



St. Thomas Lenasia

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time A

24th August 2008

Go placidly amid the noise and haste and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant; they too have their story. Avoid loud and aggressive persons they are vexations to the Spirit. If you compare yourself with others you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortune of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs; for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is. Many persons strive for high ideals and everywhere life is full of heroism. Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.

Never be cynical about love, for in the face of all avidity and disenchantment, it is perennial as the grass. Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline be gentle with yourself. You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars.

You have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive him to be and whatever your labours and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul. With all its shame and drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

DESIDERATA, Max Ehrmann, a poet and lawyer from Indiana, 1927.

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 CJA GROUP: every Friday 7.30 pm in the Hall - contact Lerece 083 411 5650

FULL PPC MEETING

As announced by sms, the meeting has been postponed to next Sunday after mass. Sorry for inconvenience.

YPC MEETING

Next 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.

A message from **Ravi Naidoo** - 94.7 Highveld Stereo : "I am involved with a group of volunteers attempting to help raise funds for an orphanage in Lens. The home is called Aryan Benevolent Home.[...]" A Fundraising Dinner and Dance is being organised for the 12th September at the Civic Centre. Details on the notice board.

SOUTHERN CROSS

The subscribers are invited to pay another R80 to run their subscription till the end of 2008.

A Good Catholic Practice

Catholics are highly encouraged to gather at one of the neighbourhood Catholic houses to pray regularly together. It strengthens our faith and comforts us in our daily lives. Would you miss such dynamic Catholics around your house, you can always appeal to the prayer group. Contact Cinty Thomas - 011 854-5490

JCJ Facilitators meeting

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

No catechism next 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 27th: Adrian, Jacklyn, Kewan, Janine P., Andrew
Sat 30th: Tiffany, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason
Sun 31st: Justin, Jacklyn, Janine P., Kylin, Bradley, Janine J., Sashni

Flower List

Dorothy Francis, Varghese & Mary George, Cynthia Khan, Ronnie & Liz Govender

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23rd: Donovan Naiker RIP and Suzi Pillay 40 Days
Sun 24th: Danny Rayapan RIP
Tue 26th: Special Intention
Wed 27th: Nellie Naidoo RIP

YES WEEKEND

Please make sure you return your application form this weekend.

Spred is celebrating it's 10th Anniversary with a mass on the 22th November 2008 at St Martin de Porres Church - Olando West Soweto at 09.30am.

They would like those who have been trained as spread faith sharers to be part of this celebration, even though spread has not kicked off in Lenz.

Catechists Creativity Day

Next Saturday 30th August

UPDATE ON ZULU COURSE

The process is slower than hoped, but we are getting there. We will interview 5 teachers next Tuesday, elect one as our Zulu teacher, then register about 25 candidates for our first course of Zulu in St. Thomas. The expected cost for a six month course (2 evenings a week) will be roughly R960, i.e. R20 per 2hrs session.