

TRINITY NEWS

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Veterans Day - Memories are made of this..

The execution of one of your finest in Rizal cast a long shadow over what we may loosely call modern Filipino history. He remains in the national memory as an eikon of what it means to be a Filipino; passionate, learned, brave, patriotic and a courageous leader. But he was also intensely human, totally immersed in every situation. He is joined by a host of witnesses who make up the endless parade of men and women who pass before us today in memory lane.

Filipinos seem to have an innate capacity to draw strength from their national heroes. They observe their flaws but pass over them to gaze at their achievements and to be inspired by them I have not noticed this capacity to recall the past and make it such a present personal reality in other countries in which I have lived. Certainly, they do it, but the depth and fervour of feeling here about historical reflections continues to inspire me.

Today we recall all those before and after Rizal who have honoured this nation with service and indeed sacrifice.

We observe this day in the context of the Eucharist. This central act of worship has at its heart the notion of sacrifice. The institution of this sacrament in the Upper Room, the sacrifice of Christ, and his resurrection are the key elements.

The Eucharist, though not a sacrifice in itself, invokes our participation in the sacrifice of Christ once-for-all at Calvary. Christ died for the salvation of all of humanity. Those of us who believe that go to the Cross to link our sufferings with his sufferings, and our little victories with his immeasurable victory over sin and death. The national heroes on the other hand died for the salvation of our country. We watch them pass by and we draw strength from their struggles and their unfading dreams of a new nation and a better day.

Christ the universal pilgrim stands in the shadows and prays that their efforts may not be in vain. He triumphed over Evil, and he goes ahead of us, calling us on.

Bishop Arthur Jones

Readings for next week:

Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 138; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

THIS WEEK:

TODAY:

- Start of Sunday School.

TUESDAY:

- Bible Study, 10am

*We welcome all those who join us today for this special occasion, honored guests, our beloved veterans, their families and friends.
Mabuhay!*

Your prayers are asked in our healing ministry for Diana Croyston, JPeter, Beryl Tanner, Ron Thoburn, Suzanne Jacobson, Cena Quiapos, Benjie Gonzales, Ron Jacob, Bonnie SyCip, Fidelia Matthews, Jovel Llagas, Ema Duhaylongsod, Ted Whale, Loy Solasco, Emerinciana Gatela, Augusto Natividad, Avelina Collado, Amy Gonzales, Eric Williamson, Carlyn-Fern Manning, Richard Kendall, Johnny Manning Jr, Carrie Angus, Jaqueline Acquiatan, Janet Johnstone, Susan Dalmas, Sunny Cabanang, Gloria Domingo, Katsi Araneta, Valerie Jones, Emilie Nauntofte, Marian Kermanshahchi, Rosaline Soulsby.

	Last Sunday	Year-to-date	Proportionate Budget	2010 Budget
Pledge	P36,900.00	P2,695,158.48	P2,700,000.00	P3,900,000.00
Loose Plate	P10,668.20	P613,977.23	P650,769.23	P940,000.00

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