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JESUS IS LORD

We give praise and thanksgiving to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit for the abundant blessings that were poured out upon the Archdiocese of Miami during our 29th Catholic Charismatic Conference on the week end of February 19, 20, 21, 2010.

We sincerely thank the Pastor and the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Church for providing us with beautiful facilities to celebrate and lift up the name of Jesus. We thank, Bishop Estevez, Father Dan Doyle, Father John Fink, Brother Mike, our main speaker Jim Murphy, our Deacons and altar servers, our Master of Ceremonies, and every person in every ministry for coming together and allowing the Holy Spirit to work through them in a magnificent way. There are too many names to name. It was evident that each worker had put forth his best effort to make this week-end one of many blessings.

It was a great way to begin the season of lent and to meditate on the Father's great love for the world.

We were called to repentance and to walk in the footsteps of Jesus. One of the scriptures given was from Isaiah 58 verse 6. "This, rather is the fasting that I wish: releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke; sharing your bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; clothing the naked when you see them, and not turning your back on your own." These words are so revelant to the needs and hurts of the world around us, especially to our brothers and sisters in Haiti and Chile and many people in our own families and neighborhoods. At the Conference we prayed that our eyes and ears would be open to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit directing and guiding us to be servants of the Lord and obedient to all that our heavenly Father calls us to accomplish through His grace. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

THE GRACE OF PENTECOST

by Bishop Sam Jacobs

The grace of Pentecost is part of the essential aspects of the plan of God and of the paschal mystery. It is rooted in the vision of God, which is explicitly revealed in the Letter to the Ephesians: "Praise be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens!

God chose us in Him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in His sight, to be full of love; He likewise predestined us through Christ Jesus to be His adopted sons—such was His will and pleasure—that all might praise the glorious favor He has bestowed on us in His beloved."(Eph. 1:3-6)

What was in the mind of God in eternity became a fact of reality in time through the creative power of God. Man and woman by nature were human beings and, by grace, sons and daughters of the all-loving God. In this ideal state there was no need of either the paschal mystery or the grace of Pentecost.

Unfortunately, this ideal state of unity and love was shattered because of the misuse of the gift of free will, which resulted in the introduction of sin and alienation from God and one another. Because of sin, human beings lost their privileged relationship with God. Thus, the need for the paschal Mystery, which the grace of Pentecost is part of. Where the first creation did not respond properly to the grace of adoption, there was a need for a new creation, not through annihilation but redemption and reconciliation.

This new creation comes through the paschal mystery. Jesus, through His blood, brought the forgiveness of sin and reconciliation with God. The Spirit was poured out upon the new creatures who would believe and accept God's plan.

As a result, we became a new creation. But to live this life of holiness, blamelessness, and fullness of love, Jesus and the Father poured the Holy Spirit upon those who would believe and accept God's plan. Thus, the role of the Spirit is to sanctify and

empower those who are redeemed and reconciled so that they may witness and minister as disciples of Jesus in the power of the Spirit.

This grace of Pentecost was first experienced by Jesus as a foreshadowing of things to come at the time of His baptism in the river Jordan. “Then all the people were baptized and Jesus was at prayer after likewise being baptized, the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him in visible form like a dove.” (Luke 3:21-22) This grace of Pentecost was officially experienced by the one hundred and twenty in the upper room in Jerusalem as the reality of God’s promises and plan. But this grace of Pentecost, in the words of Peter, was not meant just for them. “It was to you and your children that the promise was made, and to all those still far off whom the Lord our God calls.” (Acts 2:39)

The grace of baptism is the grace of redemption and the sharing in God’s divine life. We become the temples of the Holy Spirit and are called to live in the Spirit. The grace of Pentecost is the activation of the power of the Spirit, already given to us in baptism, but now energized and released for ministry on behalf of the Kingdom of God.

Through this gift we are called to follow the lead of the Spirit. The grace of Baptism is given that we might grow in Holiness as disciples of Jesus. The grace of Pentecost is released that we might fulfill our mission as witnesses for Jesus with signs and wonders as our credentials. Thus, through this special favor from God, we will be able to fulfill the mandate of Jesus: “I solemnly assure you, the man who has faith in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these.”(Jn. 14:12)

The grace of baptism incorporates the individual into the body of Christ. The grace of Pentecost empowers the individual to act in the name of Jesus on behalf of the body of Christ and for the sake of the upbuilding of the body. The grace of baptism enables us to say “Jesus Christ is Lord” by the power of the Spirit. The grace of Pentecost enables us to exercise the gifts of the Spirit, to do various ministries in the Spirit, to complete the works of the Spirit, all of which are directed to the fulfillment of the plan of God.

Since God wills all to be saved, so the grace of baptism is meant for all, even though all will not except this grace or, if accepted, not all will respond fully to it. In the same way the grace of Pentecost is meant for all, though all will not receive it, or, if received, may not understand the scope of the grace given and the responsibility incurred.

The grace of baptism and the grace of Pentecost are

given once, but because of our human nature they need to be stirred into flame again and again so that the full intent of God may be achieved in our lives. Such was the understanding of Paul when he wrote to Timothy: “

For this reason, I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God bestowed when my hands were laid on you.” (2 Tim. 1:6)

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YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please remember to pray each day for our priests and to thank God for the gift that they are to His people. Pope Benedict XVI has called for a “Year for Priests” from June 2009 to June 2010. May the Lord continue to abundantly bless and uphold our priests and use them for His glory.



Opening Day- Play Ball

Every year at the beginning of spring; we look forward to Opening day, and to hear” Play Ball” ring

The smell of the grass, clean new uniforms, and a crisp white ball; All the team are even and hoping to play in the fall.

When we accept Jesus’ offer to become part of His squad; It’s like becoming part of a team, managed by God.

We are made new and see things in a new way; when we say yes to Jesus to play the game His way.

So let’s all celebrate our individual opening days; hoping and praying that in the fall of our lives, Jesus will say “ Come Play”

Lets play each day, praying and worshipping to hit a Homerun; So when its time for our fall classics, God Will say” Well Done”

By: Christopher Galluccio

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fourth Monday - Mass and Healing Prayer

7:30 PM - St Bernard Church

Celebrant - Rev. Robert Richardson

Every Tuesday - Prayer Meeting

7:30 PM - St Bernadette Church

7450 Stirling Rd, Hollywood, FL

First Tuesday - Mass and Healing Prayer

8:00 PM - Nativity Church - Hollywood

Every Wednesday - Prayer Meeting

7:30 PM - St Bartholomew Church

First Thursday - Mass and Healing Prayer

8:00 PM - Nativity Church

Indian Community

Third Thursday - Praise, Worship and Benediction

7:30 PM All Saints Church - Chapel

Deacon Joe Tollis

Third Thursday - Bilingual Healing Mass

8:00 PM - St Stephen Church

First Friday - Mass and Healing Prayer

8:00 PM - Nativity Church Shrine

First and Fourth Fridays

8:00 PM - All night Adoration

St Stephen Church, Hollywood

April 5-12-19-26, May 3-10-17

Growth in the Spirit – Every Monday- 7:30–9:00 PM

Registration – 7:00 PM

St Bernard Parish Center

Call- Rita at 954-481-2193 for information.

April 6 - May 18 Life in the Spirit Seminar

St Maurice Chapel - Every Tuesday at 7:00 PM for

6 weeks.

April 15 -17 Life in the Spirit Seminar

Our Lady Queen of Peace Chapel – Chaminade High
School. Call Jenny at 954-961-8122 or

Jackie at 954-981-9747 or

Belinda_Ismith@hotmail.com

May 21-23 Life in the Spirit Seminar

St Louis Church

Call 305-251-1286 or E- mail-

StLouslits@yahoo.com

May 29 - Magnificat Luncheon 11:30 to 3:30 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Church - St Bernadette Hall

Speaker - Mary Jesurun

Flora at www.magnificatmiami.com

SCRIPTURE READINGS

April

1. Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11: 23-26;
Jn 13: 1-15
2. Is 52:13--53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9;
Jn 8:1--19:42
3. Gn 1:1-2:2; Gn 22:1-18; Ex 14:15—15:1;
Is 54: 5-14; Is 55: 1-11; Bar 3: 9-15,
32-4; 4; Ez 36: 16-17a,18-28 Rom 6:3-11;
Lk 24:1-12
4. Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9
5. Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28: 8-15
6. Acts 2: 36-41; Jn 20:11-18
7. Acts 3: 1-10; Lk 24:13-35
8. Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24: 35-48
9. Acts 4: 1-12; Jn 21: 1-14
10. Acts 4: 13-21; Mk 16: 9-15
11. Acts 5:12-16; Rev 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19;
Jn 19-31
12. Acts 4:23-31; Jn 3: 1-8
13. Acts 4: 32-37; Jn 3: 7b-15
14. Acts 5: 17-26; Jn 3:16-21
15. Acts 5: 27-33; Jn 3: 31-36
16. Acts 5: 34-42; Jn 6: 1-15
17. Acts 6: 1-7; Jn 6:16-21
18. Acts 5: 27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19
19. Acts 6: 8-15; Jn 6: 22-29
20. Acts 7: 51—8: 1a; Jn 6:30-35
21. Acts 8:1b-8; Jn 6:35-40
22. Acts 8: 26-40; Jn 6: 44-51
23. Acts 9: 1-20; Jn 6: 52-59
24. Acts 9: 31-42; Jn 6:60-69
25. Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rv 7:9, 14b-17;
Jn 10: 27-30
26. Acts 11: 1-18; Jn 10: 1-10
27. Acts 11:19-26; Jn 10: 22-30
28. Acts 12:24-13:5a; Jn 12: 44-50
29. Acts 13:13-25; Jn 13:16-20
30. Acts 13: 26-33; Jn 14: 1-6

May

1. Acts 13: 44-52; Jn 14: 7-14
2. Acts 14:21-27; Rv 21:1-5a;
Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
3. 1 Cor 15: 1-8; Jn 14: 6-14
4. Acts 14: 19-28; Jn 14: 27-31a
5. Acts 15: 1-6; Jn 15: 1-8
6. Acts 15: 7-21; Jn 15: 9-11
7. Acts 15:22-31; Jn 15: 12-17
8. Acts 16: 1-10; Jn 15: 18-21
9. Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23;
Jn 14: 23-29
10. Acts 16: 11-15; Jn 15:26—16:4a
11. Acts 16: 22-34; Jn 16: 5-11
12. Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1; Jn 16: 12-15
13. Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24: 46-53
14. Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Jn 15: 9-17
15. Acts 18: 23-28; Jn 16: 23b-28
16. Acts 7: 55-60; Rev 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20;
Jn 17:20- 26
17. Acts 19: 1-8; Jn 16: 29-33
18. Acts 20: 17-27; Jn 17: 1-11a
19. Acts 20: 28-38; Jn 17: 11b-19
20. Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Jn 17: 20-26
21. Acts 25: 13b-21; Jn 21: 15-19
22. Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31; Jn 21; 20-25
23. Acts 2: 1-11; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13;
Jn 20: 19-23
24. 1 Pt 1: 3-9; Mk 10: 17-27
25. 1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10: 28-31
26. 1 Pt 1: 18-25; Mk 10: 32-45
27. 1 Pt 2:2-5,9-12; Mk 10:46-52
28. 1 Pt 4:7-13; Mk 11: 11-26
29. Jude 17: 20b-25; Mk 11: 27-33
30. Prv 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16: 12-15
31. Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-56

June

1. 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mk 12: 13-17
2. 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Mk 12:18-27
3. 2 Tm 2:8-15; Mk 12: 28-34
4. 2 Tm 3:10-17; Mk 12: 35-37
5. 2 Tm 4:1-8; Mk 12:38-44
6. Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cr 11:23-26
Lk 9:11b-17
7. 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Mt 5: 1-12
8. 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Mt 5:13-16
9. 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Mt 5:17-19
10. 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Mt 5: 20-26
11. Ez 34: 11-16; Rom 5: 5b-11;
Lk 15: 3-7
12. 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Lk 2:41-51
13. 2 Sm 12:7-10,13; Gal 2:16, 19-21;
Lk 7:36-8:3
14. 1 Kgs 21:1-16; Mt 5:38-42
15. 1 Kgs 21:17-29; Mt 5:43-48
16. 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14; Mt 6: 1-6, 16-18
17. Sir 48: 1-14; Mt 6:7-15
18. 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18; Mt 6:19-23
19. 2 Chr 24: 17-25; Mt 6:24-34
20. Zec 12:10-11; 13:1; Gal 3:26-29;
Lk 9:18-24
21. 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Mt 7:1-5
22. 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36;
Mt 7:6, 12-14
23. 2 Kgs 22:8-13; 23: 1-3; Mt 7: 15-20
24. Is 49: 1-6; Acts 13: 22-26;
Lk 1:57-66,80
25. 2 Kgs 25: 1-12; Mt 8:1-4
26. Lam 2:2, 10-14,18-19; Mt 8:5-17
27. 1 Kgs 19: 16b, 19-21; Gal 5:1,13-18;
Lk 9:51-62
28. Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Mt 8:18-22
29. Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
Mt 16: 13-19
30. Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Mt 8:28-34