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Monthly Newsletter of the Filipino Chaplaincy- Archdiocese of Wellington

THIRD SUNDAY REFLECTION

Luke 9:18-24

Sunday (June 19): **"Who do you say that Jesus is?"**

18 Now it happened that as he was praying alone the disciples were with him; and he asked them, "Who do the people say that I am?" 19 And they answered, "John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets has risen." 20 And he said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" And Peter answered, "The Christ of God." 21 But he charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, 22 saying, "The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." 23 And he said to all, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. 24 For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake, he will save it.

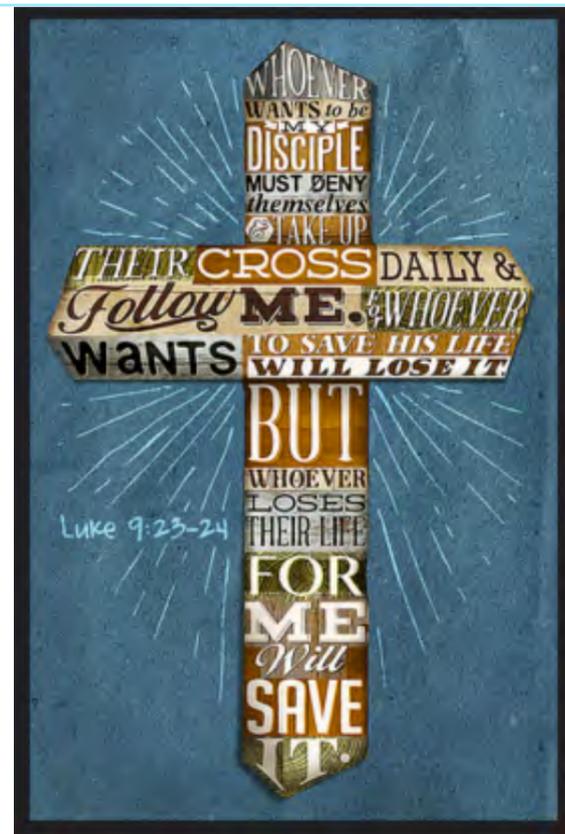
Meditation: Who is Jesus for you - and what difference does he make in your life? Many in Israel recognized Jesus as a mighty man of God, even comparing him with the greatest of the prophets. Peter, always quick to respond whenever Jesus spoke, professed that Jesus was truly the "Christ of God" - "the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). No mortal being could have revealed this to Peter, but only God. Through the "eyes of faith" Peter discovered who Jesus truly was. Peter recognized that Jesus was much more than a great teacher, prophet, and miracle worker. Peter was the first apostle to publicly declare that Jesus was the *Anointed One*, consecrated by the Father and sent into the world to redeem a fallen human race enslaved to sin and cut off from eternal life with God (Luke 9:20, Acts 2:14-36). The word for "Christ" in Greek is a translation of the Hebrew word for "Messiah" - both words literally mean the *Anointed One*.

Jesus begins to explain the mission he was sent to accomplish

Why did Jesus command his disciples to be silent about his identity as the anointed Son of God? They were, after all, appointed to proclaim the good news to everyone. Jesus knew that they did not yet fully understand his mission and how he would accomplish it. . .

God's Anointed Son must suffer and die to atone for our sins

Jesus told his disciples that it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and die in order that God's work of redemption



might be accomplished. How startled the disciples were when they heard this word. How different are God's thoughts and ways from our thoughts and ways (Isaiah 55:8). It was through humiliation, suffering, and death on the cross that Jesus broke the powers of sin and death and won for us eternal life and freedom from the slavery of sin and from the oppression of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and the deceiver of humankind.

We, too, have a share in the mission and victory of Jesus Christ

If we want to share in the victory of the Lord Jesus, then we must also take up our cross and follow where he leads us. What is the "cross" that you and I must take up each day? When my will crosses (does not align) with God's will, then his will must be done. To know Jesus Christ is to know the power of his victory on the cross where he defeated sin and conquered death through his resurrection. The Holy Spirit gives each of us the gifts and strength we need to live as sons and daughters of God. The Holy Spirit gives us *faith* to know the Lord Jesus personally as our Redeemer, and the *power* to live the gospel faithfully, and the *courage* to witness to others the joy, truth, and freedom of the Gospel. Who do you say that Jesus is?

"Lord Jesus, I believe and I profess that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Take my life, my will, and all that I have, that I may be wholly yours now and forever. Amen"

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POPE FRANCIS'S TWEETS

What we say and how we say it, our every word and gesture, ought to express God's compassion, tenderness and forgiveness for all.

God can fill our hearts with his love and help us continue our journey together towards the land of freedom and life.



Pope Francis @Pontifex - May

We are stewards, not masters of our earth. Each of us has a personal responsibility to care for the precious gift of God's creation.

Love is the only light which can constantly illuminate a world grown dim.

Love opens our eyes and enables us to see the great worth of a human being.

Remain steadfast in the journey of faith, with firm hope in the Lord. This is the secret of our journey!

FCPC FORMATION Q & A CORNER

by Joel Macaranas

Blessed Virgin Mary - Queen of Heaven and Earth



Why do we Catholics call Mary the Queen of Heaven and Earth?

In the Old Testament, the ancient Israel, the most important woman in the monarchy is not the king's wife or wives but rather, the king's mother (Hebrew: *gebira* or "Great Lady"), who was honoured & wielded authority as a

counsellor to the king, was conferred the title – Queen. Read Jeremiah 13:18 & 1 Kings 2:19.

And since Jesus is our "King of kings" (1 Timothy 6:15, Revelation 19:16), this would make His Mother, Mary, "Queen of queens." This is Jewish history & custom of Israel. We not only have Jewish history, but Scriptural support to the Virgin Mary becoming "Queen" through her Son, Jesus' Kingship.

What does Mary's Queenship mean to me?

1 Kings 2:19-20 reveals the sovereign prerogatives of the queen mother. Note how the king rises & bows as the Queen mother enters & given the seat at the king's right hand sharing in the King's royal authority.

She served as an advocate for the people, carrying petitions to the king. King Solomon replied to her Queen Mother, "Ask it, my mother, for I will not refuse you", what more will our King Jesus, not refuse our Mother Mary's petition. We have a loving intercessor in Mary!

General objection from our brothers in faith journey are often referenced from Jeremiah 7:18 & Jeremiah 44:19,

where God rebuke the Israelites in the old testament for worshipping a false goddess called the Queen of Heaven. Why do Catholics do the same with Mary?

Our answer to this are:

1. We Catholics do not worship Mary. We venerate & honour her.
2. During the time of Jeremiah, Mary had not yet been Assumed into heaven so there was no "real" Queen Mother yet.
3. The Israelites were worshipping a false mythical goddess. Mary is neither a mythical goddess nor pagan. She is very real, NOT replacing God or been "put ahead of God". She is a creature like you & I; yet, she is Mother of our Lord.
4. Mary is the rightful & proper Queen Mother of Heaven through Jesus' Kingship. The Apostle John, who took care for Mary during her earthly life, saw a vision of her as the queen in heaven (Revelation 12:1-2.)
5. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, Mary said, "All generations will call me blessed!" (Luke 1:48). What Church does that still? Only the Catholic Church where you and I belong venerates and honour Mary as our Mother and Queen of Heaven and Earth!

To ignore & not venerate the TRUE QUEEN OF HEAVEN is to insult her Son—who DOES honour her because he loves her and he obeyed the Law perfectly. When Jeremiah rightfully condemned the worship of a pagan, mythical, goddess Queen of Heaven, . he was not denying that there would someday be a true Queen of Heaven, nor does it imply, as anti-Catholics assume, that Catholics worship or adore Mary. Catholics worship God alone and venerate the Queen Mother—who is not a goddess but an exalted woman who worships her Son along with us.

HAIL HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Schedule of Community Masses

DATE	VENUE	SPONSOR	CHOIR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
19 June Sun 12:30pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral Wellington	Filipino Chaplaincy	Youth for Christ	Annie Robrigado, Arnel Galvan Bim Zapanta, Ric Robrigado, Liza De Torres, Manny Mendoza	James Encarnado, Karl Gratela Alyana Gierran	Juanita Angell Joel Macaranas
03 July 12:00	Sts. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt	St Francis Xavier	Spring of Life	Armando Azares, Fe Azares Myrna Umali, Gen Macalintal Mayette Gierran, Pat Salandanan	Gelo Torino, Gino Tapia, Sean Cajilog	TBC

COUNCIL'S CORNER

Abrahamic Celebration of the Year of Mercy

by FCPC Outreach Ministry

The Filipino Chaplaincy of Wellington joined Sister Catherine Jones, the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Committee for Interfaith Relations and the Wellington Abrahamic Council of Jews Christians and Muslims in celebrating the Abrahamic Celebration of the Year of Mercy on two events:

The first event was the *Abrahamic Panel on Mercy in our Sacred Scriptures* on May 18, 2016 at the St. Joseph Parish in Wellington City. The event was formally opened by Cardinal John Dew. The guest speakers were JoEllen Duckor (Jewish), Sister Elizabeth Julian (Christian), and Sultan Eusoff (Muslim). St. Patricks College volunteers came to set-up the Parish Hall as well. The second event was the *Works of Mercy in Practice* on May 21, 2016 at St Church in Kilbernie. Volunteers from all religion, race and age came to assist in different services like baking some treats for the Compassion Centre, and Te Hopai Hospital, preparing hygiene kits and toiletries for the Homeless Women's Trust and Men Night Shelter, Gardening for the elderly and gardening at the Marae. Lunch for the volunteers was generously provided by the Wellington Islamic Centre. At 3pm volunteer singers, with Geo Robrigado as the Choir Conductor, sang at the Te Hopai Retirement and Hospital in Wellington City. There were also students from St. Catherine's College who played for the elderly .



These were heartwarming events where brother and sisters Jews, Muslim and Christians came together for service. The volunteers who offered their time and talents made the events more successful. Thanks to all who participated.

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand's Call for MIGRANT WORKER INTERVIEWEES!!!

Caritas Aotearoa New Zealand is the New Zealand Catholic Bishops Conference agency for justice peace and development. It is interested to hear about migrant workers' experiences of unfair treatment or exploitation at work in New Zealand in the past or currently for its research project. The interview will be completely confidential and should take about one hour. Participants will be given a \$30 supermarket voucher as a thank you. Caritas can arrange a place that suits interested participants for the interview. Please read the notice below from Caritas.

We would like to talk with migrant workers who have experienced the issues below, and people who have supported migrants around work issues including:

- Bullied, threatened or intimidated by an employer
- Paid below the minimum wage or not being paid what is promised
- Forced to work long hours without breaks or holidays
- Forced to work to pay off debt to employer or recruiter
- Employer refusing to return passport, travel tickets or money

We are NOT a government agency. Any information you share with us will not impact your visa, residency or employment situation. We will not give any personal details to anyone else without your permission.

Stories and experiences shared will help us to know how community groups can better support migrant workers and how we can advocate for the protection of migrant workers in New Zealand.

Please txt Cathy at 022 659 8942, free call 0800 22 10 22, or email at cathyb@caritas.org.nz if you are interested or if you have any questions by the 20th of June 2016.

UPCOMING FORMATION WORKSHOPS

by Formation Ministry

Knights of the Altar Formation

9 July, Saturday, 1-4pm

Sts Peter and Paul Church Lower Hutt

Eucharistic Minister Formation Workshop

23 July, Saturday, 1-4pm

Sts Peter and Paul Church Lower Hutt

The Formation Ministry is also available to provide formation programme (eg. Servanthood, Discipleship, Mariology, etc) to the different communities/barangays. Please contact Joel Macaranas through the chaplaincy's email if you want to book a formation programme for your barangay

FINANCIAL MATTERS

In light of transparency and accountability on finance matters of the Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council- Wellington Archdiocese, we are publishing the Statement of Operating Income and Expense and Statement of Financial Performance from 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016, together with the Income Statement for May 2016.

On Planned Giving and Donations

Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council- Wellington Archdiocese Statement of Financial Performance As at March 31, 2016	
Current Assets:	
Cash in Bank	
Westpac Operating Account	\$ 5,371.31
Westpac Call Account	\$ 4,727.07
Inventory	
Bible @ 160pcs. @ \$20	\$ 3,200.00
Non-Current Assets	
Short Term Investment (Balance as of March 31, 2016)	\$ 56,867.96
Total Assets	\$ 70,166.34
Current Liabilities	\$ -
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ -
Total Liabilities	\$ -
Total Equity	\$ 70,166.34
Total Assets less Total Liabilities = Total Equity	

Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council-WA Income Statement For the period May 1- 20, 2016	
INCOME	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 345.70
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 70.20
Direct Credit Donation	\$ 270.00
Bible Sales	\$ 240.00
Total Income - May 1-20, 2016	\$ 925.90
EXPENSE	
<i>Donations- Church Use</i>	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 100.00
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 100.00
Stipends 1st and 3rd Sunday Filipino Masses	\$ 100.00
Storage- All Secure Naenae	\$ 85.00
Total Expense- May 1-20, 2016	\$ 385.00
Net Income - May 1-20, 2016	\$ 540.90

Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council- Wellington Archdiocese Statement of Operating Income and Expense For the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016		
Cash Balance Beginning April 1, 2015 - Checking Account		\$ 2,822.08
Transferred Funds From Savings Account	\$ 1,562.57	
Add:		
Income: Mass Collection		
1st Sunday Mass - Sts Peter and Paul	\$ 6,104.40	
3rd Sunday Mass - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 2,559.30	
Palm Sunday Mass	\$ 624.10	
Living Rosary - Sacred Heart Petone	\$ 141.50	
Simbang Gabi (8 days)- Sacred Heart Petone	\$ 2,545.50	
Christmas Eve- Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 1,469.60	
New Year's Eve - 31/12/2015 Sts Peter and Paul	\$ 1,430.80	
Direct Credit Donation	\$ 5,715.00	
Other Income (including freight reversal for Bible propagation)	\$ 3,698.24	
Donation from other Charities	\$ 329.00	
Bible Sales	\$ 880.00	
Seminarian Funds Appeal	\$ 2,273.60	
Interest Income - Westpac Call Account	\$ 0.57	
TOTAL INCOME FROM April 1, 2015 - March 31, 2016		\$ 29,376.18
LESS:		
Worship/Liturgy Ministry Mission Expense		
Church Donation- Sts Peter and Paul	\$ 1,200.00	
Church Donation- Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 1,100.00	
Church Donation- Sacred Heart Petone (Simbang Gabi)	\$ 800.00	
Church Donation- Sts Peter and Paul (New Year's Eve)	\$ 100.00	
Church Donation- Sacred Heart Cathedral (Christmas Eve)	\$ 100.00	
Other masses - (Holy Week/Marian Statue Donation/Good Friday)	\$ 100.00	
Stipends- (1st & 3rd Sunday Mass, Simbang Gabi, New Year's Eve, Christmas Eve etc.)	\$ 3,004.98	
Capital Purchase Assets - Laptop	\$ 1,562.57	
Other Liturgy Expenses	\$ 36.36	
Outreach/Service Ministry Mission Expense		
Immaculate Conception Fellowship	\$ 1,230.92	
Donation to Charities	\$ 4,783.60	
Donation to Maribojoc, Bohol Philippines - San Isidro Labrador Parish rebuild	\$ 2,940.50	
FCPC-WA Food Expense- 9th Simbang Gabi Sponsor	\$ 255.82	
Education /Formation Ministry Mission Expense		
Cost to import the Bible	\$ 3,500.64	
Bible Freight	\$ 1,272.72	
New Servants workshop expense	\$ 649.10	
Other Formation Expense	\$ 523.72	
P.O Box Rental Fee	\$ 175.00	
Petrol Voucher	\$ 218.00	
Printing Fee - (Tambuli Newsletter, Seminarian Envelope and Charities Filing fee)	\$ 1,727.07	
Easter Expense	\$ 189.49	
Rental Fee- Storage	\$ 940.00	
Mobile Plan for Fr. Danny Cipriano @ \$39/month	\$ 351.00	
Website Annual Fee- FCPC-WA	\$ 22.94	
TOTAL EXPENSE FROM April 1, 2015 TO March 31, 2016		\$ 26,784.43
Cash Balance Ending March 31, 2016		\$ 5,371.83
Prepared by:		
Archie Ampong		

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Are you new in Wellington? Do you need a hand in settling in? Contact our Outreach Ministry (c/o Heni Catalan) and we might be able to give you a hand. The chaplaincy is here to help.