



St. Thomas Lenasia

7th Sunday of Easter

4th May 2008

This Church is also the Church of our children...

Two of the burning issues brought up by the Youths during the YPC (Youth Pastoral Council) were the poor attendance to Sunday masses and the lack of involvement in the Church activities, the one probably causing the other.

These bring me to expand a little on the controversial issue of Catechism times change and the reactions of some parents. The change was a move towards helping the children and youths to better attend the Sunday mass, either on Saturday evening for the eldest (fostering the idea of a Youth Mass) or on Sunday morning for the youngest (encouraging young children to attend the children's liturgy). No doubt this move brings a big of discomfort to some parents and calls for some adjustments in their programmes, especially for the unfortunate parents who have children in both age categories. They also have to make sacrifices concerning the education of their children (tuitions, sports, etc). So, the question is: how important is your Faith, how important is the future of the Church, how much do you value the early involvement of your children in the Church?

It is very sad indeed to see parents ignore the requests of the Church concerning the religious and spiritual growth of their children. It is sad to see children leave in the middle of the Saturday evening mass because their parents come to fetch them and are not prepared to wait for a few minutes. It is rude and pretty bad education. The Church is very powerful for personal growth as well as for the development of a better world. But will it still exist in two generations? Do not forget: Faith is passed on from generation to generation... Think about it!

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

PFC Meeting

This Monday evening at 7.30 in the Parish Hall (class).

Liturgy Workshops

Choirs and Musicians:

This coming Saturday 10th May from 9am to 1pm in the small hall of the Cathedral.

Funeral Ministers:

This coming Saturday 10th May from 1pm to 4.30pm in the Parish Hall of the Bible College.

All ministers concerned are expected to take the opportunity to understand better their ministry and to be trained properly.

Marriage session 3

This Tuesday 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Come hungry! Please note the following dates:

- 13th May: Session 4
- 20th May: Session 5: Parents are expected from 8.30pm.
- 27th May: Marriage Priyesh Hira and Tracy-Lee Thomas
- 30th May: Session 6 with celebration braai.

Absence of Fr. Philippe

Fr. Philippe will be attending a meeting from Monday to Friday in Durban. As the other priests normally helping out are also attending the meeting, there will be Eucharistic Liturgies without priest on Tuesday and Wednesday. However, the intentions will be prayed for by Father in his daily masses.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 7th: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Sat 10th: Janine J, Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Nathanie
Sun 11th: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Sashni

Flower List

The Bob's Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3rd: Donovan Moses RIP
Sun 4th: Virginia Bob RIP
Tue 6th: Sally Ramsamy RIP
Wed 30th: Thanksgiving

Children's Lenten Boxes

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

YPC Meeting

A Youth Pastoral Council has taken place this Saturday 3rd May from 9 to 12. The attendance was 100%. Fantastic! The participating youths proved to be very mature and concrete steps addressing the burning youth issues have been taken. More soon on the Parish website. Thank you to the parents for their support.

Fr. Philippe's leave

Father Philippe will be on leave to Belgium from 3rd June to 14th July and then will visit Deacon Zain in Iran until the 20th July. During this time, Father Guido will say the Saturday evening masses (and possibly the Wednesday evening masses, and Father Ray Fortin will preside at the Sunday morning masses.

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