



Dear Friends,

It had already begun even before I had noticed it from the hotel window. The street, twenty-one stories below, had mysteriously filled with people walking at least ten to twelve abreast. The time was 1:30 p.m., and I was afraid we were missing out on the procession of the statue of the Santo Nino de Cebu through the streets of Cebu City. I needn't have worried as I soon discovered that this flowing current of thousands upon thousands of people would continue throughout the entire afternoon and on into the evening hours. The high-point of our trip to the Philippines was drawing nigh.

By the time we left the hotel and joined the procession at three o'clock or so, an intermittent soft rain was falling and umbrellas of all colors were giving shelter to the devotees. The following day's newspaper reported that an estimated two million people had participated in the procession. Other estimates were higher. As we walked along the route, our group prayed three decades of the rosary.

Eventually, we departed the procession and hiked back to our hotel, and witnessed the tail end of the procession with the statue of the Santo Nino encased in glass passing by. It would be at least 7:00 p.m. before the procession would end.

An early wake-up call of 2:00 a.m. came the next morning so that we could make it to the 4:00 a.m. Mass the day of the feast. When we arrived at the basilica, there were already thousands of people crowding the streets. Pungent smells of cooking food emanating from the hundreds of street vendors wafted through the air.

The Mass was a beautiful celebration of faith and devotion, even as rain showers added their mark. Thousands of people were in attendance at this early hour and many more thousands were to attend the hourly Masses to follow. At each, the faithful released balloons with petitions tied to them, asking favors from the Child Jesus.

By mid-morning, the sun came out and the Sinulog Parade began. Drum beats echoed through the city streets and with them, the stamp of dancing feet. It was the most colorful and magnificent festival I had ever seen. Dancing groups of school children and adults, dressed in elaborate and colorful vesture swayed and moved in a celebration of praise in honor of the child Jesus. "These people know how to honor The Lord", I thought! An estimated 4 million people witnessed the parade! This is indeed a nation and culture whose identity is tied to their Catholic Faith. Certainly it confirms the words of St. Paul: "[Love] bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."

Fr. Paul

Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:00 AM St. John's Parish
by Catherine Mokry
4:30 PM +Roberto Marion Black
by Ann, Jimmy & Larry Pasderny

Sunday, January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM +Frances Garcia
by Flora Barrera
11:00AM +Iluminado Advincula
by Alicia & Family
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors of St. John's

Monday, February 1, 2010

8:00 AM +Abigail Tomlinson
by Flora Barrera

Tuesday, February 2, 2010

8:00 AM +Jose & Tomasita Rodriguez
by Carlos Rodriguez

Wednesday, February 3, 2010

8:00 AM +Abigail Tomlinson
by Flora Barrera

Thursday, February 4, 2010

8:00 AM +Janet McCampbell
by Jarlath Hoffman

Friday, February 5, 2010

8:00 AM +Dario A. Puig
by Jerry & Teena Bracco

Next Saturday, February 6, 2010

8:00 AM Mary Ann & Bernie Broyles
by Richard & Patty Dolan
4:30 PM Blanca Salazar- Happy Birthday

Next Sunday, February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM +Dolores M. Saenz
by Josey & Michael O'Flynn
11:00 AM +Katie McLellan
by Nicole Morin
6:00 PM Parishioners & Benefactors

Readings for the Week of January 31, 2010

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: The Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Wednesday: Saints Blaise, bishop, martyr; Ansgar, bishop
2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Saint Agatha, virgin, martyr
Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Saint Paul Miki, martyr; his companions, martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...



Paul Koehler, Chris Perez, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Edward Nemecek, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Florence Fuertez, Eddie Rivera, Mary Ann Broyles, Mike Konz, Gabriel Alvarado, Cookie Adame, Cameron Marshall, Frances La Vecchia, Gilbert Rodriguez, Alvaro Ramos Olier, Cattia Longoria, Debbie Fuqua, Amelia Ysasi Herrera, Reid Ebrum, Antonia Martinez, David & Ariana Hernandez, Joseph Treviño, J. R. Rios, Adan Benavides, Sr., Mia Jolie Rios, Ofelia Arredondo, Carlos Ysasi, Ryan Rojas, Cynthia Rojas, Rachel Rojas, Amy, Linda Bush, Sylvia Cox, Jane Cheesman.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Pray For Our Troops



Sgt. Roger Elkins, Glen Turner Jr., Sgt Matt Maufin, Aaron Philipchuck, Dwayne Solis, Charles Krohn Jr., Oscar Rossi Billy Swatzell, James O'Donnell, Paul Adame, Brandon Felton, Zicorian Coleman, Wendy Hand, D'Aldo Alaniz, Paul Walton, Joseph Yglesias, Jaime Robles, Rudy Hoyt, Roseann Guerrero, Sr. Airman Charlie Stevens, Sr. Airman Patrick Scheuter, Matt Hettinger, Mike Brown, Erik Garza, Damian Saldivar, Maj. Chuck Taylor, Alex Saucedo, Jay Alvarez, John Rodriguez, Jr., Jimmy Karjian, Orlando Rodriguez, Ken Demick, Yvette T. Demick, Scott Nielsen, Timothy Johnson, Mr. Rogers, Lt. jg John Dolby III, Michael Nelson, Michael A. Berry, Gabriel Reza, Mike Llamas, Manny Olvalle, Luis Martinez, Lt. Hector Jude Garcia, Lt. jg Kristopher McAbee, Capt. John A. Malley, Chris Hesse, Natalie Manzano, Capt. Cristian Alejandro Pinzon, David D. Ruiz, Melissa Davila, Ramon Panganiban, Jr., Sgt. Carlos Torres, Jr., Michael D. Valdez, Lt. Norman Renfro.

Ministry Schedules

This Week's Lectors:

Next Week' Lectors

4:30 pm Richard Longoria	4:30 pm Leonard & Jackie Lee
8:30am Lillian Cardiel	8:30am Mark Cheesman
11:00am Delia Carroll	11:00am Melinda Gomez

This Week's EM's:

Next Week's EM's:

4:30 pm Michael, Linda & Crystal Hite, Olaya Solis, Patty & Richard Dolan, Randy Ritter	4:30 pm Luz Bernardo, Anita Joya, Mary, Samantha & Tracy Mora, Olaya Solis, Randy Ritter
8:30am Jane Cheesman, Mary Jo & Mark Cheesman, Imelda Ramirez, Connie Salas	8:30am Maricela Spencer, Ronnie Balderas, Kathy Jo & Lee Overstreet, Mary Carrillo
11:00am Gabriel & Cynthia Gatica, Beto & Minnie Pena, Rene & Janie Esquivel	11:00 am Janie & Ed Salinas, Velma Moreno, Norma Huerta, Albert Lichtenberger, Cat Longoria

This Week's Ushers:

Next Week's Ushers:

4:30pm James Coburn, Larry Dechant, Margaret Dechant, George Fagan	4:30pm Don Fettig, George Fegan, James Coburn, Gene Gonzalez
8:30am Bea Heenan, Allan Rasmussen, David Berlanga, Elizabeth Berlanga	8:30am Steve Hansen, Monica Hansen, Lawrence Balderas, Rhonda Balderas
11:00am David Garcia, Albert Lichtenberger, Henry Lamb, Eddie Cruz	11:00am Roberto Moreno, Kathy Deis, Mike Nevada, Henry Lamb

Sunday Collection



Gifts for God

January 24, 2010

Envelope & Loose	\$9,655.35
Building Fund	20.00



St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

Feb 01	5:00 PM	Intercessors of the Lamb	RM#1
Feb 02	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	RM#4
Feb 03	7:00 PM	Bible Study	Church
Feb 03	7:00 PM	RCIA	RM#1
Feb 05	5:30 PM	Healing Mass	Church

Dinner with the Padre

" Once again, the Women's Council will be selling chances for a dinner with Fr. Paul after the 4:30 and morning Masses. Please see any member of the Council to buy your tickets after these Masses. The drawing will be held after the 11:00 Mass on Valentines day.

CCD Parents Meeting

The second meeting for parents whose children will be making their First Holy Communion and Confirmation this spring will be held on **Monday, February 8th at 7:00 pm** in the Church. Please make every effort to attend this important mandatory meeting.

Mother Theresa Homeless Shelter

We will be making a delivery to the shelter on **Wednesday, February 10**. They continue to have a need for paper products, laundry supplies, bleach, hand sanitizer, Odoban disinfectant, and personal hygiene items, including individual items you might have from traveling and staying at motels/hotels. Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated and the nuns at the shelter and all those who need assistance thank you for your kindness.

Open House for John Paul II High School

John Paul II High School is having its annual Open House on **Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm**. Please plan to attend this year we will be giving away one year's tuition to a new student. The drawing will be during Open House and the winner must be present to win. If you would like to enter the contest please e-mail your name of student, parent name, address and phone number by February 1st to pmartinez@jpiihighschool.org.

Incarnate Word Academy Open House

Come visit us during our 2010 Open House and register to win a \$1,000 tuition award (must be present to win), on **Thursday, February 4th at 6:00 PM**.

New Parish Photo Directory

Lifetouch will be here from February 2 - 6 and from February 9 - 13. Every family that participates will receive a complimentary 8 X 10 portrait (no purchase necessary). **We will be scheduling portrait sessions after every Mass this weekend. If you have additional questions please contact Adriana Toren at 739-7802.**

Youth Ministry Announcements

LIFE TEEN: Who's the UNO champion of Life Teen? It could be you! Come this Sunday for the UNO tournament, 7pm-8:30pm. Come get your UNO on! (*Next week is all about marriage with special guest speakers – don't miss it!*)

EDGE: "To do, or not to do..." Come this Wednesday for EDGE as we figure out how to make choices for Christ! 7pm - 8:15pm in room 7.

ATTENTION GRADES 9-12: Steubenville South registration is here!!! Conference is June 25-27. Limited spots so sign up with Angie or email abower@stjohnthebaptistcc.org ASAP!