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A Message of Gratitude



“The Gifts given to us by God, are not for personal consumption. All the gifts, they are given to us for a mission, which is to make Jesus known, to strengthen brothers and sisters, to strengthen community. Without a sense of mission, the gifts will be wasted.”

Luis Antonio G. Cardinal Tagle

Archbishop of Manila (his homily during Santuario de San Antonio Parish Fiesta 2019)

To ALL members of the Fiesta Committee, without whom this fiesta would not have been possible, thank you for sharing your gifts to strengthen our community. Thank you for bearing with me during this Fiesta season. When hurdles came our way, we all managed to keep calm and carried on. With the guidance of St. Anthony, we offered our talents to serve our parish community.

To all my Titas in the parish, our Parish Donors, Novena Mass Sponsors, and Volunteers, thank you for the outpouring of unwavering support. Many of you have been with me through the years. Your presence in this year's Fiesta has been most heartwarming. I am deeply moved. Without you, Fiesta 2019 would not have been as warm and as joyous. Thank you for showing our parish that God's gift is not for personal consumption. Your support had strengthened our community as we continue our mission together in unity.

May St. Anthony continue to bless us all. Viva Sao Antonio de Lisbon! Viva San Antonio de Padova...

At your service, I faithfully remain

Edmund Lim
Parishioner

FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST



A Heartfelt Thanks!

“Give all of yourself and God will give you all of Himself”

- St. Anthony of Padua

Time and again, our parish-community has been blessed graciously in many ways. I personally have witnessed it when we celebrated the Feast of our beloved Saint Anthony of Padua – how God guided the Executive Committee of our Parish Pastoral Council in the discernment process in choosing the Chairperson of the 2019 Fiesta Committee, the organization and person in-charge, as well as members of the different working committees.

Thank you for allowing yourselves to be God’s instrument in making His loving and tender care reach people in various ways. To many – by means of addressing their health concern – and to others through receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. To some, our Novena Masses had become a moment of intense reflection, prayer and making the message of the Gospel come alive. To the rest of our parishioners, our fiesta activities provided them another opportunity to express the generosity and support through their time, talent and treasure.

Indeed, our fiesta program and activities was a pilgrimage of a beloved, gifted and empowered Fraternity-in-Mission; it was your self-offering and selfless sharing of the best that every member of our parish-community that made our fiesta an encounter of God’s especial blessing – God’s precious gift to us through the inspiration of St. Anthony of Padua.

Thank you very much to all of you, my co-stewards and servants. Our fiesta was not only a success, it was also a faith nurturing, community-family life enriching and mission animating.

May the good and gracious Lord bless you and your loved ones always!!!

Fraternally,

Fr. Reu Jose C. Galoy, OFM

FROM THE DESK OF THE PPC PRESIDENT



Parish Fiesta 2019

To our dear parishioners,

Time really does fly and here we are again, celebrating our Fiesta, not only with dinner and music, but also with our 2-week outreach activities: kicking off with the Medical Mission, the Libreng Binyag/Kumpil/Kasal and Almusal, the FOSA night for household help, and the Children's day. Added to these were our 9-day Novena Masses in honor of our patron St. Anthony. To top it all, our Fiesta Mass was presided by no less than our beloved Cardinal Tagle!

I thank our Lord God for bringing us all together as one parish family to celebrate the feast of our patron, St. Anthony. I also thank St. Francis and St. Claire -- for accompanying St. Anthony in praying for our Parish -- and of course our Parish Priest, Fr. Reu Galoy for leading and guiding us.

This year's Fiesta has been a challenging one as our Fiesta Chair had to fly in and out of the country so many times during the past few months because of his mother's condition. But despite the very hectic schedule, the Fiesta Chair never left his heart and worries in all the activities of the fiesta.

With this, I would like to thank Edmund Lim for accepting the role as Chairman for this year's Parish Fiesta.

To the Fiesta Committee, all the ministries who helped in our fiesta activities, all the donors who supported all our outreach and fiesta events -- through the Mass sponsorship, the Mass collections, the Novena intention envelopes and direct donations -- your support for our fiesta is very much appreciated! None of these activities would have been successful without your help.

Congratulations as well to those who won the raffle during the Fiesta dinner, Festival de Musica. Our gracious donors put 6 plane tickets up for grabs that night -- a trip for 2 to Palawan, a trip for 2 to Hong Kong, and a trip for 2 to anywhere in Asia! The dinner was overflowing with good food, drinks and outstanding musical performances as well.

Finally, a big and heartfelt thank you to all our beloved parishioners for making our Fiesta activities not only successful but also, and most importantly - meaningful. I hope that we changed not only the lives of our beneficiaries, but also our lives as well. All for the glory of God!

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, I thank all of you once again and may the Lord bless you and your families. Happy Fiesta!

Medical Mission

This year's medical mission in honor of St. Anthony of Padua was held last June 1 at the Parish Center. It was a huge success! There were 80 doctors, 10 dentists, 15 medical interns who attended to the patients, while CWL scholars, CWL mothers and volunteers assisted during the event. More than 800 patients availed of free services and medicines. Among the services offered were dental, optical, opthta, x-ray, ultrasound, ECG, anemia screening,

bone scan, derma, ENT, medical pedia, medical adult, OBGyne and papsmear. Minor surgery such as circumcision, superficial mass and cyst removal were also possible with the help of UST doctor volunteers. Major surgery for hernia, goiter/thyroid, cleft lip/palate and mass/tumor removal (both benign and malignant) were also made possible by Hospital on Wheels.



SSAP and CWL would like to thank its generous donors for sponsoring this year's medical mission.



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Libreng Binyag

Libreng Binyag was held last June 3. 18 children were baptized by Fr. Reu Galoy, OFM.



Libreng Kasal

Libreng Kasal was held at the Main Church last June 7. 30 couples were joined in Holy Matrimony by Fr. Reu Galoy, OFM. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Parish Center.



Libreng Kumpil

Libreng Kumpil was held last June 10. 26 confirmands were confirmed by Bishop Broderick Pabillo, DD. The Mass was co-celebrated by Fr. Efren Jimenez.



Children's Day



Children's Day was held on June 9 at the Parish Center. This year's theme was: "Youth Fun" It was a fun-filled morning as the kids enjoyed the inflatable slide, supersized games, art, and dance performances.

Friar's Night



After the procession in honor of St. Anthony of Padua last June 12, the Franciscan friars, members of the Parish Pastoral Council and invited guests, gathered to celebrate the annual Friar's Night. A simple dinner was served. Our new priests assigned to SSAP – Fr. Percy Tayem and Fr. Robert Manansala – were welcomed. Fr. Efren Jimenez – whose new assignment will be in Our Lady of the Abandoned Parish (OLAP) in Sta. Ana, Manila -- gave a few words.

Book Launch of Fr. Cristino Pine, OFM



Fr. Cristino Pine, OFM launched his book entitled "Living Word on Breathing Earth" at SSAP last June 12. The book talks about "an integral ecology expressed in an inclusive faith that reaches out in love, justice, and compassion to all the inhabitants of 'our common home'". Fr. Cris "shows how both the Scriptures and the book of nature need to be read in the light of God's plan for all creation."

Procession in Honor of St. Anthony of Padua



After the 9th Day of the Novena Mass to St. Anthony last June 12, parishioners, friars and devotees joined the procession in honor of St. Anthony of Padua, which commenced from church, through Dasmarinas Village and back. The carrozas which carried the statues of St. Anthony of Padua, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Clare were beautifully decorated with flowers; A band played; The novena to St. Anthony and the Holy Rosary were prayed during the procession.

Libreng Almusal



June 4 CWL / Altar Environment



June 5 Health Care Ministry



June 6 Marian Cenacle



June 7 EMHC / Men of the Sacred Heart /
Urdaneta



June 8 Lecom / Youth of San Antonio



June 9 Family & Life Ministry / Coro de San Antonio



June 10 Scholarship / MBMG



June 11 Admin and Finance



June 12 OFS

Novena Mass in Honor of St. Anthony of Padua

Theme: St. Anthony of Padua: An Inspiration of Beloved, Gifted and Empowered Fraternity-in-Mission



June 4: Novena Mass Day 1
President: Fr. Baltazar Obico, OFM
Sponsor: Lectors and Commentators Ministry



June 7: Novena Mass Day 4
President: Fr. Cristino Pine, OFM
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June 5: Novena Mass Day 2
President: Fr. Andres Ranoa, OFM
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June 8 : Novena Mass Day 5
President: Fr. Napoly Pasion, OFM
Sponsor: Tecman Alonso and Family



June 6: Novena Mass Day 3
President: Fr. Christopher Tibong, OFM
Sponsor: Menchu Bautista and Family



June 9: Novena Mass Day 6
President: Fr. Jamil Albert, OFM
Sponsor: Silver Society



June 10: Novena Mass Day 7
President: Fr. Percival Tayem, OFM
Sponsor: OFS / Health Care Ministry



June 11: Novena Mass Day 8
President: Fr. Efren Jimenez, OFM
Sponsor: Raymond and Marrot Moreno



June 12: Novena Mass Day 9
President: Fr. Reu Jose Galoy, OFM
Sponsor: Vicky Chan and Family /
Edmund Lim and Family

Fiesta Mass in Honor of St. Anthony of Padua

In his Homily, Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle reminds us to use our God-given gifts and talents to fulfill our mission.



President: Luis Antonio Cardinal Tagle
Sponsor: Dayrit-Guevara Family /
Carrie Bautista and Family

Fiesta Dinner

Raffle Winners



Welcome Remarks by PPC President, Jun Rodriguez



Toast by Fiesta Chairperson, Edmund Lim



Johann Go - Trip to Palawan



Girlie Sison - Pearl Necklace



Lynn Rivilla - Trip to anywhere in Asia



Mitchie Castañeda - Trip to Hong Kong



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June 13, 2019
7pm Dinner
Parish Center Social Hall

Dinner by *Melior*



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Village Youth Choir



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Paolo 'Popi' Pineda





RANDOM THOUGHTS
Voices from Yesterday and Today...

By Peachy Maramba

St. Thomas, Apostle of the Lord

Feast Day: July 3

Little is known with certainty about Thomas except what is in the Bible – not even who he was and what were the circumstances that led our Lord to make him an apostle.

Other than being mentioned in the list of Apostles, stories involving Thomas are to be found only in the Gospel of John who painted one of the most vivid characters in the New Testament.

Man of Contradictions

He is first mentioned when the life of Jesus was in danger. Having preached in the temple during Hanukkah (Feast of Dedication) in words that led to threats of stoning for blasphemy, Jesus just managed to elude arrest by fleeing Jerusalem and crossing the Jordan. Unfortunately it was at this time that word had reached Him that His good friend Lazarus was dying in Bethany, a village just outside Jerusalem.

Reluctant to return so soon back to dangerous territory He delayed for two days. It was only on learning that His friend had died that He called His disciples and said, "Let us go to him" (John 11:15). Since he was already dead, many of the disciples could not see the sense in risking arrest just to visit a tomb. (Little did they know that He would raise him from the dead). When Thomas saw that Jesus had made up His mind and was determined to go despite the death threats of being stoned by the Jews in Judea. Out of his ardent love for our Lord, Thomas courageously urged the other disciples saying, "Let us also go, that we may die with Him" (Jn 11:16). Thereby showing this complete trust in the Lord even if he did not know why Jesus was going.

So committed to Jesus was Thomas that he was willing to stand by Him and if necessary, even to die with Him. Fortunately this commitment was not put to a test until much later.

When Jesus was finally arrested, where was Thomas? Like most of the apostles he fled into the night and safely hid. This shows Thomas to be a man of contradictions and -- like all of us -- full of human imperfections.

Our Christian Faith

However, it is to Thomas that we owe our thanks for eliciting from Jesus the words which contain our whole Christian faith.

As Passover drew near, Jesus realized He had reached His last opportunity to teach His disciples. So at the Last Supper, Jesus gave His final discourses to His apostles when He told them that He was going to his Father's house to prepare a place for them. But He was going to come again to take them to be with Him. Then He said, "And you know the way where I am going."

Puzzled by this mysterious way of speaking the apostles sat tongue-tied. It was only Thomas who finally blurted out, "Lord, we do not know where You are going. How can we know the way?" (John 14:4) It was Thomas's question that drew the assertion from Jesus: "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by Me." (Jn 14:6). Jesus was not speaking about knowing directions or a location, but about knowing a Person – Him.

Doubting Thomas

Thomas the Apostle is best known and remembered through the centuries and worldwide as "Doubting Thomas." The Gospel of John 20: 24-29 tells us about the incident which gave rise to that expression.

After Jesus had suffered and died on a cross, He rose from the dead. On the same day of His resurrection, Jesus appeared suddenly to His disciples even if the room was locked from within. He appeared to convince them of the truth of His resurrection. He showed them all the wounds of His crucifixion and commissioned them by saying, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, even so I send you."

He also empowered them by breathing on them saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." (Jn 20: 21; 22-23)

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For some reason Thomas was not present at this very important happening. When he arrived and they excitedly told him about it, he was incredulous and disbelieving. This is when he uttered his famous challenge: "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails and place my finger in the mark of the nails, and place my hand in His side, I will not believe."

Eight days later when all the disciples including Thomas were present, Christ appeared again to resolve the issue. Appearing specifically for Thomas' sake to give him the proof he requested He went to him and said, "Put your finger here and see My hands; and put out your hand and place it in My side; do not be faithless, but believing." (Jn 20:25, 27)

Doubt affects everyone. It is not necessarily a lack or absence of faith. In fact, it is "part of faith's journey that we go on trusting in God's providence despite appearances to the contrary."

So when the doubting Thomas saw and felt the wounds from the crucifixion, he fell at Jesus' feet exclaiming, "My Lord and my God!" It is said to be "the most explicit statement of faith in the New Testament" and a prayer that Christians will say till the end of time. The Church has since used this wonderful profession of faith at the elevation of the Sacred Host at Mass and at Benediction. But Jesus then remarked, "Have you believed because you have seen Me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." (Jn 20, 28)

It is interesting to note that six centuries later Pope Gregory the Great surprisingly wrote of the impact of this narrative: "Thomas' lack of faith did more for our faith that did the faith of the disciples who believed." This is because like Thomas, we are people of contradictions. Some days we are filled with great doubt; on other days, great faith. Thomas used his doubt to look for the evidence that strengthened his faith and commitment.

JULY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

July 5
First Friday

July 6
First Saturday

July 26
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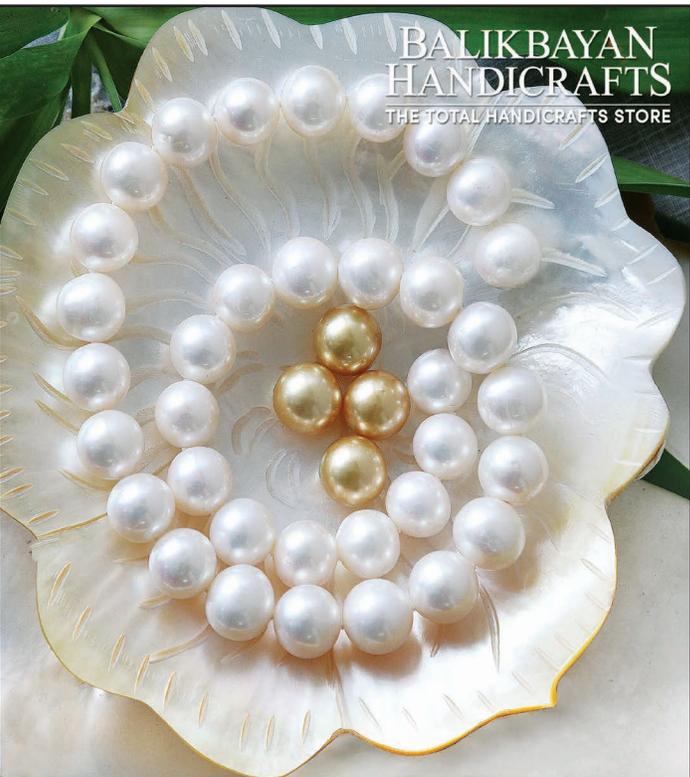
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