



SANCTUARY

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August & September 2006

Lord, prepare me to be a Sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.



July 26 – Feast of Santa Marta

“As Jesus entered a certain village, a woman called Martha welcomed Him into her house.” (Lk 10)

Martha was the sister of Mary and Lazarus, and all 3 were friends of Jesus. They lived in Bethany, 3 km. from Jerusalem. It was Martha who received Jesus into her house and she served the guests while her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet, listening to his teaching. Martha is a model of hospitality as well as of fidelity in discipleship. It was Martha who went out to meet Jesus when Jesus returned to Bethany to raise Lazarus from the dead. Martha is the patroness of housewives and of waiters and waitresses.

Martha said to Jesus, *“You are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into this world.” (Jn. 11)*



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The celebration of July 1st was wonderful and very moving. Thanks to Our Lord and thanks to all of you who put so much effort into it. We are still enjoying our beautiful summer especially now that the heat has subsided a bit.

If it is all right with you I will talk a little bit more about the spiritual life God calls us to live. Only by God's gift of faith are we able to let all that we are and do be permeated by His Love. But our full co-operation is needed to reach that full union of mind and heart with Him. We have to go to the great Saints to have an idea of what we are talking about. Me! a Saint? You must be kidding. Did Jesus not say after the Beatitudes in Mat. 5:48 "be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect"? That is for everybody. But luckily there are as many kinds of saints as there are people and your particular unique kind is good enough. Nor is it necessary to become a monk or a nun, your vocation is right where you are unless God lets you know otherwise.

As priest I thank God for the lay movements in our Church. It means to me that God is asking the laypeople to become by their witness the yeast for His Kingdom. The spiritual life is about being in love with Jesus. You might be very quiet about your inner life, but the love and peace of Christ radiates and shines through when you are helping somebody to change a flat tire, go shopping for your family or run a business meeting at work. It is all about my relationship and friendship with Jesus who is real: God made man for us. The Pharisees in the gospel did a lot of right things, but their hearts were far from God. God wants our hearts, to love Him and to share that love with others. *Harsh words and an angry tongue, bitterness in our relationship with others points to a heart that needs purification.* It is very true that we cannot live up fully to our calling yet, it is a long journey. But we must go on choosing and although we fail every day, we have the peace and joy of growing. Our conversion is ongoing through REPENTANCE - a very important action to understand. It starts the next round of love and makes space for the Holy Spirit to act in us, transforming us and sculpting us into the image of Jesus Christ. After each repentance, I have grown more.

Later we will discuss the stages of growth we normally go through as taught by the spiritual masters.:

1. The way of purgation.
2. The way of illumination.
3. The way of union.

First one important consideration: psychological hurdles that might have to be cleared. We have come to this point possibly with "hang ups" from our childhood or teen age years. We have fears or even addictions of some kind that hold us back. There can be feelings of not being loved, feelings of worthlessness because of the way we have been treated, there can be shame and guilt about things that happened in the past. We can be sure that the devil uses these to keep us from being close to God. But we must know and remember that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Who died for us. Each one of us is loved infinitely, each of us can love God sincerely and come to Him as He accepts us as we are. Under His grace we will more and more understand, mature and be freed. Participating more fully in the community of prayer, work and friendship can help a lot. Do not be afraid to talk to an experienced spiritual director if you get stuck. That is it for now my friends. Let me know if all this is helpful and if I should continue with the subject.

In the Love of Jesus,
 Father Matt
 Magnificat Spiritual Director

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

***"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, my God!"***

We thirst and we hunger for the word of God - for teachings, for the holy scriptures for these are the food for our souls. A spirit-filled day for the community members and guests who came to this successful Life in the Spirit Seminar. We thank our powerful speakers (Deacon Ramon, Sis. Nanette, Sis. Angie, Sis. Wilma & Bro. Bobot) for their teachings and sharings and to all who have come. Everyone was touched during the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit" and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist by our Fr. Teo Rustia.



3RD ANNUAL FEAST OF SANTA MARTHA AT REGINA MUNDI



Offerings



Feast of Santa Marta July 2006 – Regina Mundi

As the saying goes, “*pictures speak a thousand words*”. These lovely pictures depict the colourful, festive mode of this celebration of the Feast of Santa Marta. This was the wonderful experience to all the devotees and friends who have come to witness this joyous occasion.

Devotees who packed the Vanier Hall felt the solemnity of the Holy Mass celebrated by Fr. Teo Rustia. See you all next year!



*Pandanggo with
Sta. Marta*



Photo by Alex Felipe

Photos were taken by Alex Felipe

FR. TEO DEPARTS FOR THE PHILIPPINES

**“God Speed Father Teo!”**

Community members were at the airport for send-off wishes to Father Teo as he, once again, leave for the Philippines to continue his mission. We pray for his safe trip, good health and blessings for Father as we wait in anticipation for his return to Canada in September.

60th BIRTHDAY OF ANGEL (JUN) MALIXI AT REGINA MUNDI**“Many Happy Returns of the Day”**

A joyous celebration of the 60th birthday of Bro. Jun Malixi - a *“humble, true servant of the Lord”*. Family, community members, friends and well wishers gathered at Villa St. Joseph, Regina Mundi, in fellowship to celebrate and thank the Lord for the many blessings bestowed upon Bro. Jun and his family. We pray that the good Lord will continue to shower you His abundant blessings for more birthdays to come.

Happy Birthday Bro. Jun – God Loves You and We Love You!



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

To honour our Blessed Lady on her feast day, the community offered Living Rosary with floral offerings at the Grotto of our Blessed Mother. After the living Rosary, the group proceeded to the garden of St. Francis – recently installed, beautifully decorated with plants and flowers. The statue was donated by Bro. Johnny & Sis. Nanette Cruz. It was blessed by Fr. Teo Rustia before he left for the Philippines.

Fr. Matthew Robbertz celebrated the Holy Eucharist and after the mass, veneration and kissing of the relic of the *True Cross of Jesus* – a healing moment for the community and friends who come to Regina Mundi.



Bro. Paeng and Sis. Zony Zarris enjoyed their summer weekends at Regina Mundi. For three consecutive weekends, they were able to have their friends and families for picnic.

Thank you for choosing Regina Mundi for your family/friends outings. We open our invitation to everyone to come & enjoy our place!



**MAGNIFICAT INVITES YOU to
DAUGHTERS OF THE KING WEEKEND RETREAT**

"BRING BACK THAT LOVING FEELING"

(Theme of the retreat based on the Encyclical of Pope Benedict XV1: Deus Caritas Est)

DATE • September 30 & October 1, 2006; Saturday & Sunday (stay-in)

**PLACE • Vanier Hall, Regina Mundi - 19309 Warden Ave.,
Queensville, Ontario, L0G 1R0 Tel. # 905-478-4264**

RETREAT TO BE GIVEN BY FR. TEO RUSTIA

The community invites all single women to join this retreat. It would be a spirit-filled weekend, of fellowship but most of all, a weekend to enrich your spiritual life. (No registration fee – love offering is very much appreciated)

RSVP please contact:

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10 COMMANDMENTS FOR THE MAGNIFICAT FAMILY

1. PRAY DAILY ALWAYS – ASAP *"Always Say A Prayer"*
2. Yield to the Holy Spirit
3. Commit Yourself to Grow in the Spirit
4. Open Yourself to Inner Healing
5. Submit to Spiritual Guidance
6. Make FORGIVENESS A way of Life
7. Love Those You Serve
8. Let Your Love Show
9. Form New Leaders
10. Walk with the Holy Spirit

(From Building with the Lord, by: Bert Ghezzi, Ann Arbor; Charismatic Center)

Other Feast Days Celebrated for the months of August & September

August

Aug 22 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Aug 23 – St. Rose of Lima
 Aug 24 – St. Bartholomew
 Aug 25 – St. Louis of France, St. Joseph Calasanz
 Aug 27 – 21st Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Aug 28 – St. Augustine
 Aug 29 – The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

September

Sep 1 – First Friday – Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Sep 2 – First Saturday – Devotion to Our Lady
 Sep 3 – 22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Sep 4 – Blessing of Human Labor
Sep 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Sep 9 – St. Peter Claver
 Sep 10 – 23rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

September

Sep 13 – St. John Chrysostom
 Sep 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Sep 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
 Sep 16 – Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian
 Sep 17- 24th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Sep 19 – St. Januarius
 Sep 20 – Sts. Andrews King Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and their companions
 Sep 21 – St. Matthew
 Sep 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina
 Sep 24 – 25th Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Sep 26 – Brebeuf and Joques
 Sep 27 – St. Vincent de Paul
 Sep 28 – St. Wenceslaus
 St. Lawrence Ruiz and his companions
 Sep 29 – Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
 Sep 30 – St. Jerome

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SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Aug 25 (Fri) - 7:00 FUND RAISING BOWLING - MISSISSAUGA

Aug 26 (Sat.) - 2:00 P.M. – Holy Rosary, Divine Mercy Devotion, prayer meeting
 4:00 P.M. – Anticipated HOLY MASS

Sep 2 (Sat) – 11:00 COE MEETING

2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting

4:00 p.m. MASS

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Community Vigil

Sep 9 (Sat) 11:00 a.m. Apostles Meeting

2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting

4:00 p.m. MASS

Sep 16 (Sat) - 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting

4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. DAUGHTERS OF THE KING VIGIL

Sep 23 – 2:30 p.m. – Holy Rosary, Devotion to the

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy/Prayer Meeting

4:00 p.m. MASS (Anticipated Sunday

Sep 26 (Tue) – Fr. Teo's arrival

Sep 27 (Wed) - 7:30 p.m. Mass with Healing Service, Regina Mundi

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