



St. Thomas Lenasia

2nd Easter Sunday B 19th April 2009

The homily of Archbishop Buti Tlhagale during the Mass of the Chrism on Holy Thursday called for the restoration of the Eucharistic Spirituality.

Among the practices that can be directly applied in our parish are:

2. A frequent time of adoration of the Eucharist "so that those who do so may savour the grace of healing that comes from the Lord Himself". We will have to be creative and to be generous with our time to re-install the culture of "adoration" (called "benediction" in former time), both among the adults and in our catechism classes.
3. The procession with the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi and possibly the first communions on the same feast day (already done in our parish).
4. The promotion among our youths of the writings on Holy Eucharist (Encyclicals, etc).
5. The restoration of the culture of kneeling in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
6. An attitude of respect in the Church building, which would help fostering our faith in the real presence of Christ in this Holy Place.

You can read the full text of Archbishop Buti's homily on the website of the South deanery: <http://www.cathojhbsouth.org>

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

STANDING or KNEELING ?

The second Vatican Council was very rich indeed and represented a real breakthrough both in theology and liturgy, striving to provide to the faithful "meaning" in whatever they believed, professed and celebrated. The council called for careful tentatives of inculturation to allow the Risen Christ to be more incarnated in the Peoples that proclaimed Him. Unfortunately, unintentional abuses arose here and there as a result.

At St. Thomas', it was decided, for example, that the faithful would remain standing throughout the Eucharistic prayer, breaking a long lasting culture of kneeling in front of the blessed sacrament. While some of us probably felt more comfortable standing in front of a King, the conviction of our smallness in front of the Mystery of Christ, as well as the attitude of humility absolutely necessary to serve the Kingdom were definitely put into danger.

For some time now, an increasing number of our members have been kneeling during the Eucharistic prayer. And so we have decided that, to be in line with the Archbishop's implied request and to be in communion with most of the parishes of South Africa, we, as a community, will be kneeling during the Eucharistic prayer, as well as during the direct spiritual preparation for Holy Communion, at the latest from the Sunday after Pentecost. Those who will not be able to comply for health reasons are invited to remain standing in an attitude of humility. However sitting during those times will normally not be accepted at all as a fitting gesture of respect and humility.

Formation for EMC will resume on Sunday in two weeks time, on the 3rd May at 3pm at St. Kizito, and not tomorrow as previously announced.

Altar Servers Roster

- Wed 22nd: Janine, Bradley, Jacklyn
 Sat 25th: Kyle, Sasha, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece
 Sun 26th: Jason, Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Nathanie, Sasha-Lee

Flower List

- Peter Moses, Glen & Beverly Naidoo, Vincent & Maya Naidoo, Willem & Rosetta Oktober

Mass Intentions

- Sat 18th: Donovan Naiker RIP & Muriel Naidoo
 Sun 19th: Thanksgiving
 Tue 21st: Thanksgiving
 Wed 22nd: For the new president of South Africa

Catechism will resume on Saturday the 2nd of May.

We are standing short of about R1000 for the Youth Paschal Meal. Could the parents of the children who didn't pay their R30 please pay as soon as possible so as to balance the accounts. They can pay through the Office, the PFC, Jude or Father. Thank you.

The Fund Raising Committee presents "**A WINTER BALL**" at the Lenasia Civic Centre on Friday, 24th April 2009, from 8pm till late.

Music will be rendered by "The Esplendos". Tickets are sold at R50 p/person. Refreshments will be sold.

We need everyone in our church support to make this dance a success !