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MAY 27 - PENTECOST

TRANSFORMED BY FIRE



By Pablo S. Miguel

"Pentecost" is the Greek name for the Hebrew Feast of Weeks (Ex 34:22) which falls on the fiftieth day after Passover. Christians adapted the name for the second most important solemnity in the Church after Easter, because this was the same day that the Spirit descended upon the apostles.

Fifty days after the resurrection of Christ, the Holy Spirit came down in the form of tongues of fire and rested upon each of the remaining apostles. Thus empowered by the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the apostles spoke to the crowds who were in Jerusalem for

Pentecost. The Jewish foreigners were amazed to hear the Galileans speak to them in their native language (Acts 2:7-8).

The tongues of fire, not only endowed the apostles with the "gift of tongues", but transformed the eleven from confused, frightened men in hiding, to faith-filled, bold witnesses proclaiming the Truth to "every nation under heaven" and setting the world on fire.

In his homily during the last Easter Vigil, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of that fire, "the Church presents the mystery of light using a unique and very humble symbol: the Paschal candle... a light that lives from sacrifice... shines... as it is burnt up... Christ, who gives Himself and so bestows the great light. Christ, the light, is fire, flame, burning up evil and so reshaping both the world and ourselves. And this fire is both heat and light... through which God's warmth and goodness reach down to us."

Like so many birthday candles, the tongues of fire also remind us that on Pentecost, we celebrate the birthday of the Church. Before Christ ascended to Heaven, He made a promise to His apostles, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). On Pentecost this promise was fulfilled – with the Holy Spirit sent by the Father on hand for the birthing, the Church was born.

That birth was not without pangs: painful divisions, violent persecutions, martyrs of faith. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, we honor the first martyrs and pray for courage and the consolation of the Spirit should we too, be called to witness to our faith, as a light that shines even as it is burnt up.

In hard labor, You are rest, in the heat, You refresh best, and
Solace give in our Woe.

O most blessed Light divine, Let Your radiance in us shine,
And our inmost being fill

— From the Pentecost Sunday Sequence

The Solemnities of the Ascension of Christ and Pentecost are two special events which highlight the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. These are among the "moveable" feasts which are observed on different dates every year, depending on when Easter Sunday is set. This year, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated in the Philippines on May 20 (the Sunday following the 40th day after Easter Sunday) while Pentecost Sunday is on May 27 (50 days after Easter Sunday).

Pablo is a retired IT professional and teacher who now spends most days writing and rediscovering hometown Bacnotan in La Union with grandchildren Gian Marie and Gian Emmanuel.



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Monday to Friday:

6:30am • 7:30am • 12:15pm • 6:00pm

Holy Hour every Thursday after the
6:00 pm Mass

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6:30am • 7:30am
6:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday:

6:00am • 7:15am • 8:30am • 10:00am*
11:15am • 12:30pm • 4:00pm • 5:30pm
7:00pm • 8:30pm

*with sign language interpreters

Confessions are available during all
the Masses

Adoration Chapel - open daily from
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Monday to Friday (except Thursday)
8:00am - 11:30am • 12:30pm - 6:00pm

Thursday:
8:00am - 11:30am • 12:30pm - 4:00pm

Saturday:
8:00am - 12:00pm • 1:00pm - 5:00pm



A FLOWER FOR MARY, A SOUL FOR GOD

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



In our last Easter issue of *Simbahay*, I narrated a happy surprise that I received on Easter week when a good friend and his family visited me after such a long time. I used it in the light of the resurrected Jesus passing from death to life. Once again, I beg the readers' indulgence as I share something similar in this issue.



A few days ago, I received another surprise, but this time, it was sad news that one of our parishioners suddenly died. She was Ms. Elnora Moniba, more popularly known as "Nora". She was 37.

A daily massgoer or somebody who works in the parish or even a casual visitor would not have failed to notice her: the tight, ill-fitting clothes, the awkward gait, the dark skin, the seeming lack of personal cleanliness, the wide-open eyes and missing front teeth, that infectious smile and enjoyable laughter. She attended mass as often as she could and hung out in the parish premises or just outside our gate. Yes, that was her.

So what is so special about Nora and, particularly, her passing away, you might ask? "Nothing really", if we are indifferent to poor people who hang around the parish every day. "Not worth our time", if we tend to focus solely on the grand and exciting flow of life and ignore those with "boring" existences. "Nothing really special about her and her death", unless we met or lived with her every day and had, somehow, come to penetrate and appreciate the uniqueness of this person.

How does a person leave a lasting impression and an unforgettable memory at the moment of death? Great and famous people leave behind momentous and unforgettable legacies, one for the books and the "History Channel".

But simple and sincere people leave behind something more precious: indelible and very touching memories, not written in books but etched in the heart. Nora was one of them. She may not have been educated, but she gave me unforgettable lessons on simplicity, gratitude, dependability and loyalty. She may not have been the most devout massgoer but I assure you of her deep faith and her devotion to regular confession, communion and the Blessed Mother. (She came to me for confession almost every month and joined the floral offerings to Mary on her feasts and in Maytime). She may have been shabbily dressed and looked extremely poor but she really was a most generous person. I still have the birthday presents that she and Bubut Rodriguez had given me. Like all of us, Nora didn't get along with everyone, but I believe she knew good from bad, followed what is right and avoided hurting others. From the outside, there



seems to be nothing worth remembering about Nora, but if you just looked more closely and felt more deeply, you would have learned valuable life lessons from her.

And so how does one leave a mark in this world at the moment of death? Even without great accomplishments, one is remembered by living well according to one's calling. In the funeral mass I offered for her, I invited all who were listening to learn from Nora as I did, to be simple, generous, full of faith in God and genuinely kind. For these are all that matter at the moment of death. In my estimation, Nora was all these, and must be one soul destined for God.

— **Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB**

FR. ARTHUR "TUY" HIZON – ISANG SALITA

Ni Ma. Janina Celeste

Sa ika-11 ng Mayo, ipagdiriwang natin ang kaarawan ni Fr. Arthur Hizon, SDB, ang Administrador ng Parokya ng SJB Makati, Economer ng kumbento at Tagapamahala ng Central Purchasing Office ng Salesian FIN province.

Mahigit nang isang taon si Fr. Tuy sa SJB Makati, marami na rin ang nakakikilala sa kanya. Naisipan naming tanungin ang mga taong kanyang madalas na nakakasama sa simbahan, sa upisina, sa loob at labas ng parokya, "Kapag nababanggit ang pangalan ni Fr. Tuy, ano ang ISANG SALITA na kaagad sumasagi sa inyong isipan?"

Ito ang mga ISANG SALITA na aming natipon: masayahin, mabait (mga pitong ulit – hindi naman sila nagkopyahan), palangiti, palabati, matulungin, masipag, makatao, maawain, straightforward, smiling, kind, jolly, energetic, funny.

At ito naman ang mga ISANG-SALITA: kind-hearted, hard-working, madaling-kausapin, madaling-makau-nawa, madaling-lapitan, madaling-utangan. ☺

Happy Birthday, Fr. Tuy!



MAY 24, SOLEMNITY OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

by Leira B. Pagaspas

The title “Mary Help of Christians” is believed to have originated from Our Blessed Mother’s desire to help people, especially the redeemed children of God, represented by John the Evangelist in Calvary. In Christianity’s long and colorful history, Mary Help of Christians responded to prayers from individuals, families, and nations alike, defending Christians against wars, colonization and other woes. In a celebrated case, Christians prayed together to the Blessed Mother who interceded to thwart the Ottoman Empire’s attempt to invade Christian Europe.

In 1815, Pope Pius VII declared the Feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians on May 24, the anniversary of his triumphant return to Rome after being arrested and exiled for

three years by Napoleon Bonaparte of France.

On May 14, 1862, St. John Bosco dreamed about the battles the Church would face in the future. In this dream, Pope Pius IX anchors the ‘ship’ of the Church between two pillars, one with a statue of Mary Help of Christians and the other with a large Eucharistic Host. St. John Bosco saw Mary as the powerful helper who defends the Church and the Pope from every kind of danger. “Be devoted to Mary Help of Christians”, he would habitually say, “and you will see what miracles are.”

In honor of the Blessed Mother, St. John Bosco dedicated the mother church of the Salesian congregation at Turin (Italy) to Our Lady Help of Christians, on June 9, 1868.



WHAT’S COOKING IN DIVINE LIVELIHOOD?



DL Goodies (Foodstuff & Staff)

Last week, I got as a birthday party giveaway, bottles of *Tinapa with Capers*. Oh my! It is so delicious, and silently demands that you eat it with rice. (Maybe because it is a product of the Divine Livelihood of the Parish of St. John Bosco at Arnaiz St. corner Amorsolo, Makati, tel. 894-5932. Buy lots of bottles, it becomes an instant hit with everyone who tries it!). There must be some special, holy ingredient that goes into it; that or it very simply has God’s

blessing (I am inclined to think it is more of the latter).

– Lucy Torres, “Food, Friendship and the Divine”, *Love Lucy, The Philippine Star*, April 23, 2012.

Along with their *Tinapa with Capers*, DL has launched several new products: **Sumang Muron**, its latest bestseller, a sweet mixture of ground *malagkit* and peanuts, coconut milk, and native *tsokolate tablea* rolled and steamed in fragrant banana leaf. Then, there’s **Tuyonesca**, DL’s take on putanesca, with delectable *tuyo* flakes replacing anchovies. And finally, **Mango Kiwi Dressing and Vinaigrette**, healthy and refreshingly sweet with just the right hint of tartness - perfect with cool, crisp greens this summer. Please visit the Divine Livelihood *Kubo* for these and other DL goodies.

Ministry in focus – Ministry on Music and Cultural Affairs

MUSICIAN SERVANTS

by Karen dela Luna-Ogbac

The Ministry on Music and Cultural Affairs (MOMCA) a.k.a. the Music Ministry was initially formed to develop choirs which animate Masses. Since then, it has evolved to also assist in the Parish’s special events, cultural programs and celebrations. To date, MOMCA is comprised of 13 choirs and a Rondalla group.

One Who Sings Well, Prays Twice

Through the soulful rendition of liturgical music during Eucharistic Celebrations, MOMCA members not only create beautiful music for the celebration, but share with the assembly in a doubly intimate communion with the Lord.

Year-long Music Workshops

Musician-servants require constant training to hone their God-given talents. For this



MOMCA's SJB Chorale during a chorale meet. (The Author, 1st row, 6th from the left)

reason, MOMCA offers workshops in voice, piano, guitar, violin and rondalla throughout the year for its members as well as parishioners who would like to develop their talents and, hopefully, use these to serve the Parish as well. Two choirs have been

formed from Workshop graduates: the SJB Children’s Choir and the SJB youth choir.

Serving as a MOMCA musician-servant might be your calling. To find out or to join the workshops, contact MOMCA Coordinator, Mr. Gaylord Villa at (0921)7884234.

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS

Simbahay features the Sunday Mass Readings' themes from Fr. Sal Putzu's "Exploring God's Word".

These themes are part of a systematic approach to study and have a good knowledge of the Biblical passages which will be used in the coming Sunday Masses and to relate these readings to our lives.

Visit www.sjbmakati.com for more detailed excerpts of the study notes for each week.

Listen to Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB (General Manager and Editor, Word and Life) at *Bisperas sa Veritas* 846 AM, 5pm Saturday.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

Mother's Day

May 13, 2012 Readings

***Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48** – Peter accepts the household of Cornelius into the community of believers.

***1 Jn 4:7-10** – Our brotherly love is rooted in God's love for us as manifested in Jesus Christ

***Jn 15:9-17** – Jesus' commandment to love one another

Theme: THE CHRIST-LIKE LOVE THAT MAKES US ONE WITH GOD AND NEIGHBOR

Today, the Lord Jesus continues to develop last Sunday's idea of union with him as a condition to bear fruits of holiness in our lives. He does so by emphasizing that obedience to his "Love Commandment" is the practical way to show the reality of our union with him, make it grow and bear fruit. There is a life-giving "triple relationship" connecting union and fruitfulness, fruitfulness and love, love and obedience to God's Commandments.

Such a "multiple relationship" found its perfect realization in Jesus (see v. 10 in today's Gospel text), and is constantly presented to us as a challenge and a promise. Doing what the Lord wants is the basic condition for us to remain united with

Him and be fruitful, while bearing abundant fruit of love for God and neighbor is the clearest sign of the genuineness of our love, even as it leads us to share in Christ's perfect joy.



ASCENSION OF THE LORD (B)

46th World Communications Sunday

May 20, 2012 Readings

***Acts 1:1-11** – Before ascending into heaven, Jesus instructs his apostles to prepare themselves for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

***Eph 1:17-23** – With his ascension into heaven, Jesus is exalted above all beings.

***Mk 16:15-20** – Jesus commissions his apostles to proclaim the Good News to the whole world.

Theme: HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL IN THE POWER OF CHRIST

Jesus' ascension is not the end of his presence among us. It is only a planned intermission which reminds us that the play goes on, and that it is now the time for the "supporting actors" to play their role, while the main protagonist is still in action, behind the scene, preparing for the "Grand Finale"...

The "play" is the history of salvation, the construction of the Kingdom preached and initiated by Jesus. We are the "supporting actors" who have the task to carry on (not to take over!) what Jesus started. He is still the great "Protagonist," and our roles have a meaning only if they are related to his, for we are expected to be heralds of the Gospel and witnesses of the glorified Christ.

Jesus does not leave us alone in the fulfillment of our roles/tasks. We are called to do our part, not only in his name, but also in the power of his unfailing presence, perpetuated through the Holy Spirit. With such a presence and power, no dream will be "impossible," no target unattainable, provided we do our share in humble faithfulness, day by day.



SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST (B)

May 27, 2012 Readings

***Acts 2:1-11** – The Holy Spirit empowers the believers to proclaim God's mighty works to all nations.

***1 Cor 12:3b-7.12-13** – The Holy Spirit is the source of all gifts and unity in the Church.

or **Gal 5:16-25** – The opposition between the flesh and the spirit

***Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15** – The Spirit of truth guides the Church to all truth.

Theme: PENTECOST: THE DIVINE PRESENCE THAT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE

The Holy Spirit is the essential "link" that binds together not only the Father and the Son in the inner life of the Blessed Trinity, but also in the saving relationship that unites us to the Father and His Son Jesus. Among other things, He has also an indispensable role in salvation history, for He makes present and effective the work of salvation wrought by Jesus Christ.

Today's readings remind us about the Spirit's role as the source of all gifts and unity in the Church, His being the Guide to all truth, His bearing witness to Jesus and His giving glory to him. It is only thanks to the active presence of the Holy Spirit that the whole community of believers and everyone of us can proclaim, "Jesus is Lord!" Also, it is only the presence of the Spirit that enables us to enjoy the preciousness of His gifts, the main ones of which are mentioned by the Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Galatians.

But for all these graces to be effective in us, our cooperation is indispensable. The Spirit is like a bright sun in our lives, but the actual enjoyment of His splendor depends on the degree of our "openness" to Him. The more open we are to receive Him with gratitude and the readier we are to collaborate with Him, the greater the benefit will be for us. Mary Most Holy and all the saints are the most eloquent proofs of the wonderful and transforming effect that the Spirit's action can produce in every human being.

UPDATES ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL

In a letter to the parish priests, chaplains and community's spiritual directors, the Most Reverend Luis Antonio Tagle, Archbishop of Manila proposed a period of gradual implementation of the new responses in English Masses as follows:

Jun – And with your Spirit (Greeting, Gospel, Preface, Final Blessing)

Jul – I confess

Aug – Gloria

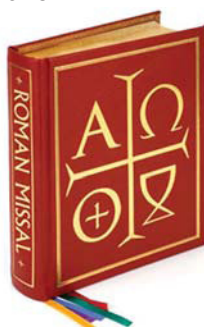
Sep – Apostles' Creed

Oct – Pray Brethren, Memorial Acclamation

Nov – Invitation to Communion (Lord, I am not worthy)

Dec 2 – Full implementation

To learn more on the new responses, please visit <http://sjbmakati.com/new-english-roman-missal.html>



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DR. LOURDES "LOLENG" FERRER TAMONDONG-LAGAYA

By Fr. Rene Lagaya, SDB

Dra. Lagaya, or Loleng to her friends, was born on 18 December 1925, at San Carlos City in Pangasinan to Vicente Tamondong and Ma. Jacobe Ferrer. She was the youngest of a brood of seven, five girls and two boys. Hers was a farming family of very modest means. Gifted with an above average intelligence, she saw in education her way out of possible poverty. She worked her way up to her graduation from the University of the East as a dentist.

Her first job was in the Dental Dispensary in Nichols Air Base, Pasay City where she met Cesar Abcede Lagaya, a young officer from Lucban, Quezon who was three years her senior. They soon fell in love and eventually got married on 1 December 1952. They had three boys, René their first child, Conrado, then Alfonso and one girl, Ma. Cristina, their youngest. René is now a Salesian priest and the Editor-in-Chief of

the Don Bosco Press (DBP), Inc. Conrado is a Salesian Brother, the Printing Production Manager of DBP, Inc., and one of the Provincial Councillors of the Salesian FIN Province. Alfonso is a practicing physician engaged in traditional and alternative medicine. Ma. Cristina is an oral surgeon and the current chair of the PGH Dental Department. Loleng has 6 apos.

When Loleng retired from the Air Base, she moved to the Don Bosco Technical Institute, Makati City where she remained until her retirement from the practice of dentistry. With two of her sons joining the Salesian Society, she and her husband decided to join the Association of the Salesian Cooperators. Here she found inspiration and comfort in the charism of St. John Bosco. In her younger days, she taught catechism at the St. John Bosco Parish and also joined the Catholic Women's League

JUNE 2012 CALENDAR

- 01 Fri** St. Justin / First Friday Vigil
Adoration after 6PM Mass
- 03 Sun** **Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity/** Induction of the New PPC
- 05 Tue** St. Boniface
- 09 Sat** Corpus Christi Procession after 6PM Mass
- 10 Sun** **Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ /** Gradual Implementation of the New Translation of the Roman Missal
- 11 Mon** St. Barnabas
- 13 Wed** St. Anthony of Padua
- 15 Fri** **Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 16 Sat** Immaculate Heart of Mary
- 21 Thu** St. Aloysius Gonzaga
- 23 Sat** Parish Mass Wedding 9AM
- 24 Sun** **Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist**
- 28 Thu** St. Irenaeus
- 29 Fri** **Solemnity of Sts. Peter & Paul**

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 2012 Calendar
<http://sjbmakati.com/parish-events.html>

and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate. She has accepted with passion to personally supervise the services of the Parish Dental Clinic. At 86, she is still a daily massgoer and an active promoter of the devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the daily praying of the Rosary.

If you see a rather diminutive lady in church, who seems to know everybody there, and does not hesitate to make new friends on a daily basis, then you have found Loleng – a real treasure to the SJB Parish. She was there from the very start, lending whatever support she could to the late Fr. Godfrey Roozen, SDB. She still somehow never fails to inspire and to bring a smile to the lips of the SJB Parishioners.

Carmelo, Margoux, Nanay Elong and Ella



NANAY ELONG *By Carmelo De Leon*

Nanay Consuelo A. De Leon or Nanay Elong is the widow of Tatay Oscar De Leon. She is an active church volunteer of St. John Bosco Parish Makati and a respected leader of the DB Marriage Encounter (ME) Foundation. Nanay Elong is fond of joining church activities. Even though she has only two sons, Carlo and Carmelo, God has given her more children in the Church and in her work as a caregiver in "The Angels", an

orphanage in Manila.

Nanay Elong is a generous person and loves helping other people. Most of the time, when the ME couples encounter problems, hers is the shoulder they cry on, and the advice they seek.

It is difficult to be a widow but somehow, she has managed well. We pray that God will continue to give her good health and joy all the days of her life and use her as a channel of blessing to everyone. We love you, Nay.

Mothers' Day- May 13, 2012

God could not be everywhere, so he created mothers. – Jewish Proverb

On the second Sunday of May, children throughout the world honor God's special creation with bouquets, presents, greeting cards, breakfast-in-bed, a "day off", special dinners, and spa treatments... In this issue, SJB Parishioners celebrate motherhood with heartfelt tributes for their Nanay, Mommy, Mama, Ma and Mom.

HOW DO I SAY GOODBYE, MOM? *By Maris Katigbak-San Juan*

Nothing can ever prepare us for the loss of a mother. For after all, how do I say "goodbye" to someone whose face was the very first to welcome me into this world – whose arms and hands were the very first to hold and cradle me during those first few moments I found myself in unfamiliar surroundings. These very arms and hands would be there through milestones in my life – my very first baby steps, my first day of school, cheering for my achievements, encouraging me through my failures and struggles and helping me open new chapters in my life; so tell me, how do I truly say goodbye to my mother?

I have always considered my mother to be a woman of strength – she faced life fearlessly armed with a strong faith. When she was around, it seemed that there was

not a problem that could not be solved, nor a challenge that could not be faced. Every obstacle could be overcome and all prayers heard and answered. For Mom, the secret to a good life is "simplicity" – never complicate matters, have simple wants and needs in life, count your blessings and be thankful for the gifts God has given you.

It may be a cliché for some, but I would not be the woman I am today, were it not for my Mom – like her, I shall always put my children's needs before my own, be considerate of others, make decisions wisely, try to simplify life, believe in myself and never compromise myself or my faith in God. Yes, this is who I am and I have Mom to thank for it. She continues to live in my heart and soul.

The hardest questions in life are often



answered by the simplest answers. No farewells, Mom. How can I say goodbye to someone whom I feel has never truly left?

DOLORES COLAYCO – A TRIBUTE TO MOM *By Odi Von Hehn*



Mom with Odi (back row, 4th from left) and her sisters

For most of your life, Mom (Mommy, Mama, or Ma)...you lived for your husband and children. You never took the limelight for yourself, preferring to stay in the background to take care of the mundane cares of our lives while we went on to realize our dreams. For as long as we lived under your roof, you

woke up at the crack of dawn to make sure you served us the freshest fish, fruits and vegetables, made sure our clothes were washed and ironed and that there was food on the table each mealtime. Today, as we run our own households we finally realize your untiring dedication.

By your example, you taught us the virtues of sacrifice and selflessness. Thanks to the values you instilled in us, we have all grown up to be responsible, hardworking adults. Most of all, you gave us each other and for this, we will always be grateful. Mom, thank you for the gift of life.

NUMBER 1 ANG MAMA K♥

*By Jamby Panaligan, 10,
Gr. 6, Pio Elementary School*

Ang mama ko ay si Cora Panaligan. Madalas siyang makikitang nag-aasikaso ng mga paninda sa kubo ng Divine Livelihood. Ang mama ko ay masinop sa lahat ng gamit, magalang, maalalahanin at napakasipag. Halos di na siya natutulog, sa pagtrabaho para sa aming pamilya. Wala siyang inaatasang problema.

Kahit siyang kaming magkakapatid, hindi kami napababayaang ni Mama. Takbuhan pa rin siya ng aking mga kapatid na may asawa. Marami man kami, di kami nagkukulang sa pansin ni Mama. Ang mama ko ay number 1! Happy Mothers' Day, Mama. ♥ I love you.



TESS HERNANDEZ. . . SPECIAL MOM

by Trina Hernandez

If you think our Mom is pretty, wait till you get to know her... and you will see the true meaning of beauty. Blessed with a big heart, our mom puts others before herself and makes people feel important. She goes out of her way to help unconditionally, running errands, providing transportation, and offering her time, not just for her family but her friends, relatives, neighbors as well. Her positive spirit brightens any gathering. She always has something nice to say and people are instantly at ease with her sincerity and humor.

Having a special child brings out the best in her. She blooms as she ages; her kindness, patience, and understanding

NEWS BRIEFS

Last April 1, the SJB Music Ministry organized a recital as the culminating activity of its Workshop for Voice, Piano, Guitar, and Violin. A total of 35 students participated in the Workshop and showcased their learnings during the recital.

Taking St. John Bosco's cue, "a house without music is like a body without a soul",... the Music Ministry has been conducting these quarterly workshops since 2010. These are facilitated by talented Music Major students and graduates of PWU College of Music who are active members of the SJB



SJB MUSIC MINISTRY WORKSHOP/ RECITAL by Gaylord Villa

Parish Chorale: Chorale head, Vince Olandesca and Lesley Faye Verayo for voice

and piano, Wesley Agpau for violin, and Lyonee Alexis Tolentino for guitar.



UNANG HIRIT FEATURES THE ICON WORKSHOP

Last March 27, a few days before Holy Week, GMA 7 featured the products and craftsmen of the SJB Parish Icon Workshop in the TV show, Unang Hirit. During an interview with the show's hosts, Lynn Ching and Suzi Entrata, four "Ginto Boys", (so-called from the Ginto Foundation which support the Workshop) led by Jerry Alison Dolor talked about the 25-step process which

goes into every religious icon that they handcraft. Several samples of the Icon Workshops products were on display during the interview.

The Icon Workshop which is located on the second floor of the SJB Parish building is a brainchild of Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB who also provides its artistic direction.



BASIC PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMER WORKSHOP By Sam Santos

Thirty parishioners, ages 10-57 participated in the two-Saturday basic photography workshop, entitled, "Is There Life Beyond Point and Shoot?" Mr. Jojo Gloria, business entrepreneur and commercial photographer, facilitated the workshop which covered the history of photography, basics of composition, elements to consider in

creating lasting images, a trial photo-shoot of the Church and surrounding Gardens, constructive critique and coaching.

The Summer Photo Workshop will culminate with a Photo Exhibit on May 26 to June 1 and is part of the "SJBP- So Alive@35" yearlong run-up to the 35th anniversary of the Parish Church.



EMHC INSTALLATION April 29, 2012

THE FIRST-EVER DBYC CUP BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

By Mary Grace Gueriba



To keep the youth busy this summer, Don Bosco Youth Center (DBYC) organized the First DBYC Cup Basketball Tournament. In simple opening rites last April 28, Fr. Richard Varela, SDB, Rector and SJBP DBYC In-charge gave a heart-warming welcome message to the players before declaring the games open.

Five teams are vying for the title of "First DBYC Cup Champion", two from SJB parish and three from Brgy. Pio del Pilar: the DBYC Basketball Team, PUGAD Boys, the teams of San Isidro, Cherry Ann and the Bomba Boys, the defending champion of the DBYC Summer League.

DBYC sincerely thanks Barangay San Lorenzo for helping in this program.



DBYC ORGANIZES BLOCK ROSARY

By Mary Grace Gueriba

Being followers of St. John Bosco who had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother, the Don Bosco Youth Center leaders decided to honor the Blessed Mother by starting a Block Rosary last April 24. Every month, the DBYC leaders will take turns hosting the Image of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in their homes where their families will pray the Rosary and the prayer to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal daily.

grow each day with its challenges. She considers Anton (my special brother) an angel and never stops working hard to make our angel's life happy and meaningful on earth.

We wouldn't be the persons we are now without our Mom. By example, she instilled our values of honesty, integrity and faith in the Lord. Mom, thank you!



Right: Tess Hernandez and daughter, Trina

Left: Didit Baustita with daughters, Therese and Bettina. Below are their art works – their tribute to Mommy.



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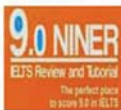
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