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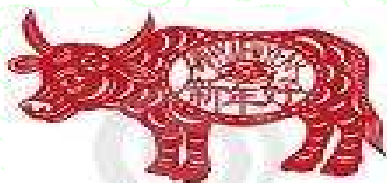
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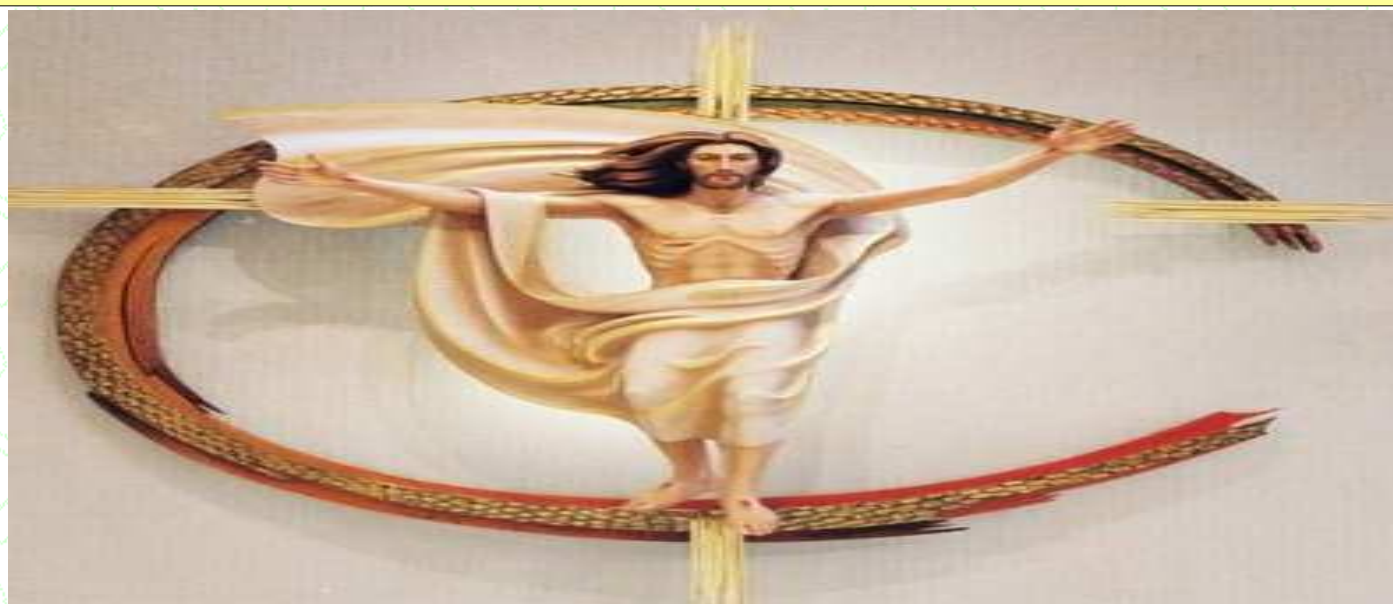
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*Whoever does what is right  
is righteous,  
just as Christ is righteous.  
1John 3, 7*



## FEBRUARY 2009 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
<b>Feb.1 4th Sunday of the Year B</b>			
<b>LUNAR NEW YEAR GATHERING</b>			
	9:30 am	Altar Servers	Rm. 405
	2:00 pm	Finance Committee	Rm. 406
	9:30 am	Editorial Group	Rm. 404
	3:30 pm	Taize Prayer	Chapel
<b>Feb.8 5th Sunday of the Year B</b>			
	2:00 pm	Liturgy Commission	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Ushers	Rm. 411
	10:00 am	Eucharistic Ministers	Rm. 406
	11:00 am	Treasures' Meeting	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Choir Group	Rm. 406
<b>Feb.15 6th Sunday of the Year B</b>			
	11:00 am	Vocation Group	Rm. 406
	9:30 am	Martha's Group	Rm. 405
	2:00 pm	Coordinating Committee	Rm. 406
<b>Feb.22 7th Sunday of the Year B</b>			
	9:30 am	Migrant Desk	Rm. 406
	2:00 pm	Lectors	Rm. 405
<b>Feb.25 Ash Wednesday</b>			
<b>EACH SUNDAY</b>			
<b>MASS 8:00 am</b>		<b>- BIBLE SHARING 3:30 pm</b>	<b>- ADORATION 5:00pm</b>

# FOR OUR REFLEXION



## Happiness

### Is It Being at Ease in Our Bodies?

We often tend to regard someone who feels comfortable within themselves with a certain admiration and envy. Our bodies are sometimes an embarrassment to us. Too small or too big, too fat or too thin. We treat them with contempt; we try to forget about the nuisance they cause us. Some have difficulty in accepting their sex and try to hide all signs of femininity or masculinity. Others embark on an unlimited quest to adorn themselves, to make themselves acceptable in the eyes of others. We are exposed to so much publicity, fashion magazines and styles which propose ideals and models for self-fulfillment. Happiness seldom results.

■ Why is this, one may ask? My body has a meaning. My appearance, attitude, words, dress and the colors which I wear, express who I am. And even if my body does not reveal everything about me, it is nevertheless through my body that I have the first contact with others and with the

environment.

■ It may be that I am afraid of the other person because I am unsure of myself and really don't know who I am. Maybe I am afraid of being judged by others. Or is it that I don't really like myself as I am? I may not be loved. I'd rather hide myself than be seen.

■ There is, however, in every person a beauty that may not be obvious at first sight. It's worthwhile bringing this beauty to the light of day, and developing it in order to be more ourselves. For the body is as unique as every person. There is no one else who is like me. My unique personal style says something about me and shows my originality.

■ The way to this harmony is to be profoundly reconciled with myself. This takes time, but it is certainly easier, when I know and believe that God wanted me as I am. This is the meaning of happiness - to accept ourselves in truth and to face others as we are. When I am reconciled with my body, I can express myself more freely, unhindered in showing my attributes and my uniqueness. What a wonderful prospect to be able to work at becoming ourselves - and God will help us if we let Him.

***Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?***

(Saint Paul - 1 Cor. 3,16)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW COORDINATING COMMITTEE



The oath-taking for the new members of the coordinating committee took place last January 4, 2009. We would like to wish them all Good luck in their new tasks.

Coordinator- **Helen Salvador**

( Leader – Editorial Group)

Asst. Coordinator – **Jesusa Pamittan**

( Leader – Bible Group )

Choir Group – **Diana Abadey**

Lectors Group – **Leila Atillo**

Eucharistic Ministers – **Ian Bautista**

Altar Servers – **Hiby Doronio**

Ushers Group – **Julie Quilarto**

Migrant Desk – **Roseky Semolava**

Vocation Group – **Arlene Paras**

Martha's Group – **Rose Lutoc**

CFC FFL – **Jomar Desuyo**

# MIGRANT DESK CORNER



## ARRESTATION

### ***What if I'm at my employer's house and the immigration officials knock at the door?***

In that case, your employer may let them in, and if they do enter, they can ask to see your identification. However it is possible for your employer to ask to see a search warrant.

### ***What if my employer isn't home at the time that the immigration officers knock on the door?***

We are talking about your employer's house right? In the situation where your employer was not home, would you let into the house any strange person who knocked on the door and asked to come in? No, that would never be a good idea. Well, that more or less answers your own question as to whether you must open the door while at your employer's house. The best thing would probably be to wait until your employer has returned.

### ***But the immigration officer has ordered me to open the door. Can I get into trouble for not obeying his order?***

The point is that if the officer has no search warrant, then he has no legal authority to order you to open the door, and submit to a search of the house. He is counting on you to obey because he thinks you will be ignorant of your rights. It's never a good idea to resist with force. In reality, you may want to defend your house against the authorities like a fort or a castle, but it doesn't really work that way. It's a much better idea to ask the authorities why there is a need to enter your house. Remember that the police are required to follow the law just as you are.

## ARREST

### ***Can you tell me what to do if I am arrested?***

This is a difficult area to give advice about, because obviously, being arrested by the police or immigration authorities is about as big a trauma as anyone is ever going to face. It's also hard to give advice about this because the

circumstances about arrest tend to differ a lot from case to case. But it is clearly not going to be any kind of pleasant experience for one to go through. You have a responsibility to yourself and to your friends and family to maintain your own dignity and to help yourself. Hopefully, this information will assist you to do that. The thing is that you must try and keep a cool head about you. If you are arrested, the most important thing is not to resist physically. This will only give them an excuse to use physical force on you. Don't fight back. Instead, stay calm. Use your head.

### ***How will I know if I am actually under arrest?***

The arresting officers should tell you this fact specifically, "You are under arrest". If you are being arrested, the thing is to be clear what you are being charged with.

### ***But what if they tell me that I am under arrest?***

Then you must ask them. "What crime am I suspected of committing?" Get that absolutely clear first. It is extremely important that you know this. They should also inform you as follows, "You are not obliged to say anything unless you wish to do so, but what you say may be put into writing and used in evidence."

*Take Your Rights seriously (Jim Rice)*



# MONTH'S SCRIPTURES



## February 1: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Chinese New -Year

Readings: ♦ Nb 6:22-27  
♦ Ph 4:6-9 ♦ Lk 12:22-32

Theme: Trust in God

As we begin this New Year, we recall with hearts of gratitude the many blessings that God has lavished upon us. He has blessed us with peace and looked with favour upon us, making us a "blessing" for others. God knows and anticipates our every need, even before we ask. There is no need to worry about tomorrow, because we know God is with us and will answer our prayers. So with thankful hearts, let us praise God and celebrate this new life and new beginning...

## February 8: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B

Theme: Jesus loves the oppressed

Readings: ♦ Jb 7:1-4, 6-7  
♦ 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 ♦ Mk 1:29-39

Pain, suffering, sinfulness and its evil effects touch all people. As a sign of the reign of God, active and present in the world today, the Church committed to justice, love, and peace; to grace and holiness, truth and life, has striven to carry on Jesus saving work. Jesus showed a special love for the suffering, the sinner and those rejected. He challenges us to share in his ministry, to reach out in love to those most oppressed and marginated

## February 15: 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B

Theme: Jesus saving work cares, we care

Readings: ♦ Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
♦ 1Cor 10:31-11:1 ♦ Mk 1:40-45

Jesus identified Himself as one who had come to serve, not to be served. He cited His ministry of service as the key to His identity and mission, and clearly stated that anyone who aspires to follow Him must do likewise and serve the needs of all. Today, many people are victims of society, isolated by fear, ignorance and lack of care. Christians are called to imitate Jesus' example, and reach out in compassion to those most in need.

## February 22: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year B

Theme: Jesus heals through the sacraments

Readings: ♦ Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24b-25  
♦ 2 Cor 1:18-22 ♦ Mk 2:1-12

A major part of Jesus' ministry was reaching out to people who needed healing. But, His healing went much deeper than external or physical healing. Jesus saw the person's need for inner healing and forgiveness. Today, Jesus continues His ministry of healing through the members of God's Family, the Church. This Community of the Faithful is the sign and sacrament of Jesus presence among us. At times of serious illness, the faithful gather around the sick person to pray for their strength and healing through the Sacrament of the Anointing. When we need to be reconciled, to be made whole and receive peace, we celebrate God's forgiving love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

## JUST FOR FUN



A man and an ostrich walk into a restaurant. The waitress asks, "What will it be?"

The man replied "a burger and a coke." "And you?" "I'll have the same," the ostrich replies. They finish their meal and pay. "That will be \$4.50," The man reached into his pocket and pulled out

the exact amount. They do this every day till Fri. "The usual?" she asked. "No, today is Friday. I'll have steak and a coke." "Me too." says the ostrich. They finish and pay. "That will be \$10.95" The man reached in and pulls out the exact amount again just like all week. The waitress was dumb-founded. "How is it that you always have the exact amount?" "Well," says the man. "I was cleaning my attic and I found a dusty lamp. I rubbed it and a genie appeared." Wow!" said the waitress. "What did you wish for?" "I asked that when I needed to pay for something, the exact amount would appear in my pocket." "Amazing! Most people would ask for a million dollars. But what's with the ostrich?" "Well," said the man. "I also asked for a chick with long legs."

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Ash Liturgy will be on Sunday
- March 1, at 5:00pm  
Lenten Retreat will be on March 15.
- The **Community Anniversary** will be on March 29



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