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PRAISE THE LORD!

In our last Newsletter we were sorry to have to tell you that our annual Conference for 2009 had to be cancelled. We are now considering and checking out different facilities and ways that are less expensive. We ask for your prayers. We are depending totally on the Holy Spirit to lead us. If it is His will we could possibly plan something for January or February, 2010. We will keep you informed concerning this matter. Thank you for continuing to send in your pledges and donations. **If you have paid off you present pledge please consider making a new pledge to help us finance the next Conference.** Every pledge will be greatly appreciated, large or small. We are cutting down on expenses in every way we can. **Please note that the Newsletter will now be sent out every three months.**

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God the Savior of Those in Distress Psalm 107

This Psalm tells us of the love and mercy of the Lord in times of trouble. He "satisfied the thirsty, filled the hungry with good things." He "led them forth from darkness and gloom, and broke their chains asunder." "He sent forth the Word to heal them, snatched them from the grave." He "Hushed the storm to a murmur; the waves of the sea were stilled." "While the poor were released from their affliction." Verse 43 tells us: "Whoever is wise will take note of these things, will ponder the merciful deeds of the Lord."

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Courage For The Task How do we persevere when the going gets tough?

Never Give Up!

St. Paul is a special example of the cost of evangelization and the courage needed to persevere. He went around preaching the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem to Illyria (Rom. 15:19) and eventually all the way to Rome. And what happened to him? Labors and imprisonments, Paul tells us, with countless beatings, and frequent brushes with death: "Five times... I received forty lashes less one; three times I was beaten with rods; I was stoned once, shipwrecked three times; I passed a day and a night on the sea. I traveled continually endangered by floods, robbers, my own people, the Gentiles imperiled in the city, in the desert, by sea, by false brothers, enduring labor, hardship, many sleepless nights in hunger and thirst and frequent fasting in cold and nakedness." (2 Cor. 11:23-28)

Just imagine what St. Paul's back must have looked like after all those beatings! Yet, amazingly, he never thought that he should stop evangelizing. He kept right on preaching. In Lystra, when he was stoned and dragged out of the city, he got up and continued on to Derbe with Barnabas. And after they proclaimed the good news in that town and made numerous disciples, they even retraced their steps back to Lystra and Iconium. (Acts 14:19-21) It sounds like Paul was thick headed in more ways than one: Stones bounced right off of his head, and the idea of giving up could never get into it! He lived out – literally - the prophecy of Christ: "They will haul you into court; they will flog you in the synagogues. You will be brought to trial before rulers and kings to give witness... on my account." (Mt 10:17-19) And Paul did it all, because for him evangelization was that important! And it's no less important today.

When the first Christians were persecuted, their response was to gather together and pray: "Grant to your servants to speak your word with all boldness." (Acts 4:29) The martyrs did not stop proclaiming the good news of salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ.

The Foolishness of the Cross

Today we hesitate to evangelize our friends and co-workers or even to mention Christ to our children because we don't know what to say. But didn't Jesus promise that we would be given the right words to speak? "When they hand you over, do not worry about what you are to say or how you will say it...when the hour comes you will be given what you are to say... You yourselves will not be the speaker. The Spirit of your Father will be speaking in you." (Mt 10:17-19) Or we fear that someone might call us a name or give us a dirty look. We only want to evangelize at a perfectly safe moment when we are sure to sound absolutely brilliant. If Jesus had waited for the perfectly safe moment, we would still be waiting for him to get there!

Describing the dangers Paul encountered and the problems we face in sharing the gospel with others might scare you off rather than convince you to evangelize. Yet I'm following the example of Christ. He clearly foretold the dangers, but he also added this encouragement: "Do not fear those who kill the body, but can not destroy the soul." (Mt 10:28) The reason he warns us is this: If you're easily scared off, you can't do the full job.

Proclaiming the "stone rejected" invites rejection. (Acts 4:11) Witnessing to a crucified Savior involves the cross. Preaching virtues like humility, forgiveness, purity, poverty, and justice tends to put our necks in a noose. But it is in the nature of evangelization to be out of style, to go against the grain and rub the world the wrong way. If you've never been persecuted while doing the unpopular job of proclaiming the "foolishness of the cross," you might not be doing the job well enough.

Proclaiming the Good News with Perseverance

When it comes to evangelization, none of the excuses gets you anywhere. "I'm too timid!" only means you are too worried about yourself! Evangelizers need the determination, courage, and conviction of St. Paul: "I am not ashamed of the gospel. It is the power of God leading everyone who believes in it to salvation." (Rom 1:16)

"I'm too busy!" Too busy for what? Too busy to talk? Or just too busy to talk about Jesus? "It's not my thing." If you are a Christian, it is! It's the basic task of the people of God; it's the reason why the church exists, it's our supreme duty. (Mission of the Redeemer, #3) If you are planning to go to heaven, you'd better make it your thing fast! As Pope Paul VI once said: "Don't be so sure you're going if your not taking anyone along!"

"I don't know enough." About what? God? Salvation? Goodness? Truth? God's living word? The way to peace and happiness? But what's wrong with studying? The answers have all been revealed.

If excuses like these don't work, then the job simply has to be done - despite the dangers, persecutions, rejections, insults, time involved, things said, comments made, looks given, study and preparation needed! The successful evangelist is a person so convinced of the importance of the gospel that he or she will pay the price - whatever it is - to proclaim.

The secret is to persevere when the going gets tough - and it will get tough! So, "let us not grow weary of doing good. If we do not relax our efforts, in due time we will reap the harvest." (Gal 6:9) And what a harvest! Nothing less than new souls for paradise! It's worth the effort! It's worth the cross! It has to be done! And it can be done with nothing less!

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

July 16, 2009 – Healing Mass
Rosary 6:30- Mass 7:00 PM - St Maurice Chapel
Fr. Andrew Chan-A- Sue

September 14 - Growth Seminar
St Bernard Church - 7 weeks
Mondays at 7:00 PM

September 29- Life in the Spirit Seminar
St Bernadette Church. Every Tuesday-7:30 PM
For 7 weeks.

September 25 - 27, 2009- Life in the Spirit Seminar- All Saints Church Family Center
7:00 PM

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IN LOVING MEMORY

Recently two members of the Charismatic Community went home to be with the Lord. They were His faithful servants and they will be greatly missed.

Martha Boisvert
September 30, 1933 to March 19, 2009

Rosario S. Bellia (Russ)
May 27, 1925 to April 8, 2009

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ATTENTION

Because of the increased cost of printing and postage, we regret to have to tell you that this office will now have to ask for a minimum of \$5.00 per year to cover the cost of your "Paraclete" newsletter. For those of you who already send contributions specifically for the "Paraclete", we sincerely thank you. For those of you who have not, we ask you to prayerfully consider sending in your donation. We firmly believe that this newsletter should continue to proclaim the truth of the Gospel and provide you with information concerning up – coming events.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

PLEASE CALL THIS OFFICE WITH YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AT 954-961-1856 AND WE WILL ENTER THEM WITH THE AREA PRAYER TEAMS AND ON THE INTERNET WEBSITES.

SCRIPTURE

July

1. Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Mt 8:28-34.
2. Gn 22:1b-19; Mt 9: 1-8
3. Eph 2; 19-22; Jn 20: 24-29
4. Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Mt 9: 14-17
5. Ez 2; 2-5; 2 Cor 12: 7-10; Mk 6: 1-6a
6. Gn 28: 10-22a; Mt 9: 18-26
7. Gn 32:23-33; Mt 9: 32-38
8. Gn 41: 55-57; 42: 5-7a, 17-24a;
Mt 10:1-7
9. Gn 44: 18-21, 23b-29; 45: 1-5;
Mt 10: 7-15
10. Gn 46: 1-7, 28-30; Mt 10: 16-23
11. Gn 49: 29-32; 50: 15-26a;
Mt 10:24- 33
12. Am 7: 12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6: 7-13
13. Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10: 34-11: 1
14. Ex 2: 1-15a; Mt 11:20-24
15. Ex 3: 1-6,9-12; Mt 11:25-27
16. Ex 3: 13-20; Mt 11: 28-30
17. Ex 11:10-12:14; Mt 12:1-8
18. Ex 12: 37-42; Mt 12: 14-21
19. Jer 23:1- 6; Eph 2:13- 18;
Mk 6: 30-34
20. Ex 14: 5-18; Mt 12:38-42
21. Ex 14: 21-15:1; Mt 12:46-50
22. Ex 16: 1-5, 9-15; Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
23. Ex 19: 1-2, 9-11, 16-20b;
Mt 13:10-17
24. Ex 20:1-17; Mt 13:18-23
25. 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28
26. 2 Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15
27. Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Mt 13:31-35
28. Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9,28; Mt 13: 36-43
29. Ex 34: 29-35; Jn 11:19-27
30. Ex 40:16-21,34-38; Mt 13:47-53
31. Lv 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34b-37;
Mt 13:54-58

READINGS

August

1. Lv 25:1, 8-17; Mt 14:1-12
2. Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4: 17, 20-24;
Jn 6: 24-35
3. Nm 11: 4b-15; Mt 14: 13-21
4. Nm 12: 1-13; Mt 14: 22-36
5. Nm 13: 1-2, 25-14: 1, 26-29a, 34-35;
Mt 15: 21-28
6. Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Mk 9: 2-10
7. Dt 4: 32-40; Mt 16: 24-28
8. Dt 6: 4-13; Mt 17: 14-20
9. 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2;
Jn 6: 41-51
10. 2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26
11. Dt 31:1-8; Mt 18: 1-5,10, 12-14
12. Dt 34: 1-12; Mt 18:15-20
13. Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;
Mt 18:21-19:1
14. Jos 24:1-13; Mt 19: 3-12
15. Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab;
1Cor 15: 20-27; Lk 1: 39-56
16. Prv 9: 1-6; Eph 5: 15-20; Jn 6: 51-58
17. Jgs 2: 11-19; Mt 19:16-22
18. Jgs 6:11-24a; Mt 19: 23-30
19. Jgs 9: 6-15; Mt 20: 1-16
20. Jgs 11: 29-39a; Mt 22: 1-14
21. Ru 1:1,3-6,14b-16,22; Mt 22: 34-40
22. Ru 2: 1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12
23. Jos 24: 1-2a,15-17,18b; Eph 5: 21-32;
Jn 6: 60-69
24. Rv 21:9b-14; Jn 1: 45-51
25. 1 Thes 2:1-8; Mt 23: 23-26
26. 1 Thes 2:9-13; Mt 23:27-32
27. 1 Thes 3:7-13; Mt 24:42-51
28. 1 Thes 4:1-8; Mt 25: 1-13
29. 1 Thes 4: 9-11; Mk 6: 17-29
30. Dt 4: 1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22,27;
Mk 7: 1-8,14-15,21-23
31. 1 Thes 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30

September

1. 1 Thes 5: 1-6, 9-11; Lk 4: 31-37
2. Col 1: 1-8; Lk 4: 38-44
3. Col 1: 9-14; Lk 5:1-11
4. Col 1: 15-20; Lk 5: 33-39
5. Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5
6. Is 35: 4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37
7. Col 1 :24-2:3; Lk 6:6-11
8. Mic 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
9. Col 3: 1-11; Lk 6:20-26
10. Col 3: 12-17; Lk 6:27-38
11. 1 Tm 1: 1-2, 12-14; Lk 6: 39-42
12. 1 Tim 1: 15-17; Lk 6: 43-49
13. Isa 50: 5-9a; Jas 2: 14-18;
Mk 8:27-35
14. Nm 21: 4b-9; Phil 2: 6-11;
Jn 3:13-17
15. 1 Tim 3:1-13; Jn 19:25-27
16. 1 Tim 3:14-16; Lk 7: 31-35
17. 1 Tim 4: 12-16; Lk 7: 36-50
18. 1 Tim 6:2c-12; Lk 8:1-3
19. 1 Tim 6: 13-16; Lk 8: 4-15
20. Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3: 16-4:3;
Mk 9:30-37
21. Eph 4:1-7,11-13; Mt 9: 9-13
22. Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21
23. Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6
24. Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9: 7-9
25. Hg 2: 1-9; Lk 9:18-22
26. Zec 2: 5-9,14-15a; Lk 9: 43b-45
27. Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6;
Mk 9: 38, 43,45,47-48
28. Zec 8:1-8; Lk 9: 46-50
29. Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Jn 1: 47-51
30. Neh 2:1-8; Lk 9: 57-62