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The Season of Lent

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The Season of Lent is just one part of the most important time in the calendar of the Church, the Easter Cycle. The Easter Cycle includes the celebration of the death and resurrection of our Lord, the central mystery of our Christian faith, commemorated on the three holy days which are called the "**Paschal Triduum**" or "**Easter Triduum**." The sacred triduum is preceded by a preparation time of about 40 days, which is called "**Lent**", and it is followed by a time of joyous celebration of 50 days which is called "**Easter Season**".

Lent begins on *Ash Wednesday* and lasts up to the *Mass of the Lord's Supper* on Holy Thursday. It is a time of preparation for the Paschal Triduum which has its high point on Easter night. On that blessed night we commemorate the resurrection of the

Lord and our rising to new life with Him in baptism. The season of Lent, therefore, has a strong *baptismal character*: it wants to make us aware of the great blessing we received in baptism and in this way prepare us to come to a renewed commitment and to a sincere renewal of our baptismal vows during the Easter Vigil. Aside from this, there is also the *penitential element*, for we all have to admit that we often do not live according to our baptismal dignity. Hence, there is this twofold character in Lent: baptism and penance.

The season of *Lent* comprises *six Sundays*, from the First Sunday of Lent to the Sixth Sunday of Lent. However, the *Sixth Sunday* of Lent is better known under the name of "*Passion Sunday*" or "*Palm Sunday*," which is the start of the **Holy Week**.

February 2010

Important Feasts & Solemnities

February 2

Solemnity of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus
(Blessing of Candles)

February 3

Feast of St. Blaise
(Blessing of Throats)

February 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes
(World Day of the Sick)

February 17

Ash Wednesday
(Day of Fasting and Abstinence)
Start of the LENTEN SEASON, a 40-day period (not counting Sundays) before EASTER SUNDAY, Feast of feasts, the greatest of all feasts. The Lenten Season officially ends on Holy Thursday with the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

February 22

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

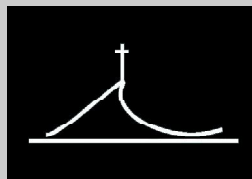
February 17: Ash Wednesday

This day is the grand opening of the penitential season of the Church, the solemn beginning of LENT, the 40-day preparation period for Easter. This day is called ASH WEDNESDAY because of the practice of distributing ashes and placing them on the forehead of the faithful.

Ash Wednesday is closely connected with the *penitential practices* of the early Church. At that time, when a Christian commits a capital or mortal sin, he had to undergo *public penance* signified by the imposition of ashes on his head. They were reconciled with the community only on Holy Thursday and admitted to the Eucharist. Since the 11th century, all the faithful started receiving ashes in solidarity with public sinners and as an expression of their own sinfulness and penance. From the 12th century onwards, a prayer was said over the ashes. Palms used on Passion Sunday the previous year were burned and used as ashes. With the liturgical reform of the Second Vatican Council in 1969, the rite of the imposition of the Ashes was incorporated into the Mass.

Meaning of the Ashes

The ashes are, first of all, a *symbol of man's temporary and fleeting existence* on earth. By receiving ashes, we are reminded of how short and how passing human life is; only a short while and nothing will be left of us but a handful of ashes and earth. "**Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.**" (Psalm 90:12) Secondly, ashes are also a *sign of purity*. They look very dirty but in reality they are a very pure element because they are the result of a burning process wherein fire destroyed all impurity. The reception of the ashes is a call and an invitation to undergo such a process of purification and liberation. Finally, the ashes, together with the words "**Remember man you are dust and to dust you will return,**" are *reminders of the first sin of Adam and Eve*. Listening to these words, we see ourselves among a long line of sinners; we become aware that we, like Adam, have been disobedient to God and thus need to repent.
(Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB)



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Message from our Parish Priest

Lent: A Season of Grace

Our February issue of Simbahay will feature the Lenten Season, since Lent begins on Feb. 17 with the celebration of Ash Wednesday. Lent is one of the oldest celebrations in our Catholic faith. As early as the late second century, some Christian churches were already observing days of fasting and penance. In the German speaking countries, this period was called "**fastenzeit**", which means "*time of fasting*" or "*period of fasting*". By using this word, anybody would know exactly what he or she is expected to do during this season, and that is **to fast**. On the other hand, limiting the idea of lent to fasting did not convey the full meaning of the real spirit of Lent, which is about **conversion** and **penance**. And so, this very original word was no longer used and instead two other words persisted in Catholic tradition, the latin word "*quadragesima*" which means "forty days" and the old English word "*lencten*" (from which the word "lent" comes from) which means "springtime".

If you ask simple catholic folks of their understanding about Lent, you would normally be given answers like: "*panahon ng pagsasakripisyo*," "*mahal na araw at biyernes santo*," "*siyete palabras, cenakulo at kalbaryo*." If you ask what people normally do during lent, you would hear answers like: "*nagpepenitensya*," "*nakikinig o kumakanta ng pasyon*," "*nagdadasal ng 'daan ng krus*," "*nagpapanata at nag-aayuno*," "*hindi kumakain at umiinom ng marami*," "*nagkukumpisal*." Hearing answers like these will make you realize the one-sidedness of most people's perception of the Lenten season. Without realizing it, they tend to hold the original idea of "fastenzeit," that people tend to fast and "to do" penance and nothing more. Lent for most people is doing something to ourselves to appease our conscience, control our appetites, shed a few tears and exorcise the 'demons' that plague us during the year.

Lent is not only about fasting or any external thing we do to mortify our senses or curb our passions. Going beyond an external exercise, we have to view the Lenten season more as an internal process of conversion: not only

an external form of abstaining from food, drink and pleasure but a journey of the soul from sin to grace, from sensual bondage to spiritual freedom. More than a time of mortification, **Lent is a time of grace.**

Let us remember that the Lenten season was not instituted for itself without any reference to any other celebration. Rather, the early Church's main preoccupation was the solemn and all-too important celebration of the Easter event. It was so important that it needed a good preparation. This was the reason why forty days were set aside before Easter to prepare the Christian soul to spiritually receive the grace of Easter. One reason why most Catholics tend to emphasize only the external manifestation of lent is that they lose focus on the real meaning of Lent, and that is to usher us to Easter. And Easter is no other than receiving the new life of grace from the risen Christ. If we concentrate too much on the external practices of lent, what we emphasize is our own effort of conversion, our own work of salvation, our own way to Christ. Instead, **the Christian life is all about grace, which is the work of God in us.** Lent is about the life of Christ in us and the extent of how we open ourselves to receive the salvation brought by Jesus. It is Jesus who saves and not our personal sacrifice or works of penance. It is only through an internal effort to join ourselves to the sacrifice, death and resurrection of Christ that will enable us to enjoy the fruits and joy of his resurrection. *Lent is not about actions but about faith; it is not so much externalities but union with the paschal mystery; it is not about our sins but about God's grace.* I invite you dear Parishioners and friends to focus on Jesus during the Lenten season, more than our external acts of penance and sacrifice. Christ wants us to join Him in his suffering and death, so as also to bring us one with Him in his resurrection.

Your humble servant,

Fr. Romeo Agustin Miciano, SDB
Pastor

The Sacrament of Confession

All of us have sinned. At one time or another, we have offended God by our thoughts, words and deeds.

We can go back to God and express our love for Him and sorrow for our sins through confession.

Confession is a means of obtaining God's forgiveness. God Himself instituted this sacrament (also known as the Sacrament of Penance or Reconciliation). **"Amen, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."** (Matthew 18: 18)

The basic requirements for a good confession are: (1) intention to return to God and (2) readiness to acknowledge our sins with true sorrow before the priest.



...return to the LORD, your God. For gracious and merciful is he, slow to anger, rich in kindness, and relenting in punishment. (Joel 2: 13)

Catholics are encouraged to go to Confession at least once a year. Some go to confession weekly or even twice a week. The late Pope John Paul II was said to have gone to confession daily. Heaven is so pure; no sin, however small is allowed in Heaven. We must therefore repent of all the sins we have committed.



Fasting and Abstinence

LENT is a time for prayer, fasting, and abstinence. **FASTING** means reducing the amount of food one takes to one full meal and two smaller meals. This is for Catholics 18 to 59 years old. People who are excused from fasting and abstinence include those who are sick, frail, pregnant, nursing newborns, or those with unsound minds.

ABSTINENCE means abstaining from eating meat (flesh and organs of mammals and fowls) in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. This is applicable for Catholics 14 years old and above. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

A Short Examination of Conscience

As we prepare to go to Confession, we must first pray and examine our conscience.

First Commandment: I am the LORD your God. You shall worship the Lord your God and Him only shall you serve.

Is God the main goal of my life? Was I faithful and obedient to God? Did I seek to be holy, by the grace of God? Did I seek to grow in the Catholic faith? Did I distrust God or despair of His mercy? Did I accept God's will for me?

Second Commandment: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Did I avoid the profane use of God's name in my speech? Did I break a solemn vow or promise?

Third Commandment: Remember to keep holy the Lord's day.

Did I honor all Sundays by celebrating the Mass (also on holy days) and by avoiding unnecessary work, ? Was I inattentive at Mass? Was I unnecessarily late or did I leave early? Did I neglect prayer for a long time? Was I faithful to sacramental living (receiving Holy Communion and going to confession)? Did I help make my parish stronger and holier? Did I support the Church?

Did I do acts of penance by abstaining and fasting on obligatory days? Did I observe Eucharistic Fasting (by not eating, one hour before receiving Holy Communion)?

Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother.

Did I respect my parents, spouse, family members, and legitimate authorities? Did I attend to the religious education and formation of my children?

Fifth Commandment: You shall not kill.

Did I care for my bodily health and safety and those of other people? Did I abuse drugs or alcohol? Did I support, in any way, abortion, "mercy killing," or suicide? Did I use contraceptives? Was I impatient, angry, unforgiving, hateful, envious, proud, jealous, revengeful, or lazy? Did I do my responsibilities well?

Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery.

Was I chaste in my thoughts and words? Did I dress immodestly? Did I avoid reading obscene literature, watching immoral films, tv shows and the like? Did I use sex only within marriage and while open to procreating life? Did I engage in adultery, premarital sex, self-abuse, fornication, homosexual activity and other similar sins?

Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal.

Did I steal anything from another person, from my employer, or from the government? Am I ready to repay it? Did I fulfill my contracts? Did I gamble?

Eighth Commandment: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Did I speak ill of other people? Did I always tell the truth? Did I keep secrets and confidences?

Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Did I have sexual thoughts about someone to whom I am not married?

Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

Did I desire what belongs to other people? Did I wish ill on another? Have I cared for the poor?

ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven, and the pains of hell; but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.

Points to Ponder On
Simon, James, and John were sinful and imperfect when the Lord Jesus invited them to become His disciples.

God is so powerful that He can make great things out of nothing; He can work wonders even though sinful and inadequate human beings.

If we look at the lives of the saints, we will see that they too had been sinful and imperfect. However, when they opened their hearts to God and turned over their lives to Him, God did many wonderful things through them.

Prayer

LORD GOD, we humbly come before You, admitting our weaknesses and sinfulness.

We ask You to come into our hearts and help us lead better lives. These we ask in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sunday Mass Readings

FEBRUARY 7, 2010
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11

Gospel : Luke 5:1-11

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."



Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

Points to Ponder On
The way things are in this world may not be the way God wants them to be. For instance, many people today are practicing artificial contraception. This is against the teaching of the Catholic Church. Only natural family planning methods are accepted by the Church.

Many people today also cheat, lie, or steal to get rich. This is against the will of God. "...woe to you who are rich for you have received your consolation." (Luke 6: 24) Blessings will be ours if we follow God's will but woe to us if we disobey Him.

Prayer

LORD GOD, we love You and we want to obey Your will always. We want to receive Your blessing, not Your punishment. Please guide us that we may be pleasing to You at all times. These we ask in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEBRUARY 14, 2010
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

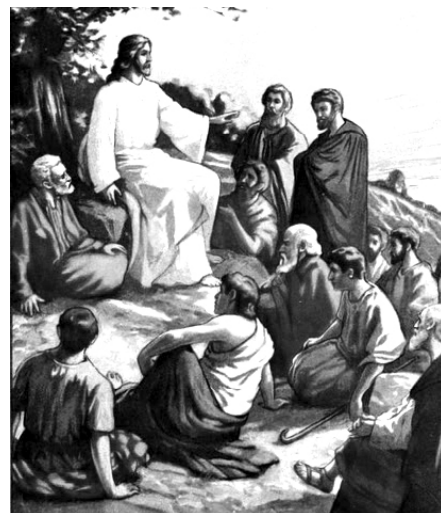
Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel : Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a stretch of level ground with a great crowd of his disciples and a large number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, and denounce your name as



evil on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold, your reward will be great in heaven. For their ancestors treated the prophets in the same way. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are filled now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you will grieve and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for their ancestors treated the false prophets in this way."

Points to Ponder On

Sin is very destructive. When we fall into sin, our lives become chaotic. Our relationship with God and others are destroyed.

We must consciously avoid sinning. There will always be temptations around us but with God's help, we can overcome all these temptations; we can avoid sinning.

In the face of temptation, we must quickly call on God. He will immediately come to our aid. He will support us and not allow us to commit any sin.

Prayer

LORD JESUS, we have sinned against You many times in the past. Please forgive us. Please help us to start anew. We want to avoid all sin. Please do not let us fall into temptation. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEBRUARY 21, 2010

First Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Gospel : Luke 4: 1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and when they were over he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, *One does not live on bread alone.*" Then he took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a single instant. The devil said to him, "I shall give to you all this power and glory; for it has been handed over to me, and I may give it to whomever I wish. All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:



You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Then he led him to Jerusalem, made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you, and: With their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus said to him in reply, "It also says, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" When the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from him for a time.

Points to Ponder On

The act of praying is very important to the Lord Jesus. He would often withdraw to the mountain or to deserted places to pray.

To pray is to communicate with God. To grow closer to God, we have to pray constantly.

We experience our own transfiguration into the image of Christ when we constantly live in the presence of God and consistently love Him with all our hearts.

To be with God in Heaven is our ultimate destiny. God always eagerly awaits our return to Him.

Prayer

LORD JESUS, we want to be transformed into Your image. We want to be pure, holy, humble, and pleasing to You. Please help us to live constantly in Your presence. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Second Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

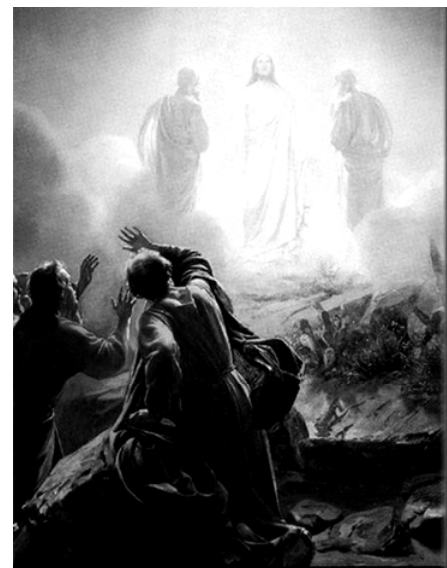
Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or 3:20—4:1

Gospel : Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and



one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

Clergy Congress: A Call to Sanctity

More than 5,500 priests from all over the Philippines joined the Second National Congress of the Clergy from January 25 to 29.

The first clergy congress was in 2004. Held at the World Trade Center in Pasay City, the congress was a time of prayer and renewal and also a call to sanctity for all the priests.

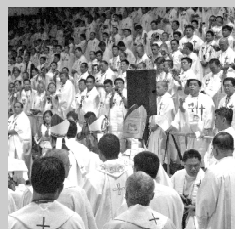
During the Mass on January 27, a special collection was made among the priests for the victims of the recent earthquake in Haiti. The amount reached P988,675.35, with Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales filling up the balance to make it an even one million pesos. The money was sent directly to Filipino Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the Apostolic Nuncio to Haiti.



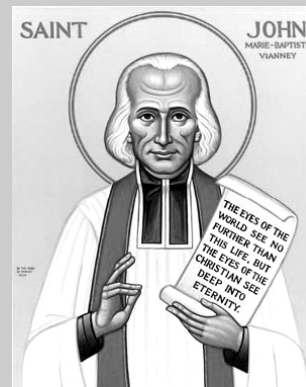
Above: Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB in front of the relics of ST. JOHN MARY VIANNEY, Patron Saint of Priests (Photos courtesy of Fr. Ting)



Relics of St. John Mary Vianney



Fr. Ting with fellow Salesians



Prayer of Saint John Mary Vianney

*I love You, O my God,
and my only desire is to love You
until the last breath of my life.
I love You, O my infinitely
lovable God, and I would
rather die loving You,
than live without loving You.*

*I love You, Lord and the only grace
I ask is to love You eternally My God,
if my tongue cannot say in every
moment that I love You,
I want my heart to repeat it to You
as often as I draw breath.*

Points to Ponder On

The Lenten Season will begin on Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. Lent is a time for us to repent of our sins and return to God, who has given us so much and loved us so greatly. We all have sinned. We have hurt God and one another by our thoughts, words, and deeds.

God is always ready to forgive us. Let us ask ourselves: Are we ready to seek God's forgiveness and at the same time, to forgive those who have hurt us. "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions." (Mt 6:14-15)

Prayer

LORD JESUS, please guide us that we may have a meaningful Lenten Season. Please help us to repent of our sins and return to You with love. We ask these in Your Name Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

FEBRUARY 17, 2010

Ash Wednesday

First Reading: Joel 2:12-18

Responsorial Psalm : Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2

Gospel : Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Jesus said to his disciples: "Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on street corners



**Day of Fasting
and Abstinence**

so that others may see them. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you.

"When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you."

St. John Bosco Parish

Financial Report For January 2010

Mass Collection ₱ 992,784.10
Other Income 104,105.67

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Less: Total Expenses 1,749,940.42*

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February 2010 ACTIVITIES

- 2 (Tues) Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
World Day of Consecrated Life
- 3 (Wed) Memorial of St. Blaise, Blessing of the Throat
- 4 (Thurs) Sick Visitation/Holy Hour after 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 5 (Fri) First Friday Devotion
Vigil Adoration after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 6 (Sat) St. Paul Miki & Companions/Magpas
- 8 (Mon) St. Jerome Emiliani
- 10 (Wed) St. Scholastica
- 11 (Thurs) Our Lady of Lourdes/World Day of the Sick
Sick Visitation
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
Finance Council Meeting
- 17 (Wed) ASH WEDNESDAY/Fasting & Abstinence/
Additional Masses
- 18 (Thurs) Sick Visitation
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
PPC Meeting
- 19 (Fri) Way of the Cross after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 21 (Sun) 1st Sunday of Lent/Pondo ng Pinoy/
Migrants' Day
- 22 (Mon) Chair of St. Peter
- 25 (Thurs) Sick Visitation
Holy Hour after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
PPA Meeting
- 26 (Fri) Way of the Cross after the 6:00 p.m. Mass
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with confessions
- 28 (Sun) 2nd Sunday of Lent

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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

ST. JOHN BOSCO
PARISH OFFICE,
Tel. 894-5932 to 34.

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

-- Saint John Bosco

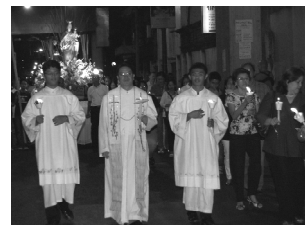
(St. John Bosco Photo by Riz Pulumbarit)



Fiesta Celebration Photos by Mitch Gonzales

St. John Bosco Parish Fiesta

The St. John Bosco Parish celebrated the feast of its patron saint last January 31. As Don Bosco is known as the Father and Teacher of the Youth, activities were lined up for the youth of the parish such as "Kasama si Bro," a dance and singing contest with over 50 participants. Most Rev. Broderick Pabillo, D.D. presided over Rite of Confirmation held on Fiesta Day.



Fiesta Celebration Photos by Mitch Gonzales

New Parish Pastoral Council members

(Photo by Veronica Pulumbarit)



Rev. Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB, presided over the installation rites for the new members of the St. John Bosco Parish Pastoral Council on January 30, the eve of the feast of St. John Bosco. Fr. Ting, the parish priest, is the chairman of the PPC while Mr. Arjun Socco, a lay minister, is the PPC Coordinator.

Left to Right, Front Row: **Chelsea Dipasupil** (Evangelization); **Aura Lachica** (Social Service); **Rescy Bhagwani** (Livelihood); **Welly Cuna** (Youth); **Marsha Recon** (Legal); **Diva Abad Santos** (Finance); **Fr. Ting** (Parish Priest); **Annie Angeles** (Sick, Elderly and Differently-Abled); **Sylvia Bueser** (Health); **Violy Magsakay** (Family and Life) Back Row: **Lynn and Mon Angeles** (Worship/Liturgy); **Riz Pulumbarit** (Research, Information and Development); **Bert Magsakay** (Family Life); **Arjun Socco** (PPC Coordinator); **Gaylord Villa** (Music and Cultural Affairs)