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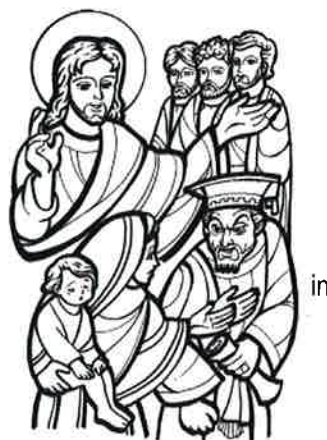
**16 OCTOBER 2016 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## MISSION—VISION

We envision a welcoming Mission driven community, sustained by the abiding faith in God and Christ-like love of fellowmen, where Filipino cultural and religious traditions are lived and practiced with dignity; where diversity of gifts and talents is embraced, strengthened by the commitment and relationship we build –nourished by the Eucharist, prayer, education and apostolic services.

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

On this 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time the Church invites us to reflect on the power of persevering prayer. Faith can move mountains, but prayer can move the heart of God. But for prayer to produce such a wonderful effect, it must be rooted in Humble faith, that is, in the sincere conviction that we are in God's hands and that He loves us immensely, spite of our unworthiness. If we have this proper disposition of heart, we will avoid the two aberrations of wanting to impose our will on God, or of giving up praying if our requests are not granted immediately. Our prayer must always be patterned after that of Jesus and end with the petition: "May your will, not mine, be done!"



**October 16 @ 11:30 am**  
-World Food Day  
29th Sunday Ordinary Time

**October 23 @ 11:00 am**  
-Mass to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Acquisition of the Our Lady of the Philippines Church

**October 30 @ 11:30 am**  
-31st Sunday Ordinary Time

**November 2 @ 8:00 pm**  
-All Souls Day Mass

**November 4 @ 6:00 pm**  
First Friday/Holy Hour

**November 6 @ 11:30am**  
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

**November 13 @ 11:30am**  
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

**November 20 @ 11:30 am**  
- Solemnity of Christ the King

and Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

**November 27 @ 11:30 am**  
-First Sunday of Advent

**December 4 @ 11:30 am**  
Second Sunday of Advent  
FCMM Anniversary

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—Sunday  
9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Sunday—11:30 AM**

(Pilipino Mass on the last Sunday of the month)

**Wednesday—6:00 P.M.**

(Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help recited before the Mass)

**Friday—6:00 P.M.**

(Novena to the Holy Child - Señor Sto. Niño recited before the Mass)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every First and Third Friday of the month before the mass.**

## THE POWER OF PERSEVERING, FAITH-FILLED PRAYER

*Prayer had a great importance in the life and teaching of Jesus Christ.*

The evangelists remark that he often prayed. He went out to secluded places to pray very early in the morning; he prayed at night.

(See his prayer in Gethsemane the night he was arrested.) He prayed on Mount Tabor (the Mount of the Transfiguration); he prayed on the Mount of Olives and on the hill of Calvary (the two places of his "disfiguration"), where he recited Psalm 22 as he agonized on the cross, and where he prayed, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!"

Prayer was, for Jesus, a customary way of "keeping in touch" with the Father and asking for His enlightenment and help for his disciples. It was Jesus' habit of praying that prompted his disciples to ask him to teach them how to pray. And, in response to such a request, he taught them (and all mankind) what is commonly known as "The Lord's Prayer" or the "Our Father" – the prayer that is the sublime model of all prayers. From it, we learn that the first thing that we should do when we pray is to give God the adoration, praise and submission that He deserves. Our needs, both material and spiritual, come next as we humbly and trustingly request that He may grant us all the graces that we yearn for.







For the weekend of  
October 09, 2016 = \$ 1,445.00  
Thank you for your generosity!



We join in the  
Thanksgiving Intentions of:

Glori-Vi Raquel,  
Mr. & Mrs. Efrén Olaes & Family,  
Rachel Wong, Marissa Meneses,  
Fely, Gillian & Rodel Sigue,  
Rhea Guia-Foz, Nesie Sarmiento,  
Rose Rodriguez.

Your prayers are humbly  
requested for all the sick and suffering  
members of our Mission Community  
and their loved ones. May God bring  
them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our deceased  
relatives and friends, especially:  
Corazon Afan, Delia Sunio, Mariano &  
Agustin Tadeo, Denis Guiang,  
Priscilla Gravel, Nestor Guia  
Gloria Cabantac Racquel,  
Juan Bautista Jr.,  
Teodoro & Eugenia Valdez.

ALL souls in purgatory and those dy-  
ing everyday in battles and calamities  
around the world. May their souls and  
the souls of all the faithful  
departed rest in peace.

**Stop by or call the FCMM Office  
(514-387-5292) during normal  
business hours and have a Mass  
offered for your intention.**

THE POWER OF PERSEVERING, FAITH-FILLED PRAYER....cont'd

Today's First Reading and Gospel focus not on prayer in general, but on the PRAYER OF PETITION – a prayer to be offered in all trust, humility and perseverance. We see an example of perseverance in prayer of petition in the one offered by Moses while Joshua is engaged in battle with the Amalekites. (See today's First Reading.) In this episode, we see the wonderful difference which the persevering prayer of a just man can make. This "positive effect" is underscored also in today's Gospel passage, where the poor widow finally gets her right, thanks to her persistence in presenting her request to the "dishonest judge." The application is obvious: if such a "dishonest person," who "neither feared God nor respected any human being" (see v. 2), did eventually grant the widow's request, "will not God secure the rights of His chosen ones, who call out to him day and night?" (See v. 7.)

The conclusion is obvious and heart-warming: God, our loving Father, will surely not leave unheeded our prayers of petition offered with a humble heart. This, however, does not mean that He will necessarily do "on the spot" what we are requesting, for God may have other plans – a more comprehensive and "long-term" plan for us and the people we pray for. He may have something in store for the petitioner that is much greater and more fulfilling than he/she can even imagine. Jesus himself experienced how painful God's "delay" and "alternative plan" may be for a time. But he trusted the Father totally. That's why, after repeatedly saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup (of suffering) pass from me," he concluded, "yet, not my will but yours be done!" (Mt 26:39-44). The Father's "answer" came in Jesus' glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, which opened the gates of heaven for all mankind! Unfortunately, Jesus' concluding sentence is often ignored or forgot en by many who are only bent on "snatching" from God whatever they want. Some even reach the temerity of disseminating so-called "infallible novenas" which promise assured results, no matter how impossible the requested grace may seem, and regardless of what God's plan may be. These are manifestations of blasphemous presumption. For sure, this is not what Jesus intended when he exhorted his disciples to "pray always without becoming weary." (See today's Gospel passage, v. 1.) Prayer has to be rooted in a firm but also humble faith in God. Such faith implies to "let God be God," and the believers' determination that God's will "be done on earth as it is in heaven." Without such premise, there can be no authentic prayer, but only a travesty of piety/devotion which is rooted in arrogance and pride. When reflecting on the prayer of petition, we should not forget that a real disciple of Jesus asks God's blessings not only for himself/herself but also for others, indeed, for all human beings, including the souls in purgatory. The prayer of intercession for our neighbor is a privileged way of showing love for them. To pray for others is a wonderful means to become rich in God's sight.

### THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MONTREAL CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

**2016-09-23 - 2016-12-09**

#### **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM**

Calling all young adults age 21+! CFC-Singles For Christ Montreal will be starting its Fall Christian Life Program this coming Sept 23 for 13-weeks on Fridays until Dec 9. If you are curious about Christianity, and/or seeking to grow in your faith, come join others who are on the same journey.

**2016-10-30**

#### **CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE**

A contemplative retreat for those who have a longing for a simpler and more direct union with God, having formerly meditated on Scripture with satisfaction, but feel an increasing frustration and inability to go on doing so.

#### **SACRAMENTS:**

**BAPTISM:** Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. One session of pre-baptismal catechesis (every 1st Saturday of the month) is required for the parents and principal sponsors. Parents are requested to please book the baptism at least 2 months ahead.

**MARRIAGE:** Please notify the FCMM office at least 4 months earlier for pre-Cana arrangement and date reservation. Please bring baptismal and confirmation certificates.

**ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:** Notify the FCMM office as early as possible while the sick person can still receive the Sacrament.