



St. Thomas Lenasia

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

17th August 2008

Holiday or Holy Day ?

In Iran, our Deacon Zain works on Sundays. Everybody works on Sundays... For Sunday is not a holiday for the Iranians. Yet for Deacon Zain, and indeed for all Christians, Sunday remains the Day of the Lord, a Holy Day to be celebrated as such! They celebrate mass in the evening, after work, and each according to their generosity add whatever they can to make of Sunday a Day for God.

Last week, a few boys from the Parish asked me if Friday was to be a Holy Day (The Assumption of Our Lady), would it mean that they could make of it a holiday, i.e. I suppose a day when they do not go to school. As a matter of fact, the parents of a few kids did request the school to allow their children to attend the morning mass, which was granted.



Let us put things right. The word "holiday" doesn't carry its original meaning anymore. But it is not because we live in a secularized world that we need a holiday to celebrate a Holy Day. So when the Church declares a Holy Day of obligation, we should really make an effort to celebrate it, regardless of the fact that we are working or not.

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.
YOUTH CIA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

FULL PPC MEETING

Next Sunday 24th August after mass. All representatives are expected to attend. Apologies to Father or to Gregory only.

YPC MEETING

On Saturday 30th of August, 9 o'clock in the Parish Hall. On the program, follow up on the on going projects and preparation of the Bishop's visit to the YPC and JCJ. Please bring your profiles if not already passed on to Jude.

DEEPER YES TRAINING

Sorry, not enough candidates for now. We'll postpone the training until after the Open weekend that will take place at St. Kizito.

HOUSE MASS

This Tuesday at **102 Gladioli street - ext 2** @ 7pm. All Catholics from the area are encouraged to join.

USHERS MEETING

This coming Wednesday after mass (8.15pm). Please contact Joeline if you cannot make it: 071 517 8560.

Liturgy workshop on the Rites

next Saturday at 9 o'clock at the Small Hall of the Cathedral Place. Liturgical ministers, please consider attending.

JCJ Facilitators meeting

on Tuesday 26th August @ 7.30pm in Father's flat.

No catechism on Saturday 30th August

As the faith sharers are supposed to attend the Creativity Day, there will be no catechism classes on Saturday 30th August.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 20th: Bradley, Justin, Shadé, Kylin, Janine J.
Sat 23rd: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Andrew, Claudene, Claudette
Sun 24th: Kyle, Mitchell, Adrian, Tesania, Andrew, Claudene, Claudette

Flower List

Mandy David, Charles & Indrani Francis, Martin & Shireen Francis, Colin & Marilyn Francis

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 16th: Lawrence & Donovan Joseph RIP
Sun 17th: Sunita Reddy RIP and Noel Williams RIP
Tue 19th: Shirley Peters RIP
Wed 13th: Special intention

Denise Kandasamy and Kristian Nyall were united this Saturday in the sacrament of matrimony. The Community wishes them well in their married life.



Register this weekend for the Open Weekend
Which will take place at St. Kizito On 6-7 September

Catechists Creativity Day Saturday 30th August

The day will include:

- Celebration of the Eucharist by Archbishop Buti Tlhagale
- 3 Main Addresses and 3 Parallel Sessions

Bookings through the Catechetical Office in advance.

SCHOOL PTA WILL SELL FOOD OR BRING OWN LUNCH

Bring your own writing material.