He quoted from the gospel of St. John the words of Jesus to St. Thomas, *“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”* (Jn 20:29) Close to this was another passage from St. Matthew, *“Blessed are you Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.”* (Mt 16:17) Pope Benedict XVI was extolling the beatitude of faith applied to John Paul II when he said, **“John Paul is blessed because of his faith, a strong, generous and apostolic faith.”**

By saying this, the Pope leads to the source of a person's holiness: his or her faith in God. Holiness begins with faith, there is no holiness without a “strong, generous and apostolic” faith, such as John Paul's. This is because the real source of holiness is God and with faith, we merely open ourselves completely to receive God and His holiness. That is what faith is all about: complete openness and availability to God and His will. Is it any wonder that the motto that he used for his pontificate was a clear reflection of his faith in God, *Totus Tuus* (I am all yours)? John Paul II's faith accompanied and sustained him in the many triumphs and trials of his life as a boy,

as a young man during the war, as a priest, bishop and later as Pope. It was this faith that bore fruit in his life of prayer and charity towards his fellow man, another mark of holiness in a person.

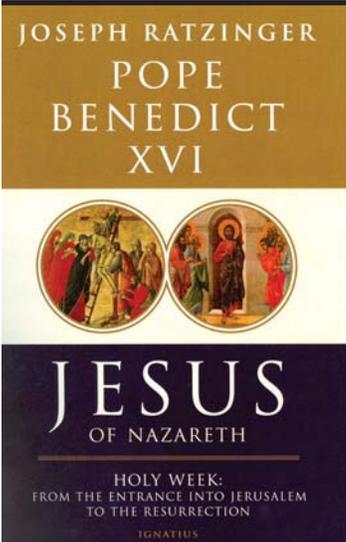
John Paul II was a man of prayer whose inspiring images at prayer are immortalized in countless photographs. He would pray while hiking in the mountains, enjoying the company of young people, praying before the numerous images of the Madonna around the world, praying the rosary, praying with Jews in the Wailing Wall, or in the simplicity of his apartment's private chapel. If faith is opening to God, **prayer is union with God**. That must have been the prayer of John Paul II: he constantly soaked himself with the presence of God, such that God in him became evident, whenever he preached, wrote, and dealt with people. Personally, I met Pope John Paul II, *face to face*, not once but twice in my life. To say it was a unique experience is a complete understatement, you just don't have words to describe it. All I can say is there was a certain aura about that person, which can only mean that the presence of the *Divine* is in him! And that was the fruit of his prayer.

And charity, oh, need we say more? The image of John Paul II visiting his assassin, Mehmet Ali Agca, in prison, to offer the gift of forgiveness is the most telling example of charity patterned after Christ. *“Love one another”* (Jn 13:34), Jesus would say at the last supper. Above all, Jesus would command all his followers, *“Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you.”* (Mt 5:44)

One last note on the holiness of John Paul II - he was a **true son of Mary** and as such, was convinced of and fully lived the authentic devotion to the Mother of God by imitating her virtues, which means imitating her holiness. For him, *“Mary meant that the Mother of the Redeemer is held up as an image and model of holiness for every Christian and for the entire Church.”*

This for us, my dear friends, is the holiness of our new saint, Blessed John Paul II. He was a man filled with faith and love for God and others, who prayed so much and was a true son of Mary. He beckons us to do the same to attain our own holiness.

— Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB





Fr. Francis Gustilo, SDB



Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ



Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, DD

HOLY WEEK RECOLLECTION 2011

By Judith Gonzalez, Joy Gonzales, Janssen Zurbano and Beth Chai

St. John Bosco Makati played honored host to a well-attended Holy Week Recollection with three of the country's most eminent Catholic theologians: Fr. Francis Gustilo, SDB on Holy Thursday, Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ on Good Friday and Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, DD on Holy Saturday.

Entitled, *Jesus of Nazareth: Reflections on Holy Week by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI*, the recollection featured the Pope's latest book, *Jesus of Nazareth from the Entrance into Jerusalem to the Resurrection*.

Audio recordings of the talks may be downloaded from www.sjbmakati.com while DVDs of Video recordings are available at the Parish Bookstore.

HOLY THURSDAY Fr. Francis Gustilo, SDB

Fr. Gustilo's talk centered on two events: the washing of the feet and the Lord's Last Supper.

Before His supreme sacrifice, the Lord's last Supper took place in a borrowed room where no servants were present to prepare food or wash the feet of those sharing the meal. While the others prepared the food, no one else, but the Lord condescended to perform the menial task of washing his companions' feet, not only that they may be clean, but more so, that they (and we too) may serve each other in the same spirit of compassion, humility, and love.

Likewise, it is with compassion that the Pope described Judas' remorse after the betrayal. How despite the dark grip of the Devil, his new master, Judas tried to make amends by returning the silver, revealing the goodness ingrained in his heart through his fellowship with the Lord of Light. Had Judas not lost hope in the light of forgiveness, he

would not have been overcome by the darkness of despair.

The washing of the disciples' feet connects to the sacrament of Reconciliation in that if we believe and accept this service of Christ in His Church, we have access to the Lord's love and compassion as our souls are cleansed over and over again.

The Lord's last Supper anticipated the Passover meal which He knew he will no longer be able to celebrate. Instead, Jesus gave a new meaning to the Passover, as a meal anticipating His passion and death for humanity and no longer a sacrifice of animals. The Lord's last Supper prefigures the Eucharist, where we offer Jesus who gives Himself completely to the Father and thanks the Father for receiving Him.

GOOD FRIDAY Fr. Catalino Arevalo, SJ

Notes from Fr. Arevalo's Commentary on The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus.

Try as we might, none of us will be able to comprehend the mystery of our redemption. We can only begin to understand it not with our human minds but if we approach it with our whole being, our lives, by living our faith.

God loved us so much that He gave his only Son... this is the generosity that we experience as God's children - this is the example that He gives. In the same way we can let others around us experience this generosity, through the giving of ourselves.

However, the question arises, how can we be generous to God, to love Him generously in return. We can never equal or give with the same generosity as our Lord did. However we can begin to attempt to love generously as He did with our openness to receive Him and His love into our lives. This we can do if we ask for God's grace for the humility, openness, docility to receive from Him so that we can freely give back to Him

through others.

I didn't quite catch who the quote came from but I left the church with the firm reminder, "Only that which is not given is lost."

I prayed that all who were in the church for Fr. Arevalo's talk went home with the seeds of generosity sown in their hearts. These can only germinate if we ask God's grace to make our hearts be like fertile ground - to receive so we can give, to give and love beyond all hurts as our Lord did.

HOLY SATURDAY Bishop Luis Antonio Tagle, DD of the Diocese of Imus

Bishop Chito Tagle highlighted the importance of Easter by stating that without the resurrection, Jesus would have been just a figure of the past. But because of the resurrection, Jesus is in the present; He is alive. For Pope Benedict XVI, Christ's resurrection is not mere resuscitation of a corpse. It is not a return to normal life. Rather, it is a breaking out into an entirely new form of life; a breaking into a life in God where a human being enters into the space of God.

The resurrection has broken into history and the Risen One into eternity, bringing eternity to us in human form. From living in God, He comes to His disciples and to us bearing the life of God, revealing God. The Pope considers the resurrection an evolutionary leap leading not to corruption but towards a life in God. It changes the direction of life in the same way that it has changed the disciples from being fearful to becoming bold proclaimers of Christ.

We are so honored to be given a share in Jesus' life through our Baptism and the Eucharist. Like the disciples, we, too, are being asked to participate and be blessed in the mission to go to the ends of the earth to proclaim the risen Christ.

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD WITH FR. SAL'S DASAL

In the experience of prayer we orient our very souls to that Mystery from which we look for the fulfillment of our deepest desires and help to overcome the poverty of our lives. In looking to the Other, in directing ourselves 'beyond', is found the essence of prayer, the experience of a reality that goes beyond the apparent and the contingent".

— Pope Benedict XVI, May 11, 2011

This month, *Exploring God's Word*, the systematic methodology of studying Sunday liturgy gives way to a treasury of beautiful prayer reflections from the same author, Fr. Salvador Putzu, SDB, the General Manager and Editor of *Word and Life* and Fr. Sal to listeners of *Bisperas sa Veritas*, 846 AM, 6PM every Saturday.



SOLEMNITY OF ASCENSION OF THE LORD World Communications Sunday

June 5, 2011 Readings

*Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

PRAYER

Thank You, Lord God, for the wonders of the means of social communication, the fruits of the resources of your creation and human ingenuity. Thank You for these marvels that never end astonishing us and which, at every moment, challenge us to forge ahead toward ever-new conquests of science and technology, and reach and go beyond ever-farther frontiers, thanks to the spark of divinity that You implanted in the human mind.

Thank You for the books and the papers, the radio, the television, the movies, the recordings, the Internet, the i-pods, and the broadcasts that enable us to reach out and communicate with people near and far, in

all languages and symbols, thus breaking barriers of distance, silence, and isolation.

I pray that all these products of human creativity may always be used for good and never for evil; to inspire our heart and never to pollute and pervert it; to build bridges of friendship and understanding, and not to destroy trust among individuals and nations; to promote the development and welfare of the poor, and never to enslave them by fastening around them the shackles of injustice and exploitation.

May all these media be instruments of peace and not of war. May they be used to draw peoples closer to one another and never to keep them apart as strangers or enemies. May they foster brotherhood and solidarity among us and not distrust, aggressiveness, and vengefulness. May they wipe tears of pain and not bring people to weep in despair.

May these instruments of social communication be like wings of hope and salvation that bring your Word to every people, every home, and every heart, to tell mankind of your great love that knows no barriers; to tell every man and woman of your plan that we become one family and one heart, here in this valley of tears and in the new earth and heavens, where You will be all in all and make your children one, without gadgets or gimmicks, just one in LOVE for You and one another. Amen!



PENTECOST SUNDAY

June 12, 2011 Readings

*Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13;

Jn 20:19-23

PRAYER

Come, Spirit of HOLINESS, and purify me from all perversion of mind and heart that I may shine with virtue as your abode.

Come, Spirit of WISDOM, and enable me to discern gold from dross, virtue from vice,

and to choose always and only what leads me to the eternal bliss of heaven.

Come, Spirit of FREEDOM, and break in me the chains of moral servitude that prevent me from soaring high into the realm of spiritual conquests for which Christ has set me free.

Come, Spirit of FORTITUDE, and give me strength to endure with patience and dignity all the hardships that life imposes at every turn.

Come, Spirit of UNITY, and help me keep my life solidly one in the midst of contrasting forces and interests that threaten to dismember my existence into bits and pieces without direction.

Come, Spirit of PEACE, and spread over my days your gentle mantle of harmony, serenity and contentment, the fruit of my openness to you and to my neighbor in friendly, brotherly embrace.

Come, Spirit of JOY, and fill my heart with the genuine happiness that comes from having done what is fair and right as duty bids and you empower me to do.

Come, Spirit of LOVE, and make everything in me a mirror of your nature that makes others grow in being and wellbeing.

Come, HOLY SPIRIT, and be with our Church and our community. Make us all what you want us to be: another Jesus, giving himself to all, that all may feel blessed in you.



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

June 19, 2011 Readings

* Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

PRAYER

Praise and honor and love to You, TRINITY BLEST. You are our God from whom all life and goodness come.

We praise and glorify You, FATHER, for the wonder of creation and the greater wonder of our life. We thank You for all the blessings You have showered upon us: for the gift of Your Son, the source of our salvation, for the gift of the Spirit who fills us with grace and hope.

We praise and glorify you, eternal SON, who came to reveal to us the love and plan of the Father and to teach us how to live as His children, and gave your life that we might share with you the eternal inheritance of heaven.

We praise and glorify you, SPIRIT of holiness, given to us by the Father and the Son to be our guest, our mentor, inspiration, and friend, that we might live our earthly days with our hearts set on the world that will never pass away.

Oh most HOLY TRINITY, God of all love and glory, we see Your beauty in the splendor of every dawn; in the colors and shapes of the flowers; in the chirping of the birds and in their gentle flight. We are awed by Your majesty when we contemplate the boundless skies, crammed with twinkling jewels; the vastness of the oceans and our deserts, the towering shapes of the mountain clad with silent forests, and the peaks capped with sparkling glacier. We marvel at your wisdom and providence etched in the inexhaustible variety of creatures that fill our planet, and in the richness of our plains decked fruits and harvests.

You called us to life out of love and for love. In Your most Holy Name we have been reborn in baptism and made members of your family on earth, the Church. We thank You, our loving Triune God, for all Your trust, for the help You gave and the hope You kindled in our hearts.

We offer You, our labors and our achievements, our joys and our tears, our living and our dying. Welcome us, Lord, when we knock at Your gate, For You are our only Hope, You alone are our Life, Trinity Blest, whom we adore and love. Amen!

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

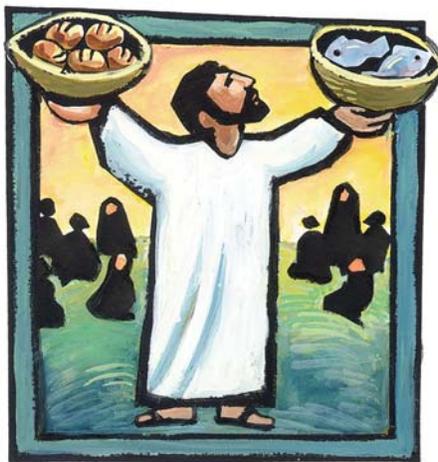
June 26, 2011 Readings

* Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17

Jn 6:51-58

PRAYER

Lord, I still remember my First Communion, the most beautiful day in my life up to my ordination. That day is still etched in my memory and even more in my heart. I remember what you told me: "I love you, Salvatore. I will be always yours." I



remember what I told you: "I love you, Jesus. I want to be always yours." That was our covenant with each other.

And from then on, Sunday after Sunday, you filled my days with the light of your presence. And you and I talked as friends talk to friends, sharing feelings, hurts and joys, dreams and hopes.

Little did I know that days would come when receiving you would be a struggle - the struggle to overcome storms of anger or resentment; storms of passions hard to master; storms of feeling unworthy and yet in need of receiving you

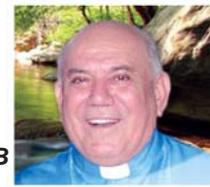
Little did I know how difficult it would be to live in my life the communion that I received at your altar by living in communion with all

my brothers and sisters, by accepting them in my life, forgiving their faults, and making up for mine.

Little did I know that one day I would hold the host and the chalice in my hands and become your mouthpiece by saying the words that transform the bread and wine into you, present on the altar as you are in heaven.

Since the day of my ordination, the challenge of receiving and giving Holy Communion has become ever greater and more demanding. It demands of me greater purity and generosity, for I know I must be Eucharist of thanksgiving, adoration, atonement, propitiation, and self-offering to you and my neighbor.

Now that I am no longer a child, and understand more about the greatness and the demands of the Eucharist, I ask of you, O Lord: help me treasure that gift that you are for me. Help me become, more and more, what I yearn and dare to receive and what I am tasked to give: another Eucharistic Jesus in the endless communion and self-giving that life should be.



Fr. Sal Putzu, SDB



SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

June 26, 2011

By *Rachelle T. Rule*

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is also known as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, (which is Latin for Body of Christ). It honors the Eucharist by building on the memorial of the institution of the Eucharist during the Last Supper. In fact, to further associate it with the rites of

Holy Thursday, Corpus Christi used to be held on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday. It is now celebrated here and in the US dioceses on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday; this year it falls on June 26.

This Solemnity celebrates the two manifestations of the Body of Christ: the Holy Eucharist and the Church - the intimate communion of Christ and His people.

A Eucharistic procession will be held on Saturday, June 25, after the 6:00PM Mass.



On May 28, 2011, St John Bosco Parish held the annual Grand Alay kay Maria, a traditional Marian devotion in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose feast under the title Mary Help of Christians was celebrated last May 24.

This year, the Parish invoked the intercession of its Patroness for the protection of human life from conception to natural death, for good governance, and for more enlightened lawmakers and interest groups who will thwart the passing of the RH Bill as it threatens to undermine traditional Filipino family values and regard for the sacredness of life.

Young ladies as floristas and little girls as angels venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary under her other revered titles from the Marian Litany of Loreto through prayers, songs and uniquely crafted floral offerings called almasons.

The almasons, possibly derived from the Spanish alma(soul) and corazon (heart) were offered by floristas in special rites in the SJB Parish Church. These young ladies, (many of whom started in their pre-school years as angels) have made vows (panata) to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Grand Alay and other Marian devotions and, more important, by leading prayerful and exemplary lives.

MANILA SEMINARIANS PROMOTE VOCATIONS IN SJB

Three seminarians of the Archdiocese of Manila came to SJB last Palm Sunday, April 17, 2011 to campaign for vocations to the priesthood. They were Bro. Arnel Calata of Holy Apostles Senior Seminary, Bro. John Gamboa of San Carlos Seminary and Bro. Leo Ocampo of San Jose Seminary.

The seminarians spoke during the afternoon and evening Masses about priesthood and seminary life, inviting young men from our parish to be open to God's call to full-time service to his Church as priests. They also distributed flyers and interacted with interested parishioners after the Masses.

Hopefully, as we prayed for vocations during all the Masses last May 15, 2011, Good Shepherd Sunday, and the 48th World Day Prayer for Vocations, more and more young men and women from our community will heed the call to the priesthood and/or religious life.



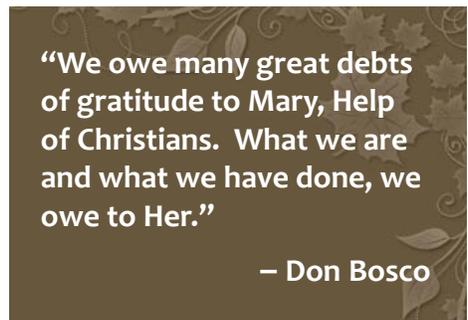
Fr. ARTHUR "TUY" HIZON, SDB
by *Rachelle Rule*

Fr. Arthur Hizon, SDB - Fr. Tuy to many - recently celebrated his 54th birthday with a simple celebration at the Roozen Hall. Fr. Tuy was born on May 11, 1956, ordained on December 7, 1985 and currently holds the position of Economist of the St. John Bosco Parish as well as Provincial Procurement Officer of the FIN Salesian Central Procurement Office. Before his current assignments, he was the Administrator of Don Bosco Technical Institute in Tarlac City.

When Fr. Godfrey Roozen was first assigned to San Fernando, Pampanga with the task

of establishing a school, later known as St. Ferdinand School, he lived just across the Hizon home. Many times, while en route to negotiations with the PASUDECO or Pampanga Sugar Development Corp. for a property on which to build his projects, Fr. Roozen would make it a point to visit the Hizon home. He would often kid the elder Hizon, saying "since there are 11 in the family, with 5 sons, why not give one of them to me to be a priest"; this teasing remark became a reality when Fr. Roozen was to recall that very anecdote during Fr. Tuy's ordination Mass.

To Fr. Tuy - a very Happy Birthday from your friends, confreres, the parish staff and parishioners in St. John Bosco Parish Makati.



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#3 THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH: “Acquainting our children with our Blessed Mother in the month of May”

(The 3rd of a series about helping create positive experiences for our children in the church so they may grow in faith.)

By Judith Gonzalez

May is one of the two months in the year when we can help our children plant the seeds of devotion to our Lady, Our Blessed Virgin Mary. In many parishes we encourage our young to join the community in offering flowers to our Blessed Mother. At St. John Bosco Parish, all who go to the 6 p.m. mass offer flowers to our Lady. The big celebration of the Grand Alay is held on the Saturday following the 24th of May when we celebrate the Feast of our Lady under the title, Mary Help of Christians.

Mary provides us with the ultimate model for obedience - when we tell our children about the story of the Nativity, we can share with them how ready and immediately Mary

obeyed as she accepted our Lord's plan, our Lord's will.

Instrumental in acquainting our children with our Blessed Mother are the hymns we sing about her and to her.

When my son was around three, I brought him with me to offer flowers to our Lady daily. The parish priest at SJB, at that time, would sing Salve Regina at the end of the mass. Around the third week of May 2004, he began singing it one morning. It was also around that time when he heard me singing “Gentle Woman” which he asked me to sing again and again and again until he could sing it with me.

Through Mary to Jesus... let us connect our children with all the ways and means for them to know and love our Lord. Praying the Rosary with the rest of the family and making a flower arrangement for the family



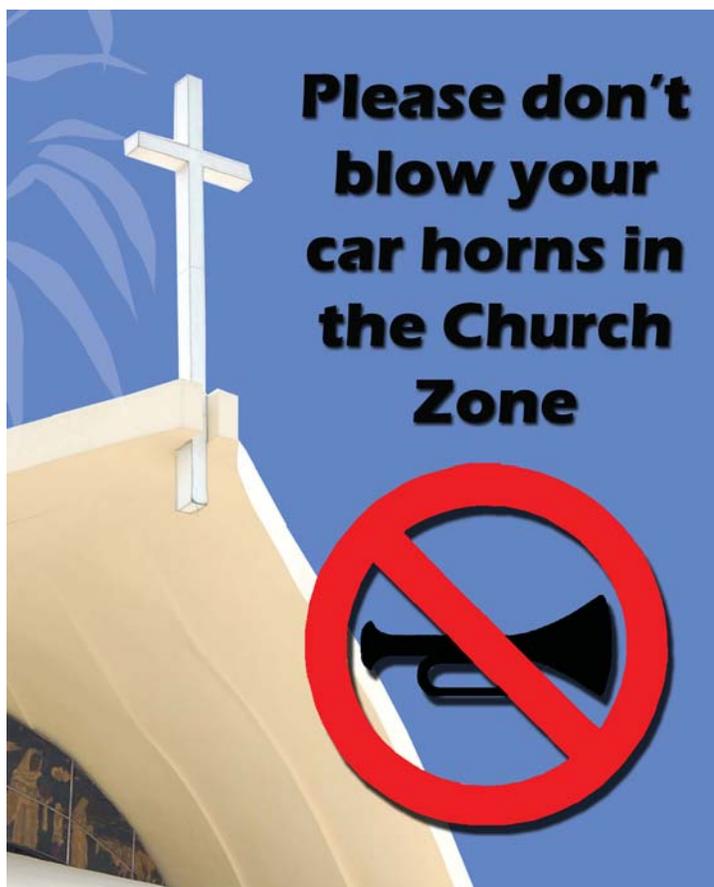
altar in our home may take the place of going to weekday Masses when the rest of our duties prevent us from doing so. Mary will always help us bring our children closer to Jesus if we ask for her intercession.

Ms. Patria Judith S. Gonzalez is a Montessori trained guide at the Infant Community, Primary and Elementary levels and has been teaching for the past thirty years. She has two children and a granddaughter.

(again for the complete article, please visit www.sjbmakati.com)

**Our Lady wishes us to honor
Her especially under the
title of ‘Help of Christians’.
In these evil days we need
Her help.”**

– Don Bosco



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JUNE 2011 CALENDAR

- 01 *Wed* St. Justin, Martyr
 - 03 *Fri* St. Charles Lwanga & Companions
 - 05 *Sun* **Solemnity of Our Lord's Ascension**; World Communications Sunday
 - 10-12 PPC Planning
 - 11 *Sat* St. Barnabas, Apostle
 - 12 *Sun* **Pentecost Sunday**
 - 13 *Mon* St. Anthony of Padua
 - 18 *Sat* **Mass Wedding -10am**
 - 18-20 **PREX for Youth**
 - 19 *Sun* **Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity; Fathers' Day**
 - 21 *Tue* St. Aloysius Gonzaga
 - 22 *Wed* Start of Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 - 24 *Fri* **Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist**
 - 25 *Sat* Corpus Christi Procession
 - 26 *Sun* **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**
 - 29 *Wed* **Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**
- Sick Visitation** – Thursdays 9am
Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30pm
Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00pm
Street Mass – Saturdays 7:30pm
- Visit our website for the complete June 2011 Calendar*
<http://sjbmakati.com/parish-activities.html>

Mass Collections for April 2011

Php 1,147,288.00

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Our Parish's Youth Ministry recently put up a series of posters highlighting some of the different organizations that the youth can be part of.

The Youth Ministry, contrary to popular belief is not a specific organization of the parish. The Youth Ministry is a journey taken by the entire Parish community and its young people with the aim of building up God's Kingdom and helping young people to attain the fullness of life in Jesus Christ. It focuses on the wholistic growth and development of the youth. (emotional, spiritual, physical)

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Featured SJB Youth Organization

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR (KOA)

The Association of the Knights of the Altar (KOA) forms part of the Salesian Youth Movement. Within the movement, KOA aims to develop in the young a spirituality that leads to holiness by giving greater emphasis to the Holy Eucharist and the loving service of assisting the Presider during Mass. It occupies a privileged position because of St. John Bosco's special love for Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and his firm desire that all liturgical celebrations be well-prepared and solemn, yet lively and meaningful to the youth.

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