

TRINITY NEWS

August 9, 2009

Pentecost 10. “She was Sensitive to the Needs of her Friends”.

The memorial addresses given on the day before Corazon Aquino’s funeral included these words: “She was sensitive to the needs of her friends”. She had seen her husband in prison and then shot down mercilessly at the airport that now bears his name. Those who have wealth only understand the needs of the poor in some measure when they have suffered deprivation themselves. Jesus of Nazareth came from a middle-class family, carpenters and stonemasons who made a good living. But his birth was set in the trappings of poverty because of circumstances that deprived Joseph and Mary of accommodation more fitting to their station in life. This meant that all who viewed the scene of his birth in the artistry of the Gospels would always be reminded that his birth was for the poor as well as the rich: and anyone else who straddled the perennial divide of poverty and riches. Some years ago a great man visited Melbourne, Australia. His name is Jean Vanier, a French-Canadian with a love for the little ones of God. He founded the Daybreak Communities for those whose incredible physical and/or mental disabilities made life a battle from minute to minute. He came to a Catholic monastery in Melbourne. An evangelical Anglican priest who found everything Catholic difficult felt drawn to listen to him despite his prejudices. A group of so-called “physically challenged” people with heads lolling and tongues hanging out turned up to listen to Jean Vanier. What amazed my friend was that Vanier talked to them as if he was speaking to royalty. He treated them as if they were the most intelligent people he had ever met. He did this with simple, clear, picturesque words that entered their ears and touched their hearts. Their wayward attention became focussed on him and smiles appeared on their faces. They felt happy because they heard some known words that conveyed respect and love and then more respect.

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: August 9, 2009
We are thankful to those who are
ministering in the church this morning

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Arthur Jones
Eucharistic Ministers: [7:30] Vicky Yu
 [9:30] Robin Whale/Suzanne Jacobson
Lectors: [7:30] Mary Bangay
 [9:30] Eizadia Washington
Ministers of Music: Ferdinand Bautista / Domino Marcos
Ushers: [7:30] Agosto Macli / Hazel Madamba
 [9:30] Skeeter Joan Dagas/Jesse Elden Tan
Acolytes: Patrick Dagas/Alexis Dalmas/Loren Ursua
 Dexter Fanged/Eric Gatulla/David Joaquin

The altar flowers are donated to the glory of God by Lance Masters with thanks for the blessings of family.
Offering of the Bread and Wine & Hospitality: Winfred & Olive Huang

Collect:

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 page 208
 Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2 page 1320
 Gospel: John 6:37-51 (NRSV)

Hymns for this Sunday:

[7:30] Gradual Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 Recessional Lead kindly light

[9:30] Processional No. 405, All things bright and beautiful
 Gradual No. 660, O Master let me walk with thee
 Communion Let all mortal flesh keep silence
 Recessional Lead kindly light

Your prayers are asked for:

Those who are celebrating their birthdays this week especially
Eric Tan (Aug. 11) Jumillaene Great Gepayo (Aug. 13)
Christian Jude Pauig (Aug. 12)

Those who travel especially Bertie Ezra.

Those who are in need of healing especially Beryl Tanner, Ted Whale,
Brigitte Mauleon, Valerie Jones, Clarissa Angeles Ramos, Rom Vildzius
Shira Longid, Audrey Lacson, Benije Conzales, Allan Waterfield,
Glenn Owen del Socorro, Jovel Llagas, Richard Kendall, Ron Jacob,
Merly Quiapos, Loy Solasco, Agosto Macli, Sr.

Tang Ho vda Li Seng Giap, Harry Bing Perez, Modesta Sy on the occasion of their death anniversaries.

This week at CHT:						
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Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
10 6:30pm Vestry meeting, Rectorry	11 ??11am Bible Study, Parish Hall	12	13 *10am Midweek Eucharist, Chapel *7pm Bible study, Rectorry	14	15	16 7:30am & 9:30am Eucharist

	Loose Plate	Pledge
Last Sunday	P19,750.00	P95,950.00
Year -to- date	P682,867.75	P2,338,397.50
2009 Budget	P940,000.00	P3,900,000.00

TO PLAN:
ECW meeting.
August 22, 2009 (Sat),
10:00 a.m., Parish Hall.

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This blew my friend away. He was listening to words from the heart of God on foreign ecclesiastical territory! Vanier has an upside-down view of the world and he sees the world in the upside-down way of Jesus. Listen to these words from Jesus which surely express his personal sentiments: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day” (John 6:37-39). Nothing and no one is outside the love of Christ. All who come to him will never be driven away. The will of God who sent Jesus is that nothing and no one should be lost among those who walk towards him with hope in their hearts.

We are to be raised up from wherever we find ourselves to discover dignity and self-worth and the ultimate “raising up” in the resurrection. We have no glib answers for the incidental cruelties of life, but we do have hope. The Letter to the Ephesians asks us to stretch ourselves to assist the Master of Life in bringing out the best that we can be whatever our circumstances. That may of course mean changing unjust structures that try to keep us in our ‘place’! “And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption...and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God Christ has forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:30-32). This seems an “upside-down” approach to much what goes on in our world. But according to the New Testament it is the way God sees the world and us - food for thought that may radically change our direction!

Bishop Arthur Jones



Welcome visitors!

Beth Skeet, from Australia, is visiting for the first time. Also, welcome back UE Chorale for the monthly offering of your ministry of music [9:30 service].

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