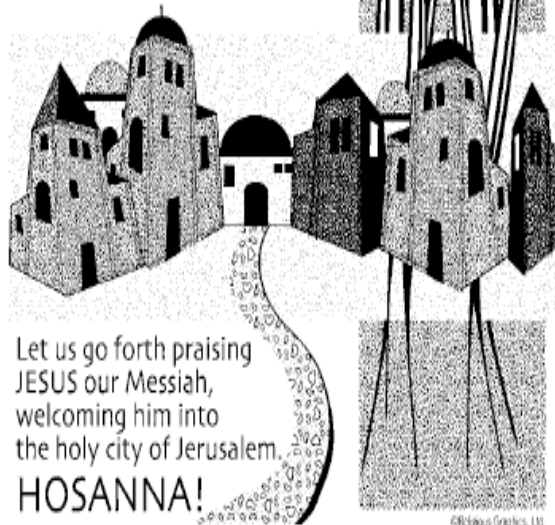


HOSANNA!
 Blessed is he who
 comes in the name
 of the **LORD**



Let us go forth praising
 JESUS our Messiah,
 welcoming him into
 the holy city of Jerusalem.
HOSANNA!

APRIL 01, 2012
Passion
 Sunday

What a greater climax can you imagine for a love story? Jesus' death has profoundly influenced the course of history. Yet one is not able to fathom the depth of that PASSION— passion for the humanity. What was there so priceless in humanity that God himself should suffer for the love of humanity? YES, GOD FOUND US WORTHY OF DYING FOR. The suffering, humiliation and death of Jesus were not a mere submission of some political powers or economic dominance. It was simply the measure of love expressed in the most unmeasurable way. But can the love be one-sided? Can you simply stand and watch somebody loving you to the extent of dying on the Cross?

Are you so cold hearted as not to respond to that love? But mind you, your lover won't give up. Jesus waits spreading his arms that the world may embrace him. With Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) we are entering in to the Holy Week, the most important week of the life of the Church. Let us concentrate our energy for a meaningful participation in the passion, crucifixion, death and resurrection of our Saviour.



The **MOST HOLY DAYS** of the Church's Liturgical Year
 are **UPON US !**

**WELCOME to all who are visiting the
 FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL
 at this time.**



MASS of CHRISM - (Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)

On Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., Montreal's new Archbishop, Msgr. Christian Lepine, will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with the Bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Montreal. At this Mass, the Holy Oils, used in the administration of the sacraments will be blessed and consecrated. Priests renew their dedication to Christ and their commitment to serve God's people.

NOTE: NO Wednesday 6:00 p.m Service at the FCMM

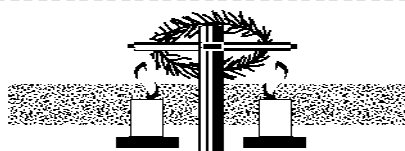


GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

In the land where Our Lord Jesus Christ chose to be born, where the ultimate loving sacrifice was made by his dying on the cross, and where his glorious resurrection took place . . . a desperate cry for help can be heard. For many centuries, the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land and the Equestrian Order

of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem have each been charged with the protection of Christians and the care of our holy shrines, including the Tomb of Christ.

On April 6, Good Friday, a special collection will be taken up world-wide for this very important cause. Please be very generous as the needs are especially great this year due to the unrest in the land of Our Lord.



HOLY WEEK IS UPON US!

Please make every effort to make it on Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday.



HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER !!!

Join with us in a special labor of love! Many volunteers are needed on **Holy Saturday morning, April 7th at 9:00 a.m** to transform the Church for the most glorious solemnity of Easter. More hands makes lighter work!!!



EASTER POT- LUCK - JOIN US for a pot-luck fellowship celebrating

Easter which will be held in the Church Hall immediately following the Mass of the Lord's Resurrection on Sunday, April 8th at 11: 30 a.m. Bring drinks and your favorite dessert to share.

For details, contact Ms. Tess Ambayec.



PILGRIMAGE – JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL IN PHILADELPHIA ON JULY 14-16, 2012. COST- \$186.00/PERSON/DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. RESERVE BEFORE APRIL 20TH. CONTACT/INFO.: IGNA JACOBE (450- 671-6418 OR IGNAOTTO@ YAHOO.COM.)

DO YOU KNOW ?



What to do with the old palms? Since the palms from Palm Sunday are blessed, they should be disposed of in the proper manner. We should not just throw them out, leave them in the car, let them fall behind the couch, etc. We should dispose of them by either burying them or burning them. You might also want to save them and give them a place of prominence — near a crucifix or statue of our Lady.



Veiled Statues You have certainly noticed that our beautiful image of the Risen Lord , the Crucifix, as well as the statues of the saints have been veiled since last Sunday. Some may remember this practice from years ago; some may never have seen it before. It is an ancient practice of the Church to veil sacred images from the fifth Sunday of Lent (formerly "Passion Sunday"), until Easter. Only the Stations of the Cross are not veiled (for obvious reasons). We do this primarily to crucifixes and images of our Lord to call to mind that in the weeks leading up to His death He no longer went openly among the people,

but hid himself because they sought to kill Him (cf. Jn 12:36). Another reason is because "Christ's divinity was hidden when he arrived at the time of His suffering and death. The images of the saints are also covered because it would seem improper for the servants to appear when the Master is hidden" (*Catholic Encyclopedia*). Thus we deliberately deprive ourselves of the beauty of our Lord and His saints. By doing this may we better appreciate the ugliness of sin and the beauty His death and resurrection have restored to our souls.

Why is the church so barren during the Lenten Season?



During Lent the altar should not be decorated with flowers. Flowers are usually signs of festivity. But when you think about it, flowers are emblems of many different things. They are signs of festivity, consolation, of life and the shortness of life. The flowers of early spring are harbingers--they point to something even more wonderful to come. The absence of flowers during Lent helps to emphasize

the importance of Easter and makes the anticipation of Easter more meaningful... we are on a journey to the Cross and beyond. Jesus is with us as each daybreaks!



EMPTY HOLY WATER FONTS Why are the holy water fonts empty during Lent? The absence of water can serve to remind us of the desert where Jesus spent 40 days. It also reminds us that during Lent we anticipate and prepare for the "new waters" of Baptism that constitute the celebration of Easter. We call to mind the need we have to renew our baptismal promises in the new water at Easter.

May the empty fonts remind us of the importance of our own baptism and the need that we all have for renewal in body, mind and spirit as we journey through Lent.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS** offered by **TONY and NORMA FOZ.**

REMINDER: Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. All Catholics 14 years of age and older abstain from meat, and all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age eat sacrificially on this day.



Enter into the **PASSION** and **GLORY** of the **LORD**

This week is the holiest week of the Church year because it commemorates the "hour" of Jesus. This is the hour he had been moving toward all his life. It was for this hour he came from the Father. He returns to the Father and promises :

**"I go to prepare a place for you so that where I am you also may be."
Come join us in the Liturgical Celebration of these great events here at the FCMM.**



HOLY THURSDAY



"The one who wants to be great among you must be your servant, even the slave of all." Jesus gives the example of what it means to be a servant as he washes the feet of the disciples. He tells us all that we must serve and he gives us the power to overcome our selfishness and self-centeredness in going out to others.

He gives us the Eucharist. He will nourish us. He will be Emmanuel— God with us.

We then have confidence in his help for us.

The Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 8:00 PM. Adoration will follow until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY



The cross is the sign of the new covenant we have with our God. The cross stood as if it were one word on Calvary—love. It is a sign of the love the Son has for the Father and the Father's love for us.

*"God so loved the world that he gave us his only Son."
The Father is making one great movement to give himself to his people.*

*Jesus said, "I am doing what the Father is doing even now."
Jesus gives himself totally and was nailed to a cross.*

The Father gives himself to us and we may receive him or reject him.

"Behold the wood of the cross."

The Liturgy of Good Friday begins at 12:00 noon with the Stations of the Cross and The Celebration of the Lord's Passion begins at 3:00 p.m.

VIGIL IN THE HOLY NIGHT OF EASTER



A fire, a large candle and lots of readings from the dawn of creation to the dawn of Christ, the new day. It is the "pillar of fire that glows to the honor of God."

By its shared light, the light of the saving Messiah, we can hear and understand better God's loving incursions into creation's story. All is retold and done this night in the light of Christ.

"He is risen. It is true. We have seen him and we are his witnesses."

The Solemn Easter Vigil will begin Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY



Our praise word "Alleluia" has been silent for the forty days of Lent. Now we praise the Lord. This time, this most holy time, we praise God who raised Jesus from the death. With grateful hearts we recognize our destiny in this rising. "If we live with Christ and we die with Christ, we will rise with Christ."

*How grateful we are to the God who keeps promises. **ALLELUIA!***

The Mass of the Lord's Resurrection is at 11:30AM with the Rite of SALUBONG before the Mass. The EASTER POT-LUCK FELLOWSHIP will follow after the Mass. Bring drinks/dessert to share.

