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The word "Triduum" comes from a Latin word meaning "three days." The solemn liturgies of this time are the most significant liturgies of the Church year. They give us a deeper sense of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. These symbols and rituals help us to experience the mysteries of Jesus' final hours, His passion, suffering -- and His rising from the dead. In a special way, during these three days, the Church celebrates and remembers the salvific act of Jesus - His death on the Cross and the wonder of His Resurrection.

HOLY THURSDAY

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - including the washing of feet - opens the liturgy of the Easter Triduum. Churchgoers listen to how Jesus shared His last Passover meal with His Apostles and gave us the Sacrament of the Eucharist. The washing of the feet is a sign and symbol of the service Christians are called to live.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper ends with the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose.

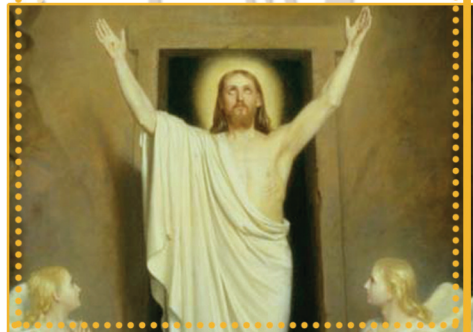
There is no final blessing because the liturgy is not over. Everyone is asked to spend some time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resting within the Altar of Repose.

The color of vestments for this day is WHITE, symbolizing the joy of sharing and serving. The word for this day is "SERVICE".

GOOD FRIDAY

Quiet fasting and mourning mark this day. We recall how Jesus suffered and died for our sins. It includes: the reading of the Passion of Jesus. The liturgy is sparse - a bare altar, no Entrance Hymn, no Offertory, no Sanctus. After the Gospel and homily, Massgoers line up for the Veneration of the Cross - an acknowledgement of the most basic fact of our faith - the Cross is the means of our salvation.

The color of vestments for this day is RED, symbolizing the Passion and



Easter Triduum

Christ's blood spilt for man's salvation. The word for this day is "SACRIFICE".

EASTER VIGIL

It is the high point of the Easter Triduum. On this night, Christians celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus.

The Easter Vigil is divided into four parts: The Service of Light, the Liturgy of the Word, the Liturgy of Baptism, and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

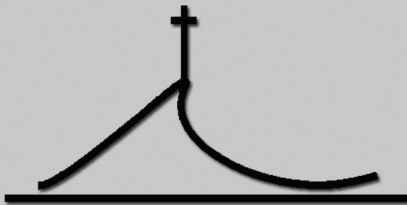
During the Service of Light, all the lights in the church are turned off. Outside the church, a fire is prepared, blessed and the Paschal Candle is lighted from it. The candle is then carried into the dark church while its bearer chants "Christ our Light" - a powerful sign of Christ, the Light of the World, overcoming the darkness of sin and death. The assembly lights small candles from the Paschal Candle and keeps these lighted until the end of the Easter Proclamation.

During the Liturgy of the Word, the story of God's great love for us is proclaimed in nine readings from the Old and New Testaments which recall the great events of salvation, beginning with creation and ending with the epistle on shared resurrection with Christ.

During the Liturgy of Baptism, water is used as a symbol of both purification and of baptism. Here, catechumens, or those who have been preparing for Baptism are baptized. The lighted Paschal Candle is then gently lowered into a big vessel of water to bless the water. Then all stand, relight their candles from the Paschal Candle and renew their baptismal promises as a sign that they share the new life of Jesus through His resurrection.

The Easter Vigil concludes with the Eucharistic celebration, a joyous sharing in the sacrificial meal of Jesus Christ, Lord and Risen Savior.

Color of vestments is WHITE, symbolizing the joy of Christ's Resurrection. The word for this day is "JOY".



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6:30am • 7:30am
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Sunday:

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

Confessions are held during all the
Masses

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Saturday:

8:00am - 12:00pm • 1:00pm - 5:00pm

THE LENTEN SEASON - CONVERSION TO LIFE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST



As this issue rolls off the press, the whole Christian world is moving halfway through the Lenten season. We in the tropics are not as fortunate as those in the Northern Hemisphere where springtime breaks at this time of the year, which by the way is the old English meaning of *lent*, springtime. Spring is associated with life, new life, as nature comes out again from the harsh and uninviting world of winter. The Season of Lent is also about life, in another form, eternal life, the life of grace that comes only from God. The two basic themes of Lent are **baptism**, and the other is **conversion**, from which we can receive valuable insights about life. Both themes characterize the ancient practice of Lent.

In the ancient Christian world, those preparing to be baptized on Easter night called "*catechumens*" devote the entire Lenten season as an intensive preparation for baptism. Thus, the liturgy during Lent is often marked by references to baptism. We know from our catechism that the *Sacrament of Baptism* is the sacrament that confers eternal life to a person by means of water. Water, which is one of the most abundant resources in nature, is God's way of reminding us of his abundant gift of life, the true kind of life which is eternal life. Contrast that with a present reality. With the current disaster afflicting Japan and its people because of the massive earthquake and devastating tsunami, we now know, first hand, that the natural force of water can also easily destroy life and property. Water, in this instance, is not a symbol of life but a source of death. In this respect, Lent is meant to help us reflect on and continuously nurture our spiritual life by reminding us of its source, the Paschal Mystery. Baptism means incorporation into the Paschal Mystery of Christ, transforming a person into a new man or woman by immersing him or her into the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus. Just as we are baptized into His death, so shall we also rise with Him in His Resurrection. Let us pray for the people of Japan and extend any help we can, that they may not lose hope, be comforted and soon rise above the loss and suffering wrought by the twin calamities and, if not averted, by a nuclear fallout.

The second theme of Lent is conversion or repentance. The long and short of it also concerns life, life that is lost through sin and life that is found through the grace of forgiveness. Going once again to ancient Christian practice, Lent was a time when great sinners, especially the "*apostates*" who renounced their faith because of the persecution, had to perform rites of public penance before they were admitted back to the Faith. Here the focus is repentance for sins committed so that they can again receive new life through reconciliation. From our catechism we know that sin, in any form, damages the divine life given to us in baptism. And if the sin is so grievous or mortal, divine life can be completely destroyed. And so God, through the Catholic Church has given us the way to repair the damage or destruction caused by our sins through conversion or repentance and the sacrament of confession. It is no wonder then that during the Lenten season, the themes of **conversion, repentance and reconciliation** are always emphasized. In the present situation, our country is threatened by forces inimical to our most cherished values on family and life. Congress is trying to pass the Reproductive Health or Responsible Parenthood Bill that for all intents and purposes is against the constitutional value of honoring the family and respecting the unborn. This Bill once passed will slowly foster the "contraceptive" mentality which in turn will pave the way to abortion. This is part of the *culture of death*, in the words of Pope John Paul II. For those belonging to the culture of death, there is still hope for conversion and reconciliation.

As we journey towards the end of this holy season and enter the most precious moments of Holy Week, let us continue to accept God's invitation to be champions of human life in all its forms. We are God's beloved children and our life, both natural and spiritual, is His precious gift to us. May our baptismal identity and commitment strengthen and embolden us to fight the culture of death and promote the **culture of Life**.

— Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER EVENTS IN THE VICARIATE OF STS. PETER AND PAUL

This year, from April 21 (Holy Thursday) to 23 (Easter Sunday), Christians from all over the world will once again commemorate through solemn liturgical rites and tradition-steeped practices the Lord's passion, death and resurrection. While the same Easter Triduum liturgical celebrations are universally observed in all Roman Catholic Churches, (please see *Easter Triduum*), outside the Mass, the Holy Week and Easter Sunday practices and traditions vary among countries.

Among the Philippines' most beloved traditions are the Pabasa, the Visita Iglesia on Maundy Thursday, the procession of the Santo Entierro de Cristo (Holy Burial of Christ) on Good Friday and the Salubong on Easter morning, the dawn processions which celebrate the first meeting of the Risen Christ and His grieving mother (Mater Dolorosa).

Of the seven parishes and one chapel community of the Vicariate of Sts. Peter and Paul in Makati, two have kept their Holy Week and Easter practices fairly standard, though Greenbelt Chapel's Lenten Pilgrimage to churches in different provinces has become an eagerly awaited annual event for its community.

We now feature some of the special Holy Week and Easter events which six parishes have preserved, developed or adapted to make their celebration of this special season of grace even more memorable.

HOLY CROSS PARISH



On Good Friday evenings, members of the Parish Youth Ministry (Liturgical Youth Group & Singles for Christ) reenact the Way of the Cross in the three barangays of the Holy Cross Parish (Tejeros, Carmona, Kasilawan). A ten-wheeler

flatbed truck serves as both transportation and mobile stage for the performers. The preparations for the 2010 production took almost a month with the young volunteers pitching in as actors, directors and production designers. After each performance, the Parish's lectors proclaim the readings and the reflections for the station before the stage and the cast move on to the next station.

NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS PARISH



On Good Friday mornings, the parishioners of the National Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus join the priests from the Parish in a special Way of the Cross procession. The procession stops at each house where one of the fourteen stations is located to pray, sing and meditate together on the Via Crucis reflections for that station. Then the priest prays over and anoints the sick parishioners living nearby who are brought to the station to receive this special Good Friday blessing.

ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH



St. John Bosco Parish distributes penitential bags throughout Lent. The faithful are encouraged to make some sacrifices during the season and to keep the money they have saved in these "bags of offering". The bags are collected during Easter Sundays. The offerings will fund projects for the poor.

The Bulilit Senakulo features children performers in a passion play.

Morning praise services (lauds) are held in the main church at 7:30 AM of Good Friday and Black Saturday in lieu of the morning Masses.

Members of the Youth Ministry produce, direct and act in the "Live Way of the

Cross". They have two performances at 7:00 PM of Friday before Good Friday at Dulo (Pio del Pilar) and at 9:00 AM Good Friday at SanLo (San Lorenzo Village).

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE PARISH



On Palm Sunday mornings, women dressed in Filipiniana attire lay out colorful alampays (shawls and wraps) along the procession route across the four main villages of the Parish of St. Andrew the Apostle (Belair II, Santiago, Rizal and San Miguel) and all the way to the church. The priest and 12 men dressed as Apostles walk on the "alampays" while the parishioners who line the street joyfully wave palm branches (palaspas), recalling the triumphant entry of Jesus to Jerusalem on the First Palm Sunday (Matthew 21: 8).

The procession passes each of the four villages' *kubol* - a raised dais adorned with *palaspas* and flowers, where children dressed as angels sing Hosannas and toss flowers. The procession ends in the Parish church in time for the designated morning Mass.

On Maundy Thursday, after the Mass of the Lord's Supper, each family is given a bread bun which is blessed before the Mass and copies of a short prayer service. When they get home, the family members join in the prayer service and share the blessed bread in remembrance of the Last Supper.

STs. PETER AND PAUL PARISH



Sts. Peter and Paul, the Vicariate's second oldest Parish, established in 1608, continues to observe to this day, a wealth of Holy Week traditions which

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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, 6pm Saturday.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2011

Readings

*1 Sm 16:1b.6-7.10-1 3a - Young David is anointed king of Israel.

*Eph 5:8-14 - The children of light must behave according to their dignity.

*Jn 9:1.6-9.13-17.34-38 - Jesus gives sight and faith to a man born blind.

Theme: CHRIST, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD AND OF OUR LIFE

As we continue our Lenten pilgrimage in preparation for Easter, today we turn to Jesus as both the "Light of the World" and the "Light of our Life." The gift that enables us to recognize these two roles of Jesus for all mankind and each of us is **FAITH**, the very special "spiritual sight" which is even more precious than our physical eyesight.

Lent is for us a unique opportunity not only to be grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, but also to ask ourselves if we have preserved it fresh and strong, or rather if we have exposed ourselves to the danger of dimming or losing it altogether. We can also ask ourselves if we have behaved in ways that are not in accordance with the "vision" that our faith provides us with.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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April 10, 2011

Readings

*Ez 37:12-14 - The Spirit of the Lord is the source of life.

*Rom 8:8-11 - The Spirit will raise our mortal bodies to life.

*Jn 11:3-7.17.20-27.33b-45 - Jesus calls Lazarus back to life.

Theme: CHRIST, THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today the series of Lenten themes comes to a climax with that of **LIFE**. This theme is presented in the form of **resurrection from death**, thanks to the power of the **Spirit of God**, who quickens to life a heap of dead bones (see the First Reading), and thanks to the power of **Jesus**, who declares himself to be "the resurrection and the life." (See the Gospel passage.)

Tracing the steps of the early catechumens in their preparation for Baptism, we feel strengthened in our faith in the **new life** proclaimed and offered by Jesus through his teaching, his sacrificial death, and his resurrection.

PALM SUNDAY

April 17, 2011

Readings

* Mt 21:1-11 - Commemoration of the Lord's entry into Jerusalem.

* Is 50:4-7 - The "Servant of the Lord" is ready to endure any suffering trusting in the Lord.

* Phil 2:6-11 - Synthesis of Christ's self-emptying and exaltation

* Mt 27:11-54 - The Passion and Death of Our Lord

Theme: FROM EXALTATION TO REJECTION

Palm Sunday is a day of dramatic contrasts: welcome and rejection, triumph and defeat, life and death. At the center of it all stands Jesus, the awaited



PALM SUNDAY

Messiah, who is living with dramatic intensity the last week of his earthly life. Around him are enthusiastic friends and admirers as well as rabid enemies who want him dead at all costs. Soon after the account of Jesus' triumphant entry into the Holy City, in fact, the three readings focus on the Suffering Messiah, the faithful "Servant of the Lord." Thus, Palm Sunday becomes the preview of the impending tragedy that is re-lived every year on Good Friday.

This happened almost two thousand years ago, but it takes place also in our lives, for Palm Sunday is a mirror of what happens (or can happen) in our lives. Today, like two thousand years ago, we are challenged to speak up and manifest our allegiance to Jesus. We are challenged to stand up and be counted among Jesus' friends and disciples, not just in his moment of triumph, but especially when the crowd will shift from exaltation to rejection.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 24, 2011

Readings

* Acts 10:34a.37-43 - Peter presents the core of the Christian faith to Cornelius.

* Col 3:1-4 - An exhortation to live as "risen people"

* Jn 20:1-9 - Peter and John at the empty tomb begin to believe in the Resurrection

Theme: EASTER: OUR HOPE IN THIS LIFE AND IN THE LIFE TO COME

Christ's resurrection is not only the glorious conclusion of his battle against death and his opponents, but also a "beginning" because it ushers in a totally new situation for all mankind. It is the dawn of a new era characterized by victory over all that brings us down, weakens, afflicts, and wounds us. It is the triumph of love over hatred, of selflessness over selfishness, of hope over death in all its



EASTER SUNDAY

forms and manifestations.

The Resurrection is the dawn of the "New Creation" which God intends to bring about in the hearts of every individual and in every human society. It is a "preview" of things to come which will find their fulfillment in heaven, but which start budding forth, already now, in all those who respond to God's love as shown us in Jesus Christ. This wonderful possibility is offered to all in different ways. It is up to each individual to accept this opportunity through an act of faith and to make the most of it through a life lived according to the teaching and example of Jesus.



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have been preserved and handed down through the centuries.

From Holy Wednesday to Good Friday, Makati's Poblacion is transformed into a veritable Holy Week Village of 40 Kalbaryos – temporary chapels housing life-size statues which depict events or characters in the passion and death of Christ. These images, some of which are priceless family heirlooms, are carried on carosas during the grand Good Friday procession. In each of the Kalbaryos, old and young people sing the Pabasa, a narrative of the Lord's Paschal mystery in epic poetry form.

A major tourist attraction, Poblacion's Good Friday procession is a grand production featuring not just the 40 carosas and 40 crucifixes of each Kalbaryo but the Poblacion residents themselves. As a form of penance, some residents come as flagellants with their heads covered in sackcloth; they whip and wound their backs with cords or



#1 THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH

By Judith S. Gonzales

(A series of tips for parents about their child's experiences in church and growing in faith.)

...As early as when the child is a toddler, we can work on preparing him/her for mass. Physically, we have to make sure that the child is rested; is not hungry and has completed his daily ritual of bathing and toileting. This way Mom and Dad will not be distracted with having to take their child out to attend to his personal needs while the mass is going on. It is possible for very young children to pay attention, the act of sitting, standing and kneeling allows the child to move, encouraged by Mom and Dad as he/she does so with increased refinement. No parent must

feel that they have to stay outdoors while the mass is going on because they have young children with them.

(Please visit <http://sjbmakati.com/the-child-in-church.html> to read the complete article)

Notes for Lent

Last March 9, Ash Wednesday, marked the beginning of the Lenten Season. There will be so many opportunities to have the children "experience" our faith. One way is to help your child become acquainted with sacrifice. Giving up a meal at Jollibee or McDo, your child can put the money you would have spent in a small alms bag that he can fill up and give to the church for our poor brothers and sisters.

sticks containing blades. Others come as barefoot mourners or pasos. Pasos are penitents who are usually covered from head to foot in black robes and veils. Like the flagellants, they wear a crown of fresh papua leaves. The sight of hundreds of pasos clad in black and praying silently for petitions or in atonement for sins lends a somber, almost eerie mood as they file past during the Good Friday procession.

Sts. Peter and Paul is one of the few parishes in the country which observe the Via Lucis or The Way of the Light a.k.a. the Way of the Resurrection. Via Lucis is a devotion which evolved from the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary just as the Via Crucis was derived from the Sorrowful Mysteries. Fourteen "Stations of Light" narrate the appearances of the Risen Lord from Easter to Pentecost.

NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GRACIA PARISH



The oldest Parish in the Vicariate, the 400-year-old Nuestra Señora de Gracia shares in Poblacion's Kalbaryo tradition which dates back to the Spanish colonial times. Residents and Visita Iglesia pilgrims perform their Via Crucis devotions by visiting the fourteen Kalbaryos of Guadalupe Viejo from Holy Wednesday after the Kalbaryos are blessed by the Parish priest until Good

Friday when the Kalbaryo images are carried in procession along with the Santo Entierro de Cristo.

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BENEFACTORS' NIGHT

by Mon Angeles

It was a night full of thanksgiving as the Parish celebrated its 35th anniversary by honoring its benefactors last March 5, 2011 at the Roozen Hall. A simple dinner celebration was held to thank them for their unstinting support to the Parish through the years.

Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB our Parish Priest, made the opening remarks to welcome all the guests while Fr. Richard Varela,

SDB, our Rector, led the prayer before meals. While everyone was enjoying dinner, the St. John Bosco Chorale serenaded them, their lovely voices complementing the sumptuous food. Later, Fr. Ting joined the Chorale in a rendition of "The Prayer of St. Francis" by Ryan Cayabyab to everyone's delight.

Members of the Parish Pastoral Council and some parish volunteers joined in the celebration.



ICON WORKSHOP BLESSED

by Rachelle T. Rule

The 3rd of March, 2011 was a historic day for the Ginto Foundation. After years of "squatting", the 10-year-old Foundation now has a fully furnished workshop on the 2nd floor of the SJB Parish Building where young boys from all over the country handcraft religious icons. SJB Rector, Fr. Richard Varela, SDB, blessed the workshop with Foundation Initiator, Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB, the Board Members and scholars in attendance.

The Ginto Foundation supports the matriculation and other physical needs of poor, young men who desire to better their lives and those of their families by acquiring vocation/technical skills from Don Bosco Manpower in Makati. The 16 boys ages 16 to 21, who are training to be machinists and mechanics, contribute to their education by producing these religious icons which are dubbed as "windows to the divine", a rare type of iconography in the Philippines.

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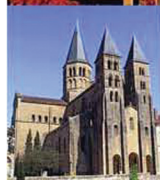
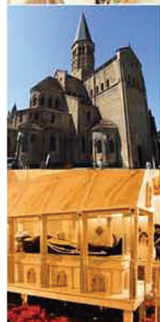
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Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) - Egypt (Sinai, Cairo) with optional extension (Nile Cruising- Luxor to Aswan and Abou Simbel) with Fr. Steven Zabala

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NEW ZEALAND SOUTH ISLANDS (Christchurch, West Glaciers, Queenstown)

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APRIL 17 - 28, 2011

HOLY WEEK IN THE HOLY LAND : Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem)- Jordan (Amman, Petra) with Fr. Renato Jose Lopez, SSL

TAKING OFF!

APRIL 15 - 26, 2011

A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR COUPLES: Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) with Jojo and Ditsy Sumpaico

TAKING OFF!

APRIL 24 - May 4, 2011

HOLY LAND: Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jaffa, Haifa, Nazareth, Cana, Mt. Tabor, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Jericho, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) with Fr. Boyd Sulpico, O.P.

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FAST FILLING UP... LIMITED SPACE SO PLEASE HURRY!!!

APRIL 25 - May 13, 2011

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II: France (Paris, Lourdes, Paray le Monial) - Italy for BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II (Milan, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome, Assisi, Padova) - Austria (Vienna, Melk) - Hungary (Budapest) - Poland (Krakow, Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Czestochowa) - Czech Republic (Prague, Pribram)

LAST CALL... LIMITED SPACE SO PLEASE HURRY!!!

APRIL 28 - MAY 13, 2011

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF POPE JOHN PAUL II: Italy for BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II (Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Rome, Assisi, Padova) - Austria (Vienna, Melk) - Hungary (Budapest) - Poland (Krakow, Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Czestochowa) - Czech Republic (Prague, Pribram)

MAY 2 - 16, 2011

TURKEY DELIGHTS (Istanbul, Canakkale, Kusadasi, Izmir, Meryem Ana, Ephesus, Pamukkale, Cappadocia) & SYRIA with optional pre-tour to Italy for BEATIFICATION OF POPE JOHN PAUL II on MAY 1, 2011

THUMBS UP!!!

MAY 15 - 30, 2011

A TASTE OF SOUTH AMERICA: Peru, Brazil, Argentina, Chile

MAY 15 - JUNE 1, 2011

MARIAN JOURNEYS & ALLURING ANDALUCIA: Spain (Madrid, Granada, Cordoba, Seville, White hill towns of Malaga, Burgos, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Montserrat) - Portugal (Fatima) - France (Lourdes, Paray Le Monial, Ars, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris) with Fr. Bong Tupino with optional extension to Italy (Venice, Padova, Rome, Lanciano, Mont Sant Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo for Padre Pio) until June 8

ALL-TIME FAVORITE

MAY 21 - JUNE 8, 2011

MARIAN JOURNEYS with ITALY: Spain (Madrid, Burgos, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Montserrat) - Portugal (Fatima) - France (Lourdes, Paray Le Monial, Ars, Nevers, Lisieux, Paris, Grenoble) - Italy (Venice, Padova, Rome, Lanciano, Mont Sant Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo for Padre Pio) with Fr. Bong Tupino

ALL-TIME FAVORITE

MAY 22 - 31, 2011

RUSSIA: ITS IMPERIAL TREASURES & MIRACULOUS ICONS (St. Petersburg, Novgorod, Sergueev Possad, Moscow) with Fr. Sanny de Claro

THUMBS UP!!!

JUNE 24 - JULY 10, 2011

IRELAND (with Our Lady of Knock), SCOTLAND & WALES with Fr. Renato Jose Lopez, SSL

COMING SOON

AUGUST 2011

SOUTH AFRICA

COMING SOON

AUGUST 14 to 22, 2011

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AUGUST 20 - 31, 2011

SCANDINAVIA & THE FJORDS

COMING SOON

SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 2, 2011

A MARIAN & MYSTICAL PILGRIMAGE: Italy (Rome, Lanciano, Mont San Angelo, San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi, Cascia, Milan) - France (Paray Le Monial, Ars, Nevers, Paris, Lisieux, Tours, Lourdes) - Spain (Burgos, Madrid) - Portugal (Fatima) with optional extension to the Divine Mercy Congress in Krakow with Fr. Dennis Estrella, S.L.L.

SEPTEMBER 16 - 29, 2011

ENTHRALLING EASTERN EUROPE: Czech Republic (Cesky Krumlov, Pribram, Prague, Olomouc) - Poland (Wroclaw, Czestochowa, Wieliczka, Auschwitz, Wadowice, Krakow) - Hungary (Budapest) - Slovakia (Bratislava) - Austria (Vienna) with Fr. Bong Tupino & Fr. Steven Zabala

OCTOBER 1 - 14, 2011

JOURNEYS TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE: Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) - Egypt (Sinai, Cairo) with optional extension (Nile Cruising- Luxor to Aswan and Abou Simbel) with Fr. Sanny de Claro

OCTOBER 18 - 31, 2011

JOURNEYS TO THE LAND OF THE BIBLE: Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) - Egypt (Sinai, Cairo) with optional extension (Nile Cruising- Luxor to Aswan and Abou Simbel)

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 2011

CRUISE TO THE GREEK ISLES

NOVEMBER 8 - 18, 2011

HOLY LAND : Jordan (Amman, Petra) - Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem)

DECEMBER 18, 2011 - JANUARY 1, 2012

CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM: Jordan (Amman, Petra)-Israel (Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Caesarea Philippi, Tiberias, Mt. Tabor, Haifa, Jaffa, Ein Karem, Bethlehem, Jerusalem) - Egypt (Sinai, Cairo) with Fr. Boyd Sulpico, O.P.

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APRIL 2011 CALENDAR

- 03 Sun 4th Sunday of Lent
- 06 Wed Parish Lenten Recollection III
by Fr. Dennis Paez, SDB
"Loving with an Impact"
7:00pm
- 10 Sun 5th Sunday of Lent
- 13 Wed Kumpisalang Bayan 7:00pm
- 15 Fri Live Way of the Cross - Dulo
7:00pm
- 17 Sun PALM SUNDAY OF THE
LORD'S PASSION/ Alay Kapwa
Sunday/ World Youth Day/
Bulilit Senakolo - 8:30am,
12:30pm, 4:00pm
- 21 Thu Holy Thursday/ Chrism Mass
7:00am Manila Cathedral/
Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper 6:00pm
- 22 Fri Good Friday of the Lord's
Passion/ Morning Praise
7:30am/ Live Way of the
Cross-SLV 9am/ 7 Last Words
12nn- 3:00pm/ Celebration of
the Lord's Passion-3:00pm
followed by Procession of
Santo Entierro and Mater
Dolorosa
- 23 Sat Holy Saturday/Morning Praise
7:30am/Easter Vigil 10:00pm
followed by Salubong
- 24 Sun Easter Sunday of the Lord's
Resurrection-regular Sunday
Mass Schedule except no
6:00am Mass

Sick Visitation - Thursdays 9am

Holy Hour - Thursdays 6:30pm

Medical & Dental - Sundays 2pm

Street Mass - Saturdays 7:30pm

Visit our website for the complete April 2011
Calendar

<http://sjbmakati.com/parish-activities.html>



JASON EVERT CONCERT

February 26, 2011

Last February 26, representatives of the Youth ministry attended the talk of Jason Evert (www.chastitiy.com) and Michael Voris (www.realcatholicity.com) held at the Ynares Gym in Pasig. The event was sponsored by Couples for Christ Youth for Family and Life (CFCYFL) Live Pure Movement, Prolife Philippines Foundation Inc and I Keep Love Real.

Jason's talk, "Romance Without Regret" focused on the importance of living a life of purity and keeping relationships chaste. Michael talked about the importance of being well grounded in the Catholic faith and challenged the young people to develop a deeper love for our faith by learning more about it to enable them to be true soldiers for Christ and bring more people closer to Him.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
for February:

Mass Collection	1,017,773.25
Other Income	218,370.00
Expenses	1,221,248.00
Balance	14,895.25

YOUTH CORNER



SYALA

February 19, 2011

The 4th Salesian Youth Animators and Leaders Assembly (SYALA) for the school year 2010-2011 was held last February 19 at the Mary Help of Christians Parish and Seminary in Better Living Paranaque. Representatives of the different organizations of our Parish were present.

The SYALA is a gathering of the leaders and animators of the organizations of the different Salesian settings of the North Province (FIN). Its goal is to create a network of the different groups and settings. The main agenda of the 4th SYALA was to elect the officers for the SY 2011-2012.

— Welly Cuna



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