



19th Sunday B 9th August 2009

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

Marriage myth 4:

The **myth of the 'marriage-go-round,'** says you can hop on and off marriages when you're bored, discontented, stressed out, or get a better offer. Today we're conditioned to instant gratification. If we don't like the rules we'll take our ball to another playground. We're a 'disposable' society; whatever doesn't perform satisfactorily will be replaced rather than repaired. Tragically, we transfer this mentality to our relationships and replace the people in our lives who don't play the game our way. Each generation becomes less likely to be tolerant, patient, hard-working, flexible and creative in marriage, and more likely to trade in what they're unwilling to work on. The myth of the marriage-go-round tells us we don't have to grapple with our marital issues. Just replace it!

But the truth reveals that the myth doesn't work. Over 50% of first marriages end in divorce, 65% of second ones, and more than 70% of third ones. Clearly, when it comes to marriage, the more we do it the worse we get at it! In fact, with few exceptions, the painful numbers indicate that statistically you have a better chance of finding happiness in your current marriage with all its challenges than if you move on to another one. God's way is your best option. Always! When He says, '... [whom] God hath joined together, let no man put asunder' (Matthew 19:6), He intends that in working and growing through the obstacles and opportunities of your marriage, you'll become a better partner and end up building a happier marriage!

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

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This Saturday 8.30am ONLY 3 members and 2 sponsors... Shame :-)

JCJ Retreat (Next weekend)

The JCJ retreat is taking place next weekend. Departure at 3pm from the Church on Friday afternoon. The retreat is ending at the Good Shepherd Retreat Centre in Hartbeespoort on Sunday after lunch.

The cost is R430 per learner. It seems that 7 participants have difficulties paying for the retreat. However the procedure requires the parents of these learners to come and see Father and tell him how much they can afford. If the youngsters would be at home, they would certainly cost something. Whatever they cannot afford, the parish will make up for it.

Can we ask the parishioners who can afford it to sponsor one of the 7 youngsters.

We also ask for assistance with transport to go to Hartbeespoort on Friday 3pm. Thanks for letting Jude James know about it: 071.602.1078 or 011.8541759

Mass will be celebrated by Father on Sunday at 10am at Hartbeespoort. All parishioners are welcome to join in, especially the parents of the JCJ candidates. That could be a nice outing indeed.

August is Women's month...

To honour them and always in the drive of raising funds, the YES ministry - which is a family based ministry - is hosting a Women's Day Breakfast on Saturday 29th August. The tickets will be sold as from this weekend at R80.

How do you feel? ...

Are you happy? ...

Altar Servers Roster

Wed 12th: Janine J., Bradley, Jacklyn
Sat 15th: Tiffany, Steven, Sonam, Lincoln, Nicholas, Mitchell
Sun 16th: Justin, Jacklyn, Bradley, Janine, Bongani, Jason

Flower List

Colin & Ruth James, Vathukattu & Aleyamma Joseph, Melville & Dawn Jossie, Denise Kandan

Mass Intentions

Sat 8th: Gregory, Bennie, Cyril and Michael Moses RIP & Rosa Sarkhot 40 Days
Sun 9th: Mercia Jackson RIP and Noel & Jeffery Jackson RIP
Tue 11th: Mercia Jackson RIP and Noel & Jeffery Jackson RIP
Wed 12th: Thanksgiving Mass

MARRIAGE COURSE

Thank you to all the parents that attended last Friday's session. There will be no session this week. Next and last session will be on Friday 21st August at 7.15 for 7.30pm

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.

HEALING MASS

The Catholic community of Ennerdale is inviting you to a Healing Mass this afternoon from 2pm.

**We wish all Women
a very happy
women's day**

St. Thomas Lenasia