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www.sjbmakati.com All for God and for His Glory. In whatever you do, think of the Glory of God as your main goal. (Saint John Bosco)



## May 24: Feast of Mary Help of Christians

The devotion to our Blessed Mother under the title "Mary Help of Christians, became known throughout the world, largely due to Saint John Bosco.

Don Bosco had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. He dedicated to Mary Help of Christians (known in Latin as *Sancta Maria Auxilium Christianorum*) the mother church of the Salesian congregation in Turin, Italy.

Over the years, as the Salesian Fathers carried out their priestly work in various places around the world, they also spread the devotion to Mary Help of Christians.

Saint John Chrysostom is believed to be the first person to use the title "Mary Help of Christians" in the year 345.

The devotion became widespread in the 1500s when Christians had to defend Europe from non-Christian invaders. Pope Pius V sought the help of Christian armies in defending the continent. He also asked the believers to ask Mama Mary to help the Christians. The victory of Christians and the defeat of the non-Christians was attributed to Mama Mary. Later, in the year 1815, the feast of Mary Help of Christians, May 24, was instituted by Pope Pius VII.

*"Trust all things to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to Mary, Help of Christians and you will see what miracles are." (St. John Bosco)*

## May 2010

### Important Feasts & Solemnities

May 1 **Saint Joseph the Worker**

May 6 **Saint Dominic Savio**

May 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**

May 14 **Saint Matthias**

May 15 **St. Isidore the Farmer**  
**St. Mary Mazzarelo**

May 23 **Solemnity of Pentecost**

May 24 **Mary Help of Christians**

May 30 **Holy Trinity Sunday**

May 31 **Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

## Saint Joseph the Worker

Saint Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is known by many titles such as Joseph of the House of David, Joseph the Betrothed, Head of the Holy Family, and others.

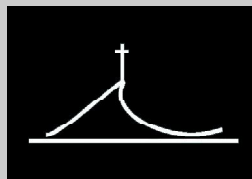
However, his title as **Saint Joseph the Worker** is one of the most popular. Saint Joseph may be a carpenter, a man of humble work and means, but he comes from a royal lineage being a descendant of David, the greatest king of Israel.

Saint Joseph was a just and holy man, who protected the Lord Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary and provided for their needs.

Saint Joseph is the patron of the Catholic church, fathers, workers, carpenters, and social justice. He is also the patron of the dying because he died with the Lord Jesus and Mama Mary by his side, the way all of us would want to leave the earth.



**Saint Joseph the Worker**  
**Feast Day: May 1**



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Thank you very much for your prayers and support. May God bless you all!



## Message from our Parish Priest

### A Call to Vigilance

The editorial staff of Simbahay has decided to highlight in this present issue relevant features about a very important event that will happen to our country in a few days time – the Elections of May 10. We are not only citizens of heaven, we are also citizens of this 'earthly city'. We are confident that there is also a rightful place for good citizenship even in the pages of our parish newsletter!

I would just like to reiterate the important points contained in the different pastoral letters issued by the Archbishop of Manila and the CBCP regarding this most crucial exercise of our political right.

(1) The duty to participate in the elections is a grave obligation for us Catholics as citizens of this country. The elections as a political process is the natural way of forming and transforming the nation and "God is calling us to participate in transforming our society... this is part of our mission as a People of God."<sup>a</sup> We must go out and express our right to vote.

(2) "In choosing leaders, the electorate should carefully study and match the traits of candidates with the needs and issues disabling the country today. Two major and perennial issues are poverty and graft and corruption."<sup>b</sup> Who among the would-be presidents can best work to solve poverty and corruption?

(3) On the May 10 elections, "we will freely choose our leaders whom we expect to serve us and whom we will hold accountable for their service to the people of our country."<sup>b</sup> Who among the candidates will truly deserve the title of servant-leaders and would embrace accountability to the people?

(4) The qualities we seek in our leaders should include persons who are "God-fearing, moral, not given to vices, reverent of life and its deserved decency, consistent true friends of the poor, ever protective of the integrity of the environment, simple and humble and who are good examples for responsible Filipino citizenship."<sup>b</sup> In short, we elect the officials that we can trust because they are trustworthy.

(5) The Automated Election System (AES) using the PCOS (*Precinct Count Optical Scan*) machines has proven to be very problematic from the very start up to this last week before the elections. (At least 50% of all tested PCOS machines this week failed to work properly!) "We have to be vigilant and be involved"<sup>a</sup> in scrutinizing the use of the AES and resist any form of coercion, manipulation and cheating.

(6) "Automated elections will not give us good public officials. The leaders of this country will ultimately depend on our wise choice of candidates. Do not be swayed by survey results or political ads! 'Winnability' is not at all a criterion for voting. Follow the dictates of your conscience and vote for the good of our country and your children's future."<sup>a</sup>

(7) As Catholics, we should uphold a very fundamental right that needs to be adhered to by our future leaders, and that fundamental right is the right to life. Needless to say, our Catholic faith impels us to select candidates who profess to respect life from conception and who disavow any form of disrespect or violence to human life in any form.

(8) And lastly, "more than just a well-informed decision, your choice should be accompanied by reflection and prayer."<sup>c</sup>

Let us be ever vigilant for our country and our people. Together let us be involved in the coming elections. Let us vote wisely after much prayer and continue to implore God to bless our beloved land.

<sup>a</sup>"A Call for Vigilance and Involvement" – A Pastoral Statement of the CBCP, January 24, 2010

<sup>b</sup>"Elections 2010" Part II – A Pastoral Statement of the Archbishop and Bishops of the Manila Metropolitan Ecclesiastical Province, March 14, 2010

<sup>c</sup>"Elections 2010" Part III – A Pastoral Statement of the Archbishop of Manila, April 28, 2010

Your humble servant,

**Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB**  
Pastor

## St. John Bosco Parish

Makati City, Philippines

### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Friday

6:30 and 7:30 a.m.;

12:15 and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Hour and benediction every Thursday after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. On First Fridays, the Holy Hour and Vigil are held after the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

Saturday

6:30 and 7:30 a.m.;

6:00 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday

6:00, 7:15, 8:30, 10:00 and 11:15 a.m.

12:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

Confessions are held during all the Masses.

### ADORATION CHAPEL

Open daily from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

### PARISH RELIGIOUS STORE

Monday to Friday (except Thursday)

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Thursday

8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For inquiries about sick visitations, anointing of the sick, weddings, or the use of the funeral chapels,

please contact the

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In whatever you do, think of the  
Glory of God as your main goal."*

-- Saint John Bosco

## Pentecost Sunday: Birthday of the Church



PENTECOST SUNDAY, which falls on May 23 this year, is a feast of the Catholic Church which commemorates the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, 50 days after the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is also called Whitsunday because of the white garments worn by those baptised during the vigil before Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost ("Pfingsten" in German) is a Greek word meaning "the fiftieth."

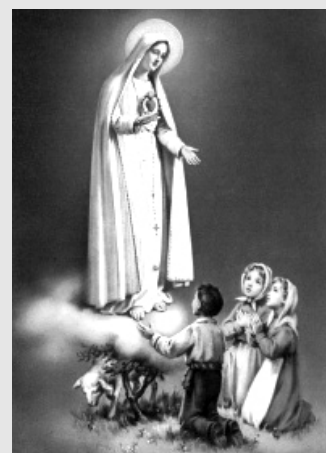
Pentecost Sunday is also known as the birthday of the Catholic Church because it marks the Coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles.

## Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fátima is a title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary because of her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal in 1917.

For six consecutive months in 1917, on every 13th day of the month, starting on May 13, the Blessed Mother appeared to Lúcia Santos and her cousins, siblings Jacinta and Francisco Marto.

On the last apparition, on October 13, she identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. For more information about Our Lady of Fatima, please visit the Saint John Bosco website: [www.sjbmakati.com](http://www.sjbmakati.com). Thank you.



**Our Lady of Fatima  
Feast Day: May 13**

### ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

For March 2010

Mass Collection ₱ 935,724.24

Other Income ₱ 185,485.00

Gross Income ₱ 1,121,209.24

Less:

Total Expenses ₱ 1,570,736.59\*

Net

(₱ 449,527.35)\*\*

\* Total expenses include operating expenses, Rectory expenses, and maintenance of facilities

\*\* Financial deficit and ongoing projects of the parish are covered financially by the Salesian society of St. John Bosco

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Thank you to everyone who visited the official website of the Saint John Bosco Parish Church: [www.sjbmakati.com](http://www.sjbmakati.com). Please keep visiting it for information about our church and the Catholic faith. Thank you! God bless you!

## Sunday Mass Readings

MAY 2, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: **Acts 14:21-27**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13**

*I will praise your name for ever,  
my king and my God.*

Second Reading: **Revelations 21:1-5a**

Gospel : **John 13: 31-33a, 34-35**

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and God will glorify him at once.

My children, I will be with you only a little while longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**"...love one another.  
As I have loved you,  
so you also should love  
one another."** (John 13: 34)

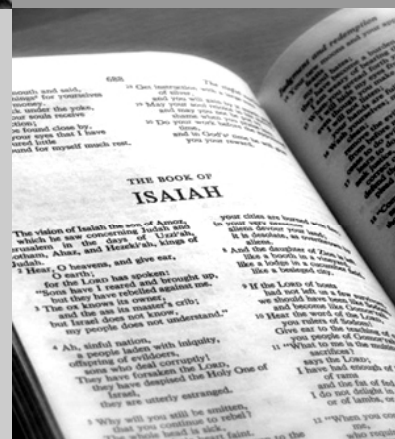


## READ THE BIBLE

**"Ignorance  
of scripture  
is ignorance  
of Christ."  
-- Saint Jerome**

## BIBLE QUIZ

To join the contest,  
please log on to  
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MAY 9, 2010

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: **Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

*O God, let all the nations praise you!*

Second Reading: **Revelations 21:10-14, 22-23**

Gospel : **John 14:23-29**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, 'I am going away and I will come back to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe."

MAY 16, 2010

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

First Reading: **Acts 1:1-11**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**

*God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

Second Reading: **Ephesians 1:17-23**

Gospel : **Lk 24:46-53**

Jesus said to his disciples: "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold I am sending the promise of my Father upon you; but stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. They did him homage and then returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple praising God.

**"...it is written that the Messiah  
would suffer and rise from the dead  
on the third day and that repentance, for  
the forgiveness of sins, would be  
preached in his name to all the nations."  
(Luke 24: 46-47)**

MAY 23, 2010  
SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

First Reading: **Acts 2:1-11**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34**  
**Lord, send out your Spirit,**  
**and renew the face of the earth.**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13**

Gospel : **John 20:19-23**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you."

When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

**"Receive the Holy Spirit.**  
**Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,**  
**and whose sins you retain are retained."**  
(John 20: 22-23)



*Come,  
O Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts  
of your faithful  
and enkindle  
in us the fire  
of your love...*

Prayer to the Holy Spirit  
Breathe into me, Holy Spirit,  
that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me, Holy Spirit, that  
my work, too, may be holy.

Attract my heart, Holy Spirit,  
that I may love only what is holy.  
Strengthen me, Holy Spirit, that I  
may defend all that is holy.

Protect me, Holy Spirit,  
that I may always be holy.  
(By Saint Augustine)

*Glory be  
to the Father  
and to the Son  
and to the  
Holy Spirit*



Prayer to the Blessed Trinity

Glory be to the Father,  
Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.

Glory be to the Son,  
Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.

Glory be to the Holy Spirit,  
Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me  
by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.  
Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever. Amen.

MAY 30, 2010  
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: **Proverbs 8:22-31**

Responsorial Psalm : **Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9**  
**O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name**  
**in all the earth!**

Second Reading: **Romans 5:1-5**

Gospel : **John 16:12-15**

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you."

**"when he comes, the Spirit of truth,**  
**he will guide you to all truth.**

**He will not speak on his own,**  
**but he will speak what he hears,**  
**and will declare to you the things**  
**that are coming."** (John 16: 13)



MAY 10  
2010  
PHILIPPINE  
ELECTION

**PRAY. REFLECT.  
VOTE WISELY.**

**Pray and discern, vote the right people into office.** (*Laiko ng Pilipinas*)

The CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF THE PHILIPPINES (CBCP) through its publication, the **CBCP MONITOR**, presented the positions of the Presidentiables on key issues according to their responses to letters sent to them, interviews, and others (such as statements made by their spokespersons).

The presentation below is based on the **CBCP MONITOR** (SOCIAL CONCERNS, Vol. 14, No. 9, April 26-May 9, 2010) as printed in The Philippine Star (May 2, 2010). We hope that this will help you make an enlightened decision on who to vote for on MAY 10, 2010.

#### KEY ISSUES

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|--|---|---|
| (A) Rejection of Reproductive Health Bill<br>(B) End Death Penalty<br>(C) Gun Ban in Public Places except for Law Enforcers in Uniform or on Duty<br>(D) End Political Dynasties<br>(E) Full Disclosure of All Government Transactions | (F) End Pork Barrel<br>(G) Implement Pro-Farmer Agrarian Reform Program<br>(H) Define Wider, Specific Limits for Forest Lands and National Parks & Implement Massive Reforestation<br>(I) Strictly Adhere to the Constitution Over Charter Change | (J) Reject the Visiting Forces Agreement<br>(K) Review of the Mining Act of 1995<br>(L) Removal of Legal and Illegal Gambling<br>(M) Reintroduction of Nuclear Power As Energy Source |
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Benigno Simeon Aquino III

**PRO-CHOICE\***

**AGREES ON:** E, H, I  
**DISAGREES ON:** A, B, C, D, F (Reform only), G, J (Review only), K, L  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** M



John Carlos Delos Reyes

**PRO-LIFE\*\***

**AGREES ON:** A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L  
**DISAGREES ON:** M  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** -



Joseph Estrada

**PRO-CHOICE\***

**AGREES ON:** E, G  
**DISAGREES ON:** A, B, C, D, F, H, I (Change Needed), J, K (Repeal), L  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** M



Richard Gordon

**PRO-CHOICE\***

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**DISAGREES ON:** A, B, C, D, F, I, J, L  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** K, M



Ana Consuelo Madrigal

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**DISAGREES ON:** A, B, C, I (Change Needed), K (Repeal)  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** M



Nicanor Perlas

**PRO-CHOICE\***

**AGREES ON:** B, D, E, F, G, H, I (Concon 2013), K  
**DISAGREES ON:** A, C, J (Review), L, M  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** -



Gilberto Teodoro Jr.

**PRO-CHOICE\***

**AGREES ON:** E, H  
**DISAGREES ON:** A, B, C, D, F, G, I (Change Needed), J (Review only)  
**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** K, L, M



Eduardo Villanueva

**PRO-LIFE\*\***

**AGREES ON:** A, D, E, G, H, K  
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**POSITION NOT AVAILABLE:** -



Manuel Villar Jr.

**PRO-LIFE\*\***

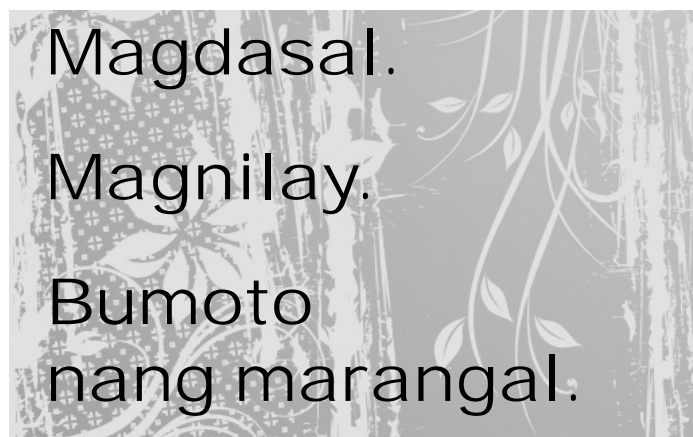
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\* PRO-CHOICE: Agrees with the Passage of the **Reproductive Health Bill**

\*\* PRO-LIFE: Rejects the Passage of the **Reproductive Health Bill**



## GABAY NG KATOLIKONG BOTANTE



Sa Minamahal Naming Mga Katolikong Botante:

Sa Ngalan ng ating Panginoong Hesus, hinihikayat namin kayong BUMOTO NANG MARANGAL.

Pumili tayo ng mga mabubuting pinuno para sa bayan ng Diyos. Kilalaning mabuti ang mga kandidato. Magdasal, magnilay, at humingi ng gabay ng Panginoong Diyos. Iboto ang mga kandidato na:

- \* tunay na gustong maglingkod sa taong bayan
- \* namumuhay ng marangal
- \* hindi kurakot
- \* may paggalang sa buhay ng tao (kailangang sila ay PRO-LIFE, hindi sumasang-ayon sa aborsyon o artipisyal na kontrasepsyon na taliwas sa paniniwalang Katoliko).

Mga Paalala

**BAGO MAG-ELEKSYON**

- (1) Tingnan ang inyong pangalan at numero ng presinto sa: [www.comelec.gov.ph](http://www.comelec.gov.ph)
- (2) Gumawa ng listahan o kodigo ng mga kandidatong iboboto ninyo.
- (3) Magsanay ng pagmarka (shading) ng balota. Magpunta sa [www.sjbmakati.com](http://www.sjbmakati.com) para makakuha ng SAMPLE BALLOT.

**SA ARAW NG ELEKSYON**

(1) Maging handa na pumila nang matagal. Siguraduhing kayo ay busog at hindi nauuhaw. Magsuot ng preskong pananamit. Iwasang magsuot ng t-shirt ng kandidato. Maaaring di payagang bumoto ang mga may suot na damit o dalang paraphernalia na nagtataguyod ng mga kandidato.

(2) **Huwag mag-OVERVOTE.** Maaari kayong bumoto ng mas konti kaysa sa kailangan (Halimbawa: 9 senador imbes na 12) pero hindi kayo maaaring bumoto ng sobra sa kailangan.

(3) **Ayusin ang pagmarka.** Importanteng huwag lumampas sa bilog ang inyong pagmarka o shading dahil magiging invalid o walang bisa ang balota ninyo.

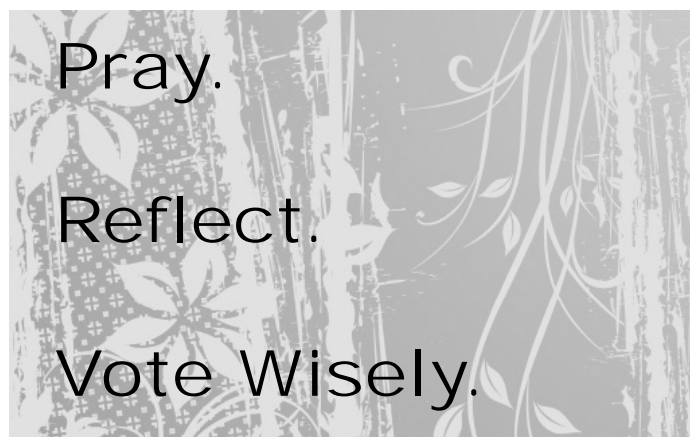
Tamang pagmarka: 

(4) Sundin ang tamang proseso sa paggamit ng PCOS machine. May mga opisyal ng COMELEC at mga technician na aalalay sa inyo.

BUMOTO SA MAYO 10, 2010.

Iboto ang mga lider na magsusulong ng pag-unlad ng bawat Pilipino, ayon sa kalooban ng Diyos.

## THE CATHOLIC VOTER'S GUIDE



To Our Beloved Catholic Voters:

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to VOTE HONORABLY.

Please choose good leaders for God's people. Know the candidates. Pray, reflect, and seek God's guidance.

VOTE for leaders who:

- \* have a **sincere desire to serve** the public
- \* live **good, moral lives**
- \* are not corrupt
- \* advocate **PRO-LIFE values** (they must NOT promote abortion or artificial contraception, which are against Catholic beliefs)

Reminders

**BEFORE ELECTION DAY**


- (1) Check your name and voting precinct number by logging on to: [www.comelec.gov.ph](http://www.comelec.gov.ph)
- (2) Prepare a list (a guide or kodigo) of persons you will be voting for.
- (3) Practice shading. To download a SAMPLE BALLOT, please go to the Saint John Bosco website: [www.sjbmakati.com](http://www.sjbmakati.com)

**ON ELECTION DAY**

(1) Be prepared to fall in line and wait. Make sure that you are sufficiently nourished and hydrated. Wear comfortable clothing. Avoid wearing shirts or paraphernalia promoting any candidate or you may not be allowed to vote.

(2) **Do not OVERVOTE.** You may undervote (you are allowed NOT to vote for every vacant position) but you may not OVERVOTE or the ballot will be considered spoiled. Overvoting means voting for more people than what is required (i.e. voting for three persons when only one is needed).

(3) **Do not OVERSHADE.** Shading intensity (whether light or dark shade) is not important. What's important is to avoid OVERSHADING (shading the area outside the oval) because your ballot may become invalid.

Acceptable shading: 

(4) Strictly follow the procedures in using the PCOS machine. Election officials and technicians will be on hand to help you on election day.

GO OUT and VOTE on May 10, 2010. Vote for the right leaders who will work for the good of every Filipino, as God desires.

## ST. JOHN BOSCO PARISH CHURCH

### MAY 2010 ACTIVITIES

- 1 **Saint Joseph the Worker**  
Street Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
MAGPAS 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Start of Daily Floral Offerings to Mary**
- 2 Poll Watchers' Seminar, 1:00 p.m.  
Medical and Dental mission, 2:00 p.m.  
Reading of the Pastoral Letter of Cardinal Rosales
- 5 Catechesis at the Don Bosco Institute (JP II Church) 8:00 a.m. to 10: am
- 6 **Feast of St. Dominic Savio**  
Catechesis at the JP II Church, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Sick Visitation, 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 7 Catechesis at the JP II church, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Adoration Vigil after the 6:00 p.m. Mass until Saturday morning
- 8 Holy Hour, 7:00 p.m.  
Street Mass, 7:30 p.m.
- 9 Medical and Dental mission, 2:00 p.m.
- 10 **National Elections**  
PPCRV participation
- 12 **Saints Nereus and Achilleus**
- 13 **Our Lady of Fatima**  
Sick Visitation, 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass  
PPC Meeting
- 14 **Saint Matthias**
- 15 **Saint Isidore the Farmer (Labrador)**  
Street Mass, 7:30 p.m. Zone  
On-going KOA Formation
- 16 **Solemnity of**  
Our Lord's Ascension  
Medical and Dental mission, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 **Saint Bernardine of Siena**  
Sick visitation, 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 22 **Saint Rita of Cascia**  
Street Mass, 7:30 p.m.  
Taize Prayer Vigil
- 23 **Pentecost Sunday**  
Medical and Dental mission, 2:00 p.m.  
Commissioning of Lay Ministers, 12:30 p.m. Mass
- 24 **Solemnity of Mary**  
Help of Christians  
Awarding of Parish employees (15, 20, 30 years of service), 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 27 **Saint Augustine of Canterbury**  
Sick visitation, 9:00 a.m.  
Holy Hour after 6:00 p.m. Mass  
PPA meeting
- 29 **Grand Alay, Flores de Mayo, 6:00 p.m.**
- 30 **Solemnity of the**  
Most Blessed Trinity
- 31 **The Visitation of**  
the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary  
Giving of Miraculous Medals

## Simultaneous Ringing of Church Bells on May 10



On the day of the Philippine elections, May 10, 2010, there will be a simultaneous ringing of church bells in all parishes throughout the country for 30 seconds.

This will signal the beginning of the election. It will also be a symbol of the call to all Filipinos to be vigilant, to ensure that there will be fair and honest elections.

Various Catholic groups (Radio Veritas 846, CBCP Media Office, Sangguniang Layko ng Pilipinas, Couples for Christ, Knights of Columbus, and others) are also inviting everyone to join the nine-day vigil for clean and credible elections.

The vigil will be held from May 5 to 13 at the Arzobispado de Manila Chapel in Intramuros Manila, from noon to midnight.

## Saint Dominic Savio, Patron of Choir Boys

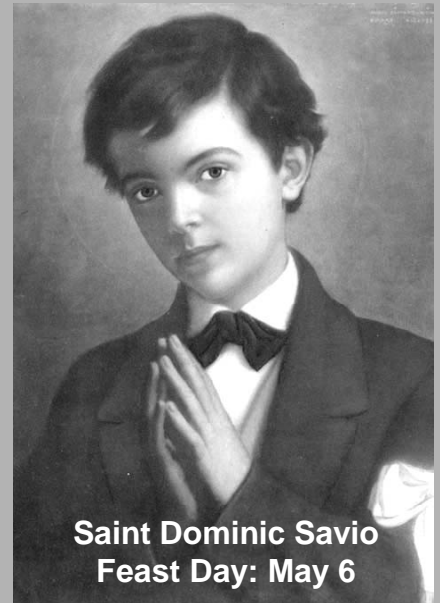
Saint Dominic Savio (in Italian, Domenico Savio; April 2, 1842–March 9, 1857) was a student of Saint John Bosco.

Saint Dominic was studying to be a priest when he became ill and died at the age of 14, possibly from pleurisy.

Don Bosco had very high regard for his student, that he wrote a biography about him, "The Life of Dominic Savio." The book speaks about the heroic virtues Saint Dominic displayed in his daily life.

This book became the basis for the Church to consider him for sainthood.

Saint Dominic was canonized in 1954 and became the youngest non-martyr saint.



**Saint Dominic Savio**  
**Feast Day: May 6**

**"Death rather than sin."**

-- Saint Dominic Savio



### Writings of Saint Dominic Savio

Resolutions made by me, Dominic Savio, in the year 1849, on the day of my First Communion, at the age of seven.

- (1) I will go to Confession often, and as frequently to Holy Communion as my confessor allows.
- (2) I wish to sanctify the Sundays and festivals in a special manner.
- (3) My friends shall be Jesus and Mary.
- (4) Death rather than sin.