



18th Sunday B

2nd August 2009

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

Marriage myth 3

The **myth of 'the full box,'** suggests that when we marry we inherit a big box filled with self-replacing good things, guaranteeing effortless unending marital bliss. This box is supposed to contain romance, physical fulfilment, generosity, true love, and being served 'in the style to which we've become accustomed.' Ideally, we can dip in and take what we want from a never-depleted supply. Instant, low-maintenance satisfaction guaranteed! And it seems to work initially, so we believe the myth. Until one rainy day we dip into the box and come up empty. At that point we feel shock, disappointment, anger, despair and hopelessness and conclude that our partner failed, fooled or forsook us. Why else would the box be empty? At that point the myth suggests, 'It's time to find another box!' Or you could listen to the liberating truth:

a) marriage is a big box, an empty one. Your job is to make enough deposits to guarantee sufficient withdrawals for a rich relationship. Jesus said: '... The amount you give will determine the amount you get back' (Luke 6:38)

b) you must start by asking, 'What would I like to have in the box?' Then you deposit that into the box. Then you ask, 'How much of it do I want in the box?' Then you deposit enough to generate that amount. You see, the box is only a container;

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

it didn't fail and you didn't get a bad box. You are the owner of the box, not its victim. Accepting this truth frees you to make your marriage rich and rewarding by becoming a giver, not just a taker!

YPC MEETING

Next Saturday from 8am to 9.30am in the Parish Hall. All representatives are expected to attend.

YES BRANCH MEETING

This Sunday 3pm, Branch YES meeting at Jude & Kenna's home.

"Let us journey together into a Life of friendship with God"

C.I.A Youth Prayer group will be praying in Extension 2 this month. The following homes will be visited - 13 Heather Avenue and 86 Anemone Avenue.

All youth are invited to join us on Friday, 31 July at 7.30pm.

JCJ Retreat (14-16 Aug)

Cost R430 per learner. Parents/sponsors who wish to join us, cost is R550 p/p single or R490 p/p sharing.
Assistance with transport is required please. We depart at 3pm on Friday, 14th Aug.

PLEASE NOTE THE 2 FOLLOWING CELEBRATIONS

The feast of the Transfiguration of The Lord, on Thursday @ 7.30pm

The adoration @ 6.15pm followed by mass @ 7pm on the first Friday of the month

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 5th: Adrian, Sonam, Kewan

Thu 6th: Kewan, Justin, Steven, Tiffany, Sasha-Lee, Bradley

Fri 7th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn

Sat 8th: Kyle, Sasha-Lee, Adrian, Mikayla, Marlene, Reece

Sun 9th: Kewan, Sherwin, Claudene, Claudette, Nathanie

Flower List

Trudy Jackson, Victor & Marrian Jackson, Cheryl James, Clive & Sylvia James

Mass Intentions

Sat 1st: Mr. & Mrs PD Morgan and Aubrey RIP

Sun 2nd: The Late Sequira Family

Tue 4th: Johnny Francis & Sunita Reddy RIP

Wed 5th: Special Intention & Johnny Francis RIP

Thu 6th: Vacant

Fri 7th: Sabastian Nelson RIP

MARRIAGE COURSE

The marriage course is developing very well with a 100% attendance so far. Please take care of the change of date, from Thursday the 6th to Friday the 7th. Next Friday, we would also like to meet with the future spouses' parents, who are expected to arrive at 8pm. Next two and last sessions:

Fri 7th August
Fri 21st August

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

