



6th Sunday of Easter

27th April 2008

"Peace be with you; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you. Do not be troubled; do not be afraid." (last Tuesday Gospel reading from John 14:27)

What kind of peace does the "world" provide? Julius Caesar's famous statement "Si vis pacem, para bellum" - "If you want peace, prepare for war" - is still unfortunately very much practiced in many parts of the world. However, many individuals would today take a break, go on "weekend"... to escape from real life and hopefully recover from stress and frustration. But when they are back, soon are the stress and the problems back as well.

"Do not be troubled", says Jesus, "I give you my peace". Jesus is not proposing to escape from the problems and hardships. He invites us to face them with faith. Faith that he is with us and that, through them, his purpose will be achieved. After all, Jesus did not avoid the Cross... which turned out to be a Glorious Cross. We are not alone! We are with Jesus through His Community. Do we understand that? Are we open to share our worries and hardships with our fellow Christians? It does take a lot of humility! How important in our lives is our Sunday mass? On a scale from 1 to 10, where would we place our baptismal commitment? What, in our daily lives and relationships, gets the priority over our Christian commitments?

"Not as the world gives peace do I give it to you". Gentle Mary, Humble Jesus, give us that kind of peace!

Weekend masses: SATURDAY 5 pm and SUNDAY 10.30 am
Confessions: SATURDAY 4.30 pm or by appointment
Weekday masses: TUESDAY 9 am and WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm
First Friday of the month: ADORATION 6.15 pm and MASS 7.30 pm

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For Mass intentions and appointment with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.30 OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For Sick calls, please contact Clive Padayachee on 011.854.5060 or 072.493.4773
For Funerals, please contact Vivian Patel on 011.854.8523 or Cynthia Thomas on 011.854.5490
In case of emergency only, Fr. Philippe's cell is 082.729.3758

Join in the following activities...
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall. Contact Edgar 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24 Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
STOP: every Wednesday @ 7.30pm in the Hall. Contact: Sebastian 078.111.9991 or Gregory 082.902.6721

LOAD SHEDDING... BEWARE

Extract of one letter among others...

... the house was burning down... The fire inspector said that it is a very regular occurrence lately. What happened is that we are load-shedded... When the power comes back on, there was a power-surge which can cause a plug to catch fire. In turn... disaster may occur. According to the fire inspector, when you are being load-shedded, TURN OFF YOUR OWN POWER AT THE MAIN SWITCH; only once the power comes back on (wait a minute or two) switch your power back on at your mains. This is not always possible, but try to do this. It could save your house... or even your life!

PRESERVATION OF CREATION

The Eskom crisis reminds us that the natural resources have been entrusted to us for wise use! The traditional ones (petrol, coal, etc) are getting scarce. Switch off the lights and equipments when not in use, don't forget to switch off everything when you leave the house during load shedding. Do consider investing in renewable energy (solar panels for heating water or for producing electricity).

MASSES THIS WEEK

Tuesday - 9am
Wednesday - 7.30pm Ascension Vigil Mass
Thursday - 10am Ascension Mass. Note that Ascension is a Holy Day of obligation.
Friday - 7.30pm First Friday of the month, with adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6.15pm

"70's, 80's & 90's extravaganza"

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all who supported this event. It was a huge success - R15k was raised on ticket sales alone!!

We will be selling samoosas after Mass this weekend. R25 per dozen.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 30th: Bradley, Justin, Shade', Kylin, Janine J.
Thu 1st: Claudene, Claudette, Kyle, Tesania, Janine J., Sashni, Justin
Fri 2nd: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason
Sat 3rd: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew
Sun 4th: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie, Bongani

Flower List

Vealette & Debbie Sequira,
Kennith & Verina Simons, Geni Singh, T Velse & Mary Alice

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 26th : Muriel Naidoo RIP
Violet Reddy RIP
Sun 27th: Starlin Jossie RIP
Tue 29th: Roy Goundin RIP
Wed 30th: Thanksgiving
Thu 1st: Theresa RIP
Fri 2nd: Boykie Nair & Kelvin Naidoo RIP

The YPC (Youth Pastoral Council) will have a meeting next Saturday 3rd May at 9am in the Parish Hall. Please make it an absolute priority! Apologies to Father.

Liturgy Core Group

Meeting on Monday 7pm (starting with mass) in Father's Flat.

Children's Lenten Boxes

Very few boxes have been brought back to the Church. Please bring them asap!!

PPC Exec meeting next Sunday after mass in Father's Flat.

Ronell is looking for a job as a receptionist. She is computer literate. She previously worked for Kodak. If you can help, please contact her on 074.604.0328 or 011.852.2499.

Consult frequently the Website of our Parish
www.stthomaslenz.org