



St. Thomas Lenasia

Pentecost Sunday

11th May 2008

While the Good Lord was creating mothers, He was well into his sixth day of overtime. Then an angel appeared and said, "You're doing a lot of fiddling around on this one!"

And the Lord said, "Have you read the specifications of this order? She has to be completely washable, but not plastic... have 180 moveable parts, all replaceable...run on black coffee and leftovers...have a lap that disappears when she stands up...and a kiss that can cure anything from a broken leg to a disappointed love affair. Plus she has to have six pairs of hands!"

The angel shook her head slowly and said, "Six pairs of hands!?!? Not possible!"

"Oh, it's not the hands that are causing me the problem," said the Lord. "It's the three pairs of eyes that mothers have to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that sees through closed doors when she asks, 'What are you kids doing in there?' when she already knows...Another here in the back of her head that sees what she shouldn't, but what she has to know...And of course, the ones here in the front that can look at a child and reflect, 'I understand, and I love you' without so much as saying a word."

"Lord," said the angel, touching His sleeve gently, "Get some rest. Finish this tomorrow."

"I can't," answered the Lord. "I'm so close to creating something so close to Myself. Already I have one that heals herself when she's sick...can feed a family of six on one pound of hamburger...and can get a nine-year-old to stand under a shower."

The angel circled the model of the mother very slowly and sighed, "But it's too soft!"

"And yet she's tough!" said the Lord excitedly. "You cannot imagine what the mother can handle or do!"

"Can it think?" asked the angel.

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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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. Contact: STOP: every Wednesday @ 7.30pm in the Hall. Contact: Sebastian 078.111.9991 or Gregory 082.902.6721

"Not only think, but it can reason and compromise!" answered the Creator.

Finally the angel bent over and ran her fingers across the mother's cheek. "There's a leak!" she pronounced. "I told You, You were trying to put too much in this model! You can't ignore the stress factor."

The Lord moved in closer for a look and gently lifted the drop of moisture to His finger where it glistened and sparkled in the light. "It's not a leak," He said. "It's a tear."

"A tear?" asked the angel. "What's it for?"

"It's for Joy, Sadness, Disappointment, Compassion, Pain, Loneliness, and Pride."

And the angel exclaimed, "You're a genius!"

The Lord looked somber and replied, "I didn't put it there."

Happy MOTHERS DAY

Love from Parish Pastoral Council

Marriage session 4

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

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.*

JCJ1 Sponsors

Sponsors for JCJ1 candidates need to be Confirmed Catholics. They must have a close relationship with the candidates and be ready to meet them once a week until the time of their confirmation and continue to accompany them thereafter.

Training meeting this coming Wednesday in the Parish Hall after the 7.30pm mass. Presence essential!

YES team Recollection

There will be a recollection for all the YES team members of JHB this coming Saturday from 8.30am till 6pm in St. Thomas' Parish Hall.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 14th: Bradley, Justin, Shade, Kylin, Janine J.

Sat 17th: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason, Claudene, Claudette

Sun 18th: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Andrew, Sashni

Flower List

The Bob's Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10th: Thanksgiving

Sambo, Ada, Grant
Moodley & Alan Pillay
Gabriel & Ruth Moses

Sun 11th: Lawrence & Donovan
Joseph

Thresiamma Kurian

Tue 13th: Ian MaCanna

Wed 14th: Thanksgiving

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Next week is the third week of the month. Welcome to Praise & Worship ½ h before mass.

Marriage celebration

Donovan Jackson will celebrate his marriage with Faaiza next week Saturday during the 5pm mass.

JCJ1 candidates

The Holy Bible will be presented to the candidates during next Sunday morning mass.

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.