



Dear Friends,

It was a feast for the eyes! Before me was an exhilarating and awe-inspiring sight. Having just participated in the religious fervor and pageantry of the Feast of the Santo Nino of Cebu during my trip to the Philippines, me and my hosts, the Medinas, spent the following day relaxing. It was a holiday in Cebu, so we went on a getaway with their extended family to Barili Falls in the southern part of the island. The water, rushing down 321 feet over the cliff into a large natural pool, was far more than magnificent. I could hardly let my eyes wander from this incredible scene. All about us were walls of lush, tropical vegetation that provided a natural coziness that soothed the soul. The pool of cool water was beckoning me.

I jumped into the refreshing pond and was surprised that my sizeable body mass did not displace all the water from the pond! I wasn't able to swim for very long because the water was a little too cool, but it sure was refreshing.

Shortly after exiting the pool, the food started to appear. It seemed that every time I looked up, something new and appetizing presented itself. We had hanging rice, pork, ribs, chicken, tilapia, potatoes and a variety of fruits and sauces. We all stood around the table like a pack of wolves going after the kill! All of this made for a very enjoyable day savoring the beauty of the Philippines and the friendliness of its people.

The next few days included the mandatory pilgrimage to some of Cebu's main attractions - the malls! We did a little shopping, and lots more eating. I found myself eating things like fresh lumpia, crispy pata, and halo-halo! Speaking of eating, I think I got a taste of most of the local cuisine. This became a kind of ongoing joke as people kept placing different things before me telling me, "here, you need to try this!" I was even given a T-shirt that listed all the different Philippino foods. We kept vowing to put a check mark on the T-shirt next to the name of each food that I ate. One thing I didn't eat? Balut. Balut is an egg with a one-day-old chick inside. Guess I would never make it as host of the TV program "Bizarre Foods!"

Fortunately, I was able to get a taste of Cebu's beaches too. I spent a couple of days enjoying the tropical setting of white sand and palm trees. Too bad I didn't come back with a tropical tan to be the envy of all of you who were suffering from cold winter weather! I suppose I used too much sunscreen.

The last couple of days in the Philippines were marked by a trip to a farm in the mountains. This was another day of enjoyable vistas. On the last day, I celebrated a Mass for the deceased in a local cemetery, completed a little more shopping, and bid farewell to my new-found friends.

All in all, it was an amazing trip and a beautiful cultural experience. The Gospel this weekend presents us with the Lord performing the miracle of the great catch of fish. The large catch represents the universality of Jesus' message - that people's from all nations will be drawn by the Lord. Certainly, it was a blessing to become acquainted with these people of Southeast Asia, who have been enriched by the proclamation of the Gospel by the early missionaries. It was my privilege to see the unique expression of faith of such loving people. Pit Senyor!

Fr. Paul

Saturday, February 6, 2010

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

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 8, 2010

8:00 AM Gilma Barrera
by Francis Riccardi

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

8:00 AM +Evan Barrera
by Frances Riccardi

Thursday, February 11, 2010

8:00 AM In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes
by Florencio & Lourdes Villa

Friday, February 12, 2010

8:00 AM +Robert Marion Black
by Christine Black

Next Saturday, February 13, 2010

8:00 AM Deceased Parents of Edward & Lorraine Nemec
by Edward & Lorraine Nemec
4:30 PM Sacred Heart for Good Health
by Gene & Pam Gonzalez

Next Sunday, February 14, 2010

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM +Annita Coburn
by James Coburn
11:00 AM Parishioners & Benefactors
6:00 PM +James Utley
by Golden Girls Club Team #4

Readings for the Week of February 7, 2010

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
Monday: Saints Jerome Emiliani, priest; Josephine Bakhita, virgin
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: Saint Scholastica, virgin
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes
1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106; Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH ...



Paul Koehler, Chris Perez, Beatrice Ferrell, Joseph A. Eicher, Edward Nemec, Oscar Soliz, Gus Blomquist, Jimmy Alvarez, Florence Fuertez, Eddie Rivera, Mary Ann Broyles, Mike Konz, Gabriel Alvarado, Cookie Adame, Cameron Marshall, Gilbert Rodriguez, Alvaro Ramos Olier, Cattia Longoria, Debbie Fuqua, Amelia Ysasi Herrera, 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, Linda Bush, Sylvia Cox, Jane Cheesman, John O'Flynn, Jerry Alvarez, Virginia Garza, Kathy Izassi, Sylvia Rojas, Mr & Mrs Tony Salinas, Maria Salas, Elena Bosquez, Eddie Elizondo.

Fifth 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 Leonard & Jackie Lee	4:30 pm Brenda Garcia
8:30am Mark Cheesman	8:30am Alonzo Rivera
11:00am Melinda Gomez	11:00am Karen McIntire

This Week's EM's:

Next Week's EM's:

4:30 pm Luz Bernardo, Anita Joya, Mary, Samantha & Tracy Mora, Olaya Solis, Randy Ritter	4:30 pm Ed & Janie Salinas, Patty & Richard Dolan, Mary, Samantha & Tracy Mora, Sally Escobar
8:30am Maricela Spencer, Ronnie Balderas, Kathy Jo & Lee Overstreet, Mary Carrillo	8:30am Connie Salas, Mark & Mary Jo Cheesman, Bill & Jane Cheesman
11:00am Janie & Ed Salinas, Velma Moreno, Norma Huerta, Albert Lichtenberger, Cat Longoria	11:00 am Maribel Muñoz, Judy Cruz, Marlene King, Bonner Dorsey, Cynthia & Gabriel Gatica

This Week's Ushers:

Next Week's Ushers:

4:30pm Don Fetting, George Fegan, James Coburn, Gene Gonzalez	4:30pm James Coburn, Virginia Haasl, Larry Dechart, Margaret Dechart
8:30am Steve Hansen, Monica Hansen, Lawrence Balderas, Rhonda Balderas	8:30am Lawrence Balderas, Al Medina, Lou Medina, Bea Heenan
11:00am Roberto Moreno, Kathy Deis, Mike Nevada, Henry Lamb	11:00am Vanessa Bedoya, Victoria Bedoya, Eddie Cruz, Mike Nevada

Sunday Collection



Gifts for God

January 31, 2010

Envelope & Loose	\$9,224.98
Building Fund	200.00
Flowers Offering	75.00



St. John's Parish Dates to Remember

Feb 08 5:00 PM	Intercessors of the Lamb	RM#3
Feb 08 7:00 PM	Women's Council	RM#1
Feb 09 6:30 PM	Choir Practice	RM#4
Feb 09 6:30 PM	Guadalupe's Meeting	RM#1
Feb 09 6:30 PM	Junior Girl Scouts Meeting	RM#3
Feb 10 7:00 PM	Bible Study	Church
Feb 10 7:00 PM	RCIA	RM#3

CCD Parents Meeting

The second meeting for parents whose children will be making their First Holy Communion 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.

Penance Service for First Holy Communion

The Penance Service will be held on **Saturday, February 13th** at 10:00 am at the Church. All children who will be making the Sacrament of First Holy Communion need to attend this service. For more information contact Mary Jo Cheesman at 850-9604.

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. The drawing will be held after the 11:00 Mass on Valentines day.

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.

Altar Servers Waffle Breakfast

Altar Servers 6th Annual
All you can eat Waffle breakfast
Saturday, February 27, 2010
Cost: \$6.00



Altar Servers will be selling tickets before & after all masses or you can contact Rachel Dimas 814.2037 to buy a ticket.

Bishop Carmody Catholic Super Bowl

On Sunday, February 14, 2010 at John Paul II High School from 1-5 pm, the second annual Bishop Carmody Super Bowl will take place. Come and join us for an afternoon of fun, fellowship and Catholic trivia. Sign up your team of four persons today, (no clergy and only one religious per team) and bring the real Super Bowl back to your parish! To register (no registration fee), please contact Leonor Quesada at 361-882-6191 or visit www.diocesec.org/catholicsuperbowl/; entry deadline 12pm on Feb 11th.

Youth Ministry Announcements

LIFE TEEN: NO Life Teen this Sunday 2/7 due to the Super Bowl. See you next week, 2/14 with some awesome guest speakers about marriage and dating!

EDGE: Uno Valentine por favor! Come this Wednesday for a night to make Valentine's and learn how to love our neighbor. Don't miss it!

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!