



St. Thomas Lenasia

16th Sunday B 19th July 2009

As the marriage course is unfolding, an article from Bob Gass' "Word for today" will be reproduced for your reflection.

Debunking Marriage Myths

A lot of us are 'myth-informed' about love and marriage. The myth of 'a perfect marriage' is widespread and dangerous among us. By setting up unrealistic expectations, impossible dreams and magic thinking, it misinforms, misleads and disillusion us, preparing us to walk away the moment our fantasy clashes with reality. Only the truth can make us free to find fulfilment in our marriage. For the next few days let's explore a few of these myths.

Marriage myth 1:

The myth of 'viral love,' insists that love is caught, much like a virus. 'Some enchanted evening' when you happen to be in the right place at the right time, it will zap you. You'll 'catch the bug' and enter a lifetime of unending bliss! The trouble is, when we're worn out taking care of three kids, two jobs and a second mortgage, the 'virus' subsides. In the whirlwind of dishes, nappies and daily routines, something has to give. So romance vacates centre stage and reality takes over. When it does, we confuse romance for true love and mistakenly think it has moved out and that we need to follow it. The truth is, love does not die because romance bows to reality. If two people who once 'fell' in love are willing to 'stand' together in love through the challenges and opportunities of family life, romance can grow again, stronger and more resilient than ever. Love based solely on romance doesn't work when 'for better' meets 'for worse.' Romance based on a decision to love 'till death us do part' is the only love that's dependable, consistent and trustworthy. Romance brings us together, this kind of love keeps us together!

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

DEDICATION

Please collect your envelopes from the Office after mass.

YOUNG YOUTH YES WEEKEND

All the Youth are expected to register at 7.30am next Saturday in the Parish Hall and should be collected by their parents at 10.00pm. On Sunday, they are due to be back at the Parish Hall at 7.30am.

Bring your fee for the weekend (R50).

Bring food for yourself and for someone else. The food is bring and share.

Do not bring any object of value. The cellphones will not be needed at all and should better remain home. No need for pocket money either, as there will be no chance to use it.

And mostly... **BE READY FOR SURPRISES !**

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YOUNG YOUTH YES WORKERS' TRAINING

This Sunday @ 3 p.m. sharp in the Parish Hall of St. Thomas. All the youths who have already done a Young Youth YES weekend (not a "mini") are expected to attend this important meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES

1st - 2nd August: Catechism resumes for all

14th - 16th August: JCJ retreat

Tue 18th @ 5.00pm: Visit of Archbishop Buti to the Confirmation candidates.

Wed 2nd September @ 7.00pm: Confirmation. The Archbishop would like to meet at this occasion with the whole congregation.

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 22nd: Adrian, Sonam, Kewan

Sat 25th: Kyle, Sasha-Lee, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece

Sun 26th: Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Nathanie

Flower List

The Gopal's Family, Gregory & Cecelia Groenewald, Brian & Magdeline Jackson, Colleen Jackson

Mass Intentions

Sat 18th: The Late Padayachee Family

Sun 19th: Rosa Sarkhot RIP

Tue 21st: Ronnie Naidoo RIP

Wed 22nd: Thanksgiving Mass

MARRIAGE COURSE

The marriage course has started last Thursday. Eight couples are attending. The marriage course is compulsory for all the couples that want to get married within the next 10 months or so. It consists of 6 evenings during which dinner will be served. The fee, payable before the course completion is of R450 per couple. The dates are as follows:

Thu 9th July - Done

Thu 16th July - Done

Thu 23rd July

Thu 30th July

Thu 6th August

Fri 21st August

WELCOME ON THURSDAY IN THE PARISH HALL AT 7.15pm for 7.30pm

