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**THE MONTH**  **OF MARY**

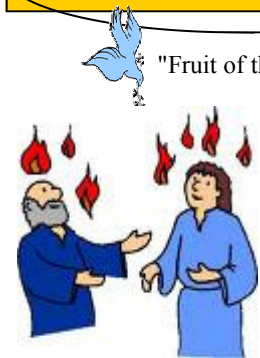


Date	Time	Activity	Place
May 1		<b>LABOR DAY</b>	
	7:00 am	<b>Pilgrimage to Macoa</b>	
	5:00 pm	<b>Marian Procession</b>	Church
May 4		<b>ASCENSION</b>	Church
	9:30 am	Finance Committee	Rm. 405
	2:30 pm	Taize Prayer	Church
May 11 <b>Mother's Day</b>		<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	
	9:30 am	Eucharist Gp./ Editorial Gp.	Roof
	9:30 am	Liturgy Committee	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Choir Gp.	4th Floor.
May 18		<b>TRINITY SUNDAY</b>	
	9:30 am	Vocation Gp.	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Migrant Desk	Roof
May 25		<b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	
	9:30 am	Coordinating Meeting	Rm. 405

**Each Sunday**  
**Rosary 7:30 - Mass 8:00 am**  
**- Bible sharing 3:30 - Adoration 5:00pm**



**Receive the Fruit of the Spirit**



"Fruit of the Spirit" is a biblical term that sums up the nine visible attributes of a true Christian life. The fruit of the Spirit is a physical manifestation of a Christian's transformed life. These attributes are:

**love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faith, kindness and self-control.**

may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" (Romans 15:13).

**4. Patience** - May you be made strong with all the strength which comes from his glorious power, so that you may be able to endure everything with patience". (Colossians 1:11). "Be always humble, gentle and patient." (Ephesians 4:2).

**5. Gentleness** - We should live "in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; in truthful speech and in the power of God. We have righteousness as our weapons, both to attack and defend ourselves." (2 Corinthians 6:6-7).

**6. Goodness** - "That is why we always pray for you. We ask God to make you worthy of the life he has called you." (2 Thessalonians 1:11). "For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteous and truth" (Ephesians 5:9).

**7. Faith (faithfulness)** - "O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name; you have done amazing things; you have faithfully carried out the plans you made long ago." (Isaiah 25:1). "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith" (Ephesians 3:16-17).

**8. Kindness** - "Brethren, if a man failing into sin, you who are spiritual shall set him aright with the spirit of kindness. Take care for you, too may be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). "Be humble, kind, patient, and bear with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2).

**9. Self-control (Temperance)** - "For this very reason do your best to add goodness to your faith; to your goodness add knowledge; to your knowledge add self-control; to your self-control add endurance; to your endurance add godliness; to your godliness add Christian affection; to your Christian affection add love." (2 Peter 1 :5-7).

**1. Love** - "We have known the love of God and have believed in it. God is love. The one who lives in love, lives in God and God in him" (1 John 4:16). Through Jesus Christ, our greatest goal is to do all things in love. "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs (...). Love never fails" (1 Corinthians 13:4-8).

**2. Joy** - "The joy of the Lord is your strength" (Nehemiah 8:10). "Let us fix our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from the beginning to end. (...) He did not give up because of the cross and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne." (Hebrews 12:2).

**3. Peace** - "Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you

## MIGRANT DESK CORNER

"TAKE YOUR RIGHTS SERIOUSLY"

*If I can't even earn any money? That doesn't seem fair to me. If my former employer can work during the time that I am making a claim against them, why can't I?*



Clearly it's not fair or right that you are not permitted under law to work while your claim is pending but at the same time your former employer may do so. This rule is yet another example of how foreign *domestic* workers in Hong Kong are wrongfully discriminated against, since other foreign workers may legally find work while their claims are being heard. Just to say this one more time, although Hong Kong loudly claims to be a place where the free market applies, the laws and policies of the Government often show that the "free market" doesn't apply to *migrant workers*.

A really free market means that the law provides a proper remedy to those who have been placed at a disadvantage through the breach of contract. However in Hong Kong, migrant workers face an added problem due to not being able to legally work while the contract dispute is being settled. So that means that even though the employer may have deliberately delayed the case as a way to avoid paying the worker what is due to her, this delay causes further money problems for the employee, and she will not get compensation for that extra loss of money.

This failure by the Labour Tribunal to address the injustices caused by Hong Kong immigration policy that prevents migrant workers from working while their claim is being heard is another form of "racial discrimination" that is being perpetrated by the government. Rather than being a free market, Hong Kong's laws regarding migrant workers make it clear that in reality, the migrant workers do not have the same rights and opportunities.

This "no work" rule for those claiming compensation from their employers, is just one more obstacle that migrants are forced to deal with. Therefore if you do find yourself in a situation where you are forced to bring a claim before the Labour Tribunal and are unable to work during that time, it will probably be necessary to seek accommodation either with a friend or with one of the shelters for domestic workers. The Philippine Consulate funds and operates one of these shelters as do Bethune House and the Mission for Migrant Filipino Workers.

From Take Your Rights seriously (Jim Rice)

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Vocation Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is an important part of spiritual life for many Christians. Christians see life itself as a journey, coming from God and returning to God. The pilgrim seeks to separate himself from the everyday concerns of the world, and to spend time in the presence of God as he travels to a place of special meaning.

**Our annual pilgrimage will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>** this year and we will go to Macau. We'll be visiting the Little Brethren of Mary, St. Lorenzo Church, St. Augustine Church, Cathedral, St. Dominic Church, Ruins of St. Paul, Fatima Church and St. Joseph the Worker Church.



**Remember,**  
**most loving Virgin Mary,**  
never was it heard  
that anyone who turned to you for help  
was left unaided.  
Inspired by this confidence,  
though burdened by my sins,  
I run to your protection  
for you are my mother.  
Mother of the Word of God,  
do not despise my words of pleading  
but be merciful and hear my prayer. Amen.

## MONTH'S SCRIPTURES



### May 4: ASCENSION

Theme: Jesus saves us

Readings: ♦ Ac 1, 1-11 ♦ Eph 1, 17-23

♦ Mt 28, 16-20

The disciples were frightened and anxious, unsure of what the future held for them. Christ revealed to them and to us too, the response we are to make to our calling, and gives us the power to make it. This power is His own Spirit... The Indwelling Holy Spirit, who gives us hope and courage, heals the weakness of our souls and enables us to live as true Christians. By sharing in Christ's suffering and death, we will rise to new life and share in His glory.

### May 11.: PENTECOST SUNDAY

Theme: empowered by the Spirit

Readings: ♦ Ac 2, 1-11 ♦ 1Co 12, 3b-7. 12-13

♦ Jn 20, 19-23

The Holy Spirit continues Christ's work in the world. Christ promised the coming of the Consoling Paraclete. He pledged that the Spirit of Truth would be within us and remain with His Church. As Christ is present to those in need, so too, the Spirit is at work when people answer God's Call to believe in Him and one another. We celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit in the early Church and in our own lives too. We received the Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation. Let us pray to be empowered by the Spirit so that we may carry on the mission of Jesus,

### May 18: TRINITY SUNDAY

Theme: Three persons in one God

Readings: ♦ Ex 34, 4b-6. 8-9 ♦ 2 Cor 13, 11-13

♦ Jn 3, 16-18

The mystery of the Holy Trinity was revealed in the person, words and works of Jesus Christ. He revealed His Father as "our Father" and Himself as God's eternal and divine Son. He also made known the third divine Person, the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, sent by the Father and himself to the Church. None of us will ever be able to fully understand the mystery of the Trinity. But, by celebrating this

feast, our faith in the living and loving God who reveals Himself as Father Son, and Holy Spirit is affirmed. The readings help us to see God as a God in Relationship. A God of Love, so great, it is shared and poured out on all of us and all of creation.

### May 25: CORPUS CHRISTI

Theme: The Blood of Jesus

Readings: ♦ Deut 8,2-3. 14b-16a ♦ 1 Cor 10, 16-17 ♦ Jn 6, 51-58

The Church expresses and celebrates its identity in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the heart of Christian Life. It helps us to understand that when we receive communion, we are nourished with Christ, the Bread of Life, so that we may be filled with love of God and our neighbor, and work together to build up the Christian Community with acts of charity, service, missionary activity and witness. Jesus nourishes us so that we can truly be His



*... And for every incredible thing that you're ever done ...*

**H**appy Mother's Day to my dear Mum,  
**A**uthor of my personality:  
**P**leased, I hope, with what you read in me;  
**P**leased, I hope, with episodes to come.  
**Y**et now I, too, would get some pleasure from

**M**aking you the book in which I see,  
**O**f all the players in my family,  
**T**he central character, whom I would plumb.  
**H**ow beautiful to move in that direction!  
**E**ach to each a separate source of pleasure,  
**R**ead in the other's happiness,  
**'**Mid much description, underlying love.  
**S**o would we deepen the connection,

**D**iscovering new passages to treasure  
**A**s we follow time towards tenderness,  
**Y**earning for what years unread will prove

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