



St. Thomas Lenasia

5th Sunday of the Year B 8th February 2009

**"Jesus could not work miracles there!"
(Mark 6:1-6).**

What is striking in this page of Gospel is the relationship between Community, Faith and Miracles.

Why could he work no miracle? Because people did not trust Jesus. After all, he was only known as a carpenter! The son of Mary! Strange that Mark does not even mention Joseph, in a society that was so "man centred"! Is it an indication that they knew Jesus had not been conceived by Joseph, which would make of Jesus an illegitimate son? In any case, they knew Jesus. There was no way this carpenter could be from God, the expected Messiah. They all agreed on that, even his relatives. There put no trust in him, no faith, and therefore Jesus could not perform any miracle there. "Your faith has saved you!", says Jesus every time he heals someone.

Nobody can be healed spiritually, if he or she refuses to be healed. And because we are social beings, belonging to a community, the atmosphere of the community is essential. An atmosphere of critical coldness and indifference will always kill the message of the best homily. There will be no peace making in the wrong atmosphere. If people come together in hate, they will hate. If they come together to refuse to understand, they will misunderstand. If they have come together to see only their own point of view, they will see no other.

But, on the other hand, if people come together loving Christ and seeking to love one another, even those widely separated can come together in Him.

Brothers and sisters, we have the tremendous responsibility to either help or hinder the work of Christ. We can open the door wide to Him, or we can slam it in His face.

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

Invitation to a Conference on St Paul

Speaker: Fr. Gerhard Hattingsh
Date: 24 January 2009
Time: 11.00am to 12.00am
Venue: Pauline Books & Media Centre - 181 Queen Street - crn Cumberland Rd -Kensington
Enquiries: Tel: 011 622 5195 / 011 622 5189
Email: booksmedia@paulines.co.za

PPC EXECUTIVE MEETING after mass on Sunday in father's Flat.

INFANTS' BAPTISM PREP

First meeting this Sunday, straight after mass in the Parish Hall.

PFC Meeting

This coming Wednesday after service. Father will not make it but will meet with Vis this weekend to "pre-discuss" the issues.

Father Smith will be celebrating his 90th birthday on the 18th February 2009. He resides in Holy Cross Frail Care, 885 Mashesh Street in Suiderberg (1st Floor). Valérie Ernest is organising a minibus to take a delegation next Sunday 15th at 11 o'clock at the Home. Those interested to join can contact her:
Valérie : 011 852 9133

COMMISSIONING of CATECHISTS

next week during the Sunday Mass. All Catechists are invited to attend.

THE FUND RAISING COMMITTEE OF ST THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS " A WINTER BALL " AT THE LENASIA CIVIC CENTRE ON FRIDAY , 24TH APRIL 2009 FROM 8 TO LATE

Music rendered by the E'SPLENDOS R50-00 per person
Refreshments will be sold.

We need everyone in our church support to make this dance a success !
Tickets will be available from the fun raising members

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 11th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn
Sat 14th: Justin, Jacklyn, Sonam, Bradley, Janine J.
Sun 15th: Jason, Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette

All altar servers are kindly asked to fill out a form which will be on the notice board in the sacristy.

Flower List

Colin & Marilyn Francis, Dorothy Francis, Varghese & Mary George, Cynthia Khan

Mass Intentions

Sat 7th: George Jossie RIP
Sun 8th: Fred Jackson RIP
Tue 10th: Swamy Tippru RIP
Wed 11th: Thanksgiving Mass for prayers answered

Frs Philippe and Mathieu have seized the opportunity of a "Life in the Spirit" seminar for priests to be refreshed spiritually. Unfortunately, the meetings are every Wednesday night until 1st April. During that time, there will be a mass on Wednesday mornings at 6 o'clock (except for Ash Wednesday), during which the intention of the day will be prayed for, and a service with small homily read out by the minister, on Wednesday nights.

****C.I.A****

BRING A FRIEND

Youth are invited to bring a friend on Friday 13th february @ 7.30pm.

For more info contact:
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