

Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility.

St. Augustine

# BASILICA BULLETIN

A Weekly Publication of Our Lady of Penafrancia Basilica and National Shrine, Naga City, 4400 Philippines



July 1, 2012

www.penafrancia.net

13th Sunday Ordinary Time

## Humility is our True Sanctity

Fr. Elizalde Sapian

**O**ur gospel today reminds us that temporal power is not meant to empower us. Genuine power infact is found in the weakest point of our lives.

Let us take the humility of the Roman official in the gospel. Jairus, whose daughter died, approached Jesus to ask for his help. He is not in control, that his power and authority are limited. Because of his humility, Jesus rewarded him with the cure and raised his daughter back to life.

Let us remember that humility touches and attracts the attention of God.

Humility means happiness, understanding, management, industry, lowliness, trust and yearning.

**HAPPINESS** - a humble per-



son is always happy of what he achieved and recieved given by God. He is contended with the simplicity of the kind of life entrusted to him by God.

**UNDERSTANDING** - If we are proud, we cannot see what God wants. He wants to be a part of our lives. This is a sign to us that God wants to engage in all areas of our lives. We must be humble that we can see and feel that God is working in us.

**MANAGEMENT** - Humility helps us to manage ourselves be-

cause it helps us to accept and know our limitation. In this way we can truly see ourselves especially our need for God.

**INDUSTRY** - Humility helps us to know that with our power alonce we can do nothing. We need to be humble in order that we can truly work harder and strive more to overcome our limitation.

**LOWLINESS** - It is one way of accepting of oneself that we are not somebody but we have only limited powers. It also means simplicity of the heart.

**TRUSTING** - means recognizing that our real strength is God. It is depending on the power like what the official did in our gospel today.

**YEARNING** - It is our longing and searching for God. We can only find God in our humble searching for HIM.

Humility is indeed our true power and our true sanctity.

## Daily Readings of the Week

Jul 1 Sun: Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24  
2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/  
Mk 5:21-43  
Jul 2 Mon: Am 2:6-10, 13-16/  
Mt 8:18-22  
Jul 3 Tues: Eph 2:19-22/  
Jn 20:24-29  
Jul 4 Wed: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/  
Mt 8:28-34  
Jul 5 Thur: Am 7:10-17/  
Mt 9:1-8  
Jul 6 Fri: Am 8:4-6, 9-12/  
Mt 9:9-13  
Jul 7 Sat: Am 9:11-15/  
Mt 9:14-17

## Sunday Gospel

Mk:5:21-43



There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.

She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had.

Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."

Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it.

The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling.

She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth.

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you.

Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

"If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured."

## St. Thomas the Apostle

July 3

There is very little about the apostle Thomas in the Gospels; one text calls him the “twin.” Rarely during Jesus’ lifetime does he stand out among his colleagues. There is the instance before the raising of Lazarus, when Jesus was still in Perea and Thomas exclaimed: “Let us also go and die with Him.” Best-known is his expression of unbelief after the Savior’s death, giving rise to the phrase “doubting Thomas.” Nevertheless, the passage describing the incident, had as today’s Gospel, must be numbered among the most touching in Sacred Scripture.

and by his touching the sacred wounds the apostle became a witness to the truth of the resurrection. Thomas touched and cried out: “My Lord and my God!” And Jesus said to him: “Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have



believed.” Now if Thomas saw and touched the Savior, why did Jesus say: Because you have seen Me, Thomas, you have believed? Because he saw something other than what he believed. For no mortal man can see divinity. Thomas saw the Man Christ and acknowledged His divinity with the words: My Lord and my God. Faith therefore followed upon seeing.

In the Breviary lessons Pope St. Gregory the Great makes the following reflections: Thomas’ unbelief has benefited our faith more than the belief of the other disciples; it is because he attained faith through physical touch that we are confirmed in the faith beyond all doubt. Indeed, the Lord permitted the apostle to doubt after the resurrection; but He did not abandon him in doubt. By his doubt

Concerning later events in the apostle’s life very meager information exists. The Martyrology has this: “At Calamina (near Madras in India) the martyrdom of the apostle Thomas – he announced the Gospel to the Parthians, and finally came to India. After he had converted numerous tribes to Christianity, he was pierced with lances at the king’s command.”

The world is a dangerous place to live; not because of the people who are evil, but because of the people who don't do anything about it.

- Albert Einstein



Healing is not something extra that a Church offers, like an additional kids program or a Bible study. Healing is part of God’s plan for all of creation, for all people. You can experience the healing power of God’s presence in your life too. There’s no need to hold back, when God

offers you his Spirit “without measure.” We believe that God is ready to heal us in four specific areas:

### Physical Healing

Our prayers will focus on the specific physical illnesses or conditions that you may have. You do not need to have a life-threatening disease to ask for prayer. The Prayer Team members will pray for healing to take place in God’s time and by his will. Sometimes that healing may be experienced immediately; other times it may take a while. In some cases, God will give you the patience to wait for the healing which may come through medicine or surgery.

### Inner Healing

We can help you experience God’s power to heal your old hurts. Each of us has these wounds, but that does not mean we need to carry them with us for ever. God wants to set us free from the memory of these wounds. God is in control of your future, so there’s no reason to let your past keep you captive! Our Prayer Team ministers will pray with you, to help you close the door on what is past, and live in the freedom of what God has planned for you.

### Forgiveness

We can help you pray to receive forgiveness from God. God wants you to live free from the shame or guilt you have carried for too long. We can also pray with you to help you forgive those who have hurt you in the past, and so set you free from the anger you may have against others that keeps you from experiencing God’s presence more fully. Remember, often our physical illnesses are compounded by stress, anger, and an unforgiving spirit.

### Freedom

God has the power to set you free from addictions or habitual patterns of behavior that are destructive. Evil is a real power present in our world. It most often exerts control over us by seducing us and leading us away from honoring God in all that we do. Still, its power over you can be broken.

[www.thechurchofthespirit.org](http://www.thechurchofthespirit.org)





**P**arents should be careful not to block their son's calling to the priesthood, new Vatican guidelines on promoting vocations say.

"Even though a sense of respect for the figure of the priest is cultivated in Christian families, it is still noticeable, especially in the West, that they have a certain difficulty in accepting that their child may have a vocation to the priesthood," said the document launched by Cardinal Zenon Grocholewski, head of the Congregation for Catholic Education, at the Vatican June 25.

The 29-page document, entitled "Pastoral Guidelines for Fostering Vocations to the Priestly Ministry," is the culmination of four years of work by the Congregation for Catholic Education. The guidelines call on parishes to help parents become more aware of their role as "educators in the faith so as to develop in the heart of the family the human and supernatural conditions that make possible the discovery of a priestly vocation."



***Pope Benedict to Restore Trust in Rome***

**T**he Vatican says that Pope Benedict XVI will continue to consult with key figures from the universal Church in a bid to re-establish a "climate of serenity and trust in the service of the Roman Curia."

"Naturally the Holy Father will, over coming days, will continue his discussions and reflections, also taking advantage of the fact that many pastors have come to Rome for the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul," Vatican spokesman Father Federico Lombardi told the media June 24.

He added that the global gathering, which will see 44 archbishops receive their palliums at a June 29 ceremony in St. Peter's Basilica, will provide "an extraordinary opportunity for the community of the universal Church to feel united to the Pope in prayer, service, and the witness of faith for mankind in our time."

**Archdiocesan News**

**T**he Archbishop will ordain 10 seminarians to the Order of Deacon. They are Seminarians ACE D. BARCENA of San Vicente, Baao; SHARSKY CAMA of Presentacion CS; RAYMUND A. CORTEZ of Paloyon, Nabua, CS; ARMAND CHRISTIAN ORTINERO of San Jose, CS; EDWARD P. PLETADO, Palsong, Bula, CS; RAMEL L. PAJENAGO Buh, CS; LEOVEGILDO C. SENTELICES Caramoan, CS; RONALD TUD Pili, CS; EMMANUEL D. QUIROS Siruma, CS; FERMIN P. VALIENTE JR. Nabua.

***10 Seminarians to be Ordained Deacons***



The candidates of ordination taking the Oath of Fidelity and Profession of Faith. They will be ordained Deacon at the Penafrancia Basilica on July 7.

***Two Deacons Ordained***

**T**wo deacons were raised to the Order of Priesthood last week. **Rev. Fr. Christian Eduardo** of the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Camaligan was ordained priest by the Archbishop last June 27.

Also last June 29, **Rev. Fr. Ken Zeus Azur** of the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, Iriga City, was also ordained.

After their ordination, they also celebrated their Thanksgiving Masses in their respective parishes.

**BASILICA NEWS**

***PYP Project Cited***

**T**he Rotary Club has awarded the Mass Wedding Project of the Penafrancia Young Professional (PYP) last week. The said project has been cited as the Most Outstanding project in 2 categories in the recently concluded District Recognition and Awarding Ceremonies of the Rotary clubs in D3820 in Batangas.

It will be remembered that the PYP together with the Rotary Club of Naga sponsored the Mass Wedding last Sept. 3, 2011.



***PAGSUNGKO NI INA***

**A**s the Penafrancia Fiesta draws closer, parishes in the archdiocese, especially within Naga City, are now preparing for that big celebration. One of the most common preparatory activities is the Pagsungko ni INA in barangays, schools and offices.

The image of INA is usually brought in the morning carried on the andas and is welcomed by the devotees. Rosary, Novena and Masses are celebrated by the community.

The Pagsungko ni INA depicts the visit of INA to her children who always long for her presence and love.

## PENAFRANCIA BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE

### MASSSES & CONFESSIONS

#### SUNDAY MASSES:

6:30 am(Bikol) (1st Sunday - Latin) 8:00 am(Bikol) 9:30 am (English)  
11:00 am(Tagalog) 4:00pm(Bikol) 5:00 pm(English) 6:00 pm (English)

#### SATURDAY

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m (English) 5:00 pm Anticipated (English)  
6:00 pm - Procession around Patio  
6:15 pm - Healing

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

6:00 a.m. (Bikol) 7:00 a.m.(English) 5:15 p.m.(English)

#### CONFESSIONS

Sunday 6:30 a.m. to 12:00 Noon 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

#### Weekdays

Wednesday - 3:30p.m. - 5:30p.m.  
Thursday - 2:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.  
First Friday - 5:00p.m. - 6:30p.m.  
Saturday - 9:00a.m. - 11:00a.m.

Balatas Rd. Basilica Compound, Naga City 4400 Philippines  
Telephone/Fax No: (054) 473-3644 / 473 6914

Website: [www.penafrancia.net](http://www.penafrancia.net)

Let us help realize our gift to INA  
MUSEO DE NTRA. SRA. DE PENAFRANCIA



Send your donations to the Basilica Office, Balatas Rd. Naga City Tel. 4733644



Like us:  
Penafrancia  
Basilica Minore



Watch Simbanwaan this Sunday

Featuring: St. Anthony of Padua

Camaligan, Cam Sur

PBN TV 5 - 8:30am/ GNN 48 - 3:00pm/7:00pm

 <b>ROTARY CLUB OF NAGA</b> <small>Reach Within to Embrace Humanity</small>	 <b>GoldPrint Publishing House</b> Tel No. 4723556	 <b>MORAVILLE HOTELS</b> Moraville Garden <small>For as low as Php360/plate Tel. No. 477-0048</small>
 <b>PHOENIX</b> <small>Exclusively Distributed by: Exceedall Distributors, Inc Tel #'s 054-4728488 or 0548118809</small>	 <b>24 PAWNSHOP &amp; JEWELRY STORE</b> <small>Ground Floor, New Naga City People's Mall Tel no. 472-2452</small>	 <b>Little Adam Sia</b> <small>FLAVORS &amp; GRILL</small> Tel no. 4735252
 <b>Papel at Pluma Enterprises</b> <small>OFFICE AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES WHOLESALE &amp; RETAILER papel_naga@yahoo.com tel. 811-2927 or telefax 473-6587</small>	 <b>RIZ MALL</b> <b>NAGA CITY</b> Tel. no. 4731339	 <b>DECA HOMES</b> <small>NAGA SUBDIVISION</small>
 <b>STAR MARK ROYALE</b>	 <b>Naga Parochial School</b> Tel no. 473-3603	 <b>OLIVAN HOME DEPOT</b> <small>Seoall Building, Magsaysay Ave. Naga City 811-2828 / 472-2828</small>
 <b>VILLA CACERES HOTEL</b>	 <b>PUREGOLD PRICE CLUB, INC.</b> <small>G/F ALDP Mall, Diversion Road, Naga City FOR WHOLESALE ORDERS: 811-75-49</small>	 <b>JODANS AIRE MARKETING</b> <small>Zone C, Diversion Road, Naga City Tel: 811-472-2841 GMA: 811-472-2841</small>
Mrs. Rosario Dy Lo Naga City	<b>IMPERIAL MEMORIAL CHAPELS</b> Philip and Bernadette A. Imperial 225 J. Hernandez Ave, Naga City Tel. 475-57-03 or 478-05-12	<b>DAUGHTERS OF MARY (DM) SISTERS</b> call 472 4613

OUR LADY of PENAFRANCIA ASSN Naga City	
Mrs. Cecille Pardo Naga City	Archdiocese of Caceres Council of the Laity
Julia Occiano Tondo Good Shepherd Catholic School San Diego USA	Kim & Gaudy Tena- Napi Sterling Hghts, Michigan
Elianna Enriquez New York, USA	Benjamin Santuyo Naga City
Benjie Sambo Equitan Old Bridge, New Jersey	Benj S. Santuyo Jr and Family
Basilica Joggers	Jun Relunia ADOLP Diocese of Paramata Australia

Penafrancia Basilica Minore and National Shrine

Balatas Rd, Naga City 4400

Tel No. 473-3644

[www.penafrancia.net](http://www.penafrancia.net)