



TAMBULI

Monthly Newsletter of the Filipino Chaplaincy- Archdiocese of Wellington

FIRST SUNDAY GOSPEL

Luke 3:1-6

1 He went away from there and came to his own country; and his disciples followed him. 2 And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying, "Where did this man get all this? What is the wisdom given to him? What mighty works are wrought by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. 4 And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house." 5 And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands upon a few sick people and healed them. 6 And he marveled because of their unbelief. And he went about among the villages teaching.

Meditation: Do you recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to you when you listen to the word of God in Scripture? Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people.

Do you allow God's Word to transform your life?

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong.

John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to



A LOVE STORY by Mark Link, SJ

contributed by Fr. Danny Cipriano

Soren Kierkegaard was a philosopher and theologian who lived in Denmark about 150 years ago. In one of his books there's a story about a king who fell in love with a peasant girl.

The King knew that it was next to impossible for him to marry the girl. Kings never married peasants. They always married royalty.

But this king was so powerful that he knew he could marry the girl and get away with it.

But another thought occurred to him. If he married the peasant girl and stayed king, there would always be something missing in their relationship.

The girl would always admire the king, but she could never really love him. The gap between them would be too great. She would always be conscious of the fact that he was royalty and she was merely a lowly peasant.

So the king decided on another plan. He decided that he would resign his kingship and become a lowly peasant himself. Then he would offer his love to her as one lowly peasant to another.

The king realized, of course, that if he did this, the situation could backfire. He could lose not only his kingship but the girl as well. She might reject him, especially if she thought him foolish for doing what he did.

And so, they had a problem. What should he do?

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POPE FRANCIS' CORNER

Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ,
 you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
 and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
 Show us your face and we will be saved.
 Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
 the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
 made Peter weep after his betrayal,
 and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
 Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to
 the Samaritan woman: "If you knew the gift of God!"

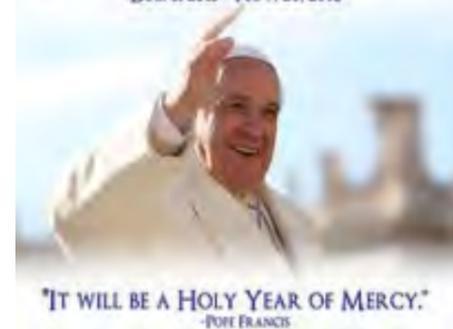
You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
 of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:
 let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.
 You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness
 in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:
 let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by
 God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,
 so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,
 and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
 may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives
 and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother
 of Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and
 ever. Amen.

EXTRAORDINARY
 JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Corporal Works of Mercy

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead



Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

"A Time to Heal, to Help, to Forgive."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEWS

By Benett

Hernandez



" Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve
 others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various
 forms." - 1 Peter 4:10

Praise the Lord for the Children's Liturgy's very fruitful year of
 noble service to the church. It has and always been a very
 enriching and fulfilling work to nourish and guide children's spiritual growth through our
 liturgy.

Last November 7, 2015, the Children's Liturgy Servant Team had a Fellowship and 2016
 Planning/Meeting. It was so much fun and an uplifting experience. The fellowship started
 with a reflection of God's word about the heart of service. The servant team then planned the
 roster for 2016 and planned the preparation needed to support the Children's Liturgy. In
 God's grace and time, the servant team is hopeful to have two Children's Liturgy kit next year.

In line with the planning, the ministry also looked at having head and deputy servants who
 will coordinate the support for the Ministry, plan and execute the roster, quarterly fellowship
 and formation of the servants. They will also coordinate with the chaplaincy as needed. The
 chosen leaders by the group will be announced soon. The fellowship ended with sharing of
 food, stories, love in the praise and honor of our God!

The Children's Ministry servants are Benett Hernandez, Josette Ponce, Wilhelmina Angell,
 Ian Ponce, Russell Hernandez, Juanita Leynes, Genevive Macalintal, Mary Ann Abrero (new
 member) and the are willing sevants that are yet to be confirmed.

We are still looking for more willing servants to join our Children's Liturgy. This is a
 wonderful and very rewarding Ministry. If you are interested, please contact the following:
 Joel Macaranas - 0295764713 Benett Hernandez -02102434602 Josette Ponce



Thank you for your generosity and support
 towards the
 Chaplaincy
 Seminarian Appeal.
 We were able to turn
 over \$2,133.60 to the
 Archdiocese to support
 the seminarians. If
 you still have
 envelopes with you,
 please return it to the
 council. If donations
 will come in with the
 envelopes we will
 have a second turnover
 to the diocese.
 God bless you all.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Schedule of Community Masses

DATE	VENUE	SPONSOR	CHOIR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
20 Dec; 12:30pm	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington	St. John the Baptist	Youth for Christ	Annie Robrigado, Arnel Galvan, Jun Diputado, Ric Robrigado, Myrna Umali, Anna Orallo	Ellan & Ethan Bugas Gino Tapia	ALL Children's Ministry Servants
24 Dec; 7pm Christmas Eve	Sacred Heart Cathedral, Wellington	FCPC	FCPC Choir	Allan Gierran, Marissa Jaurigue, Heni Catalan, Joel Macaranas, Meg Zapanta	Gus Umali, John Macaranas, Fiona Pagtakhan, Sam Catalan, Miguel Gierran	-
31 Dec; 7pm New Year's Eve	Sts. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt	FCPC	TBA	TBA	TBA	
3 Jan, 12pm	Sts. Peter and Paul, Lower Hutt	St. Anne	KPF Youth	Armando Azares, Fe Azares, Manny Mendoza, Gen Macalintal, Mayette Gierran, Pat Salandanan	Alyanna Gierran, Jigs Ibarra, JL Ibarra	TBA

OPENING OF THE DOOR OF MERCY

Let us join the Archdiocese of Wellington at the opening of the Door of Mercy and the celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on 8 December, Tuesday. Mass starts at 6:30pm followed by a fellowship sponsored by the Filipino Chaplaincy.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8 Dec 2015

It is a holy day of obligation.



Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Simbang Gabi and Christmas Eve Schedule

Venue: Sacred Heart Church, 33 Britannia St. Petone

Time: Please take note of the time change for 20 Dec and 24 Dec

DATE	MASS TIME	SPONSOR	CHOIR
15 DEC	7:30	St. John	Spring of Life Fellowship
16 DEC	7:30	St. Anne	Kapatiran Prayer Fellowship-Youth
17 DEC	7:30	St. Bernadette	SBFCC
18 DEC	7:30	St. Patrick/ San Lorenzo Ruiz	Sta. Maria Assumpta
19 DEC	7:30	Sto. Rosario	Sta Teresa
20 DEC (SUN)	5:30	Our Lady of Lourdes	Fllcoro
21 DEC	7:30	St. Francis Xavier	Tawa Choir
22 DEC	7:30	Sta Teresa	Community for the Holy Family
23 DEC	7:30	St. Michael	KPF
24 DEC (THU)	CHRISTMAS EVE; 7pm	FCPC	FCPC Choir



FINANCIAL MATTERS

Income Statement	
For the Month ended November 30, 2015	
INCOME	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 446.90
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 126.30
Direct Credit Donation	\$ 290.00
Living Rosary Mass	\$ 141.50
Seminarian Appeal	\$ 2,133.60
Bible Sales	\$ 240.00
Total Income - November 30, 2015	\$ 3,378.30
EXPENSE	
Donations- Church Use	
1st Sunday - Sts. Peter & Paul	\$ 100.00
3rd Sunday - Sacred Heart Cathedral	\$ 100.00
Seminarian Envelope - Printing of Envelopes	\$ 52.50
Storage- All Secure Naenae	\$ 85.00
Additional cost of Altar Sever Dress	\$ 40.00
Tambuli Printing- October 2015	\$ 73.08
Cash Advance- Tambuli Printing December 2015	\$ 80.00
Cash Advance- Immaculate Conception Celebration 8/12/2015	\$ 1,100.00
Donation to Archdiocese of Wellington- Seminarian Appeal	\$ 2,133.60
Total Expense- November 30, 2015	\$ 3,764.18
Net Income - November 30, 2015	-\$ 385.88
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FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY'S CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any suggestions or questions please send your queries to:

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On Planned Giving and Donations

“The Finance Committee sincerely thank you for your generous financial contribution. It is through your unstinting support that the activities of the Filipino Chaplaincy Pastoral Council of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Wellington (FCPC-WA) is made possible. The Filipino Chaplaincy is registered with Charities Commission (Registration No CC48928) and as such, you are entitled to a tax rebate of 1/3 on all your contributions to the Filipino Chaplaincy during the financial year. A receipt will be issued by the Chaplaincy, accordingly, for this purpose.”

Planned Contribution to the Filipino Chaplaincy is encouraged and may be made through regular contribution during the mass (using envelopes with pre-allocated number) or through automatic electronic bank transfer payments. Please feel free to email Finance Committee at finance@filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz or contact our Finance Administrators:

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in order to be issued envelopes with pre-allocated number or to arrange bank transfer auto- payment or visit

www.filipinochaplaincy-wellington.org.nz, “Planned Giving” Tab. You may also transfer your donations directly to our new Westpac Bank Account: Filipino Chaplaincy - Wellington Account No: 03 0543 0334365 00

You may also write to: The Finance Committee, Filipino Chaplaincy, P.O. Box 30077 should you wish further information or contact us at +64226473090.

All information provided will be held in strictest confidence. Maraming salamat po.

May you be ever refreshed and enriched by God's manifold grace!

THE FILIPINO CHAPLAINCY

Vision

A vibrant and living Catholic community witnessing and celebrating their faith mindful of their Filipino spiritual values and traditions with a distinct Marian character while fully and responsibly participating in and enriching their respective parishes.

Mission

We, the Filipino Chaplaincy, inspired by the life and teachings of Christ, and professing filial devotions to His Beloved Mother, aspire:

- to be the leaven within the Filipino faithful for them to live and share their faith in the context of their Filipino practices and traditions;
- to encourage and promote a wide participation as possible of the prophetic, priestly and kingly roles of Christ within their communities and their respective parishes;
- to ennoble the Filipino families to live an exemplary life so as to foster and nourish priestly vocation.

A LOVE STORY... continued from p.1

The king finally decided that he loved the peasant girl so much he would risk everything to make true love between them possible.

Kierkegaard never told how the story ended. He never told whether the girl accepted the king's love or rejected it. He never told whether they got married and lived happily ever after.

Kierkegaard had two reasons for not telling how the story ended.

First that's not the point of the story. The point of the story is the king's love for the lowly peasant. It was so great that he renounced his royalty and his throne for her.

The second reason why Kierkegaard never told how the story ended is that the story is not yet ended. It's still going on. It's a true story, whose ending is not yet been written. It's the true story of God's love for each one of us. The king in his story is God; the girl in story is each one of us.

Each one of us is in process of writing his or her own personal ending to that story. Each one of us is in the process of deciding whether we'll accept God's love or reject it. Each one of us is in the process of deciding whether we'll live happily with God for ever after. *