

December 25, 2011
The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

A Blessed Christmas to all! This is the day we have longed for, and for which we have been preparing during these past four weeks – the commemoration of the earthly birth of God's eternal Son. No words can express the importance of that event in the history of humankind as well as our personal lives. In all truth we can say that, after the birth of Jesus Christ, nothing and nobody has been the same as before, for in him God has become a brother to every human being in the fullest sense. God's incarnate Son has come to share our problems, worries, and aspirations that we might share God's peace and God's very life. With hearts full of gratitude, let us offer ourselves totally to the Lord!



CHRISTMAS 2012:

Dear Friends :

"Today our Savior is born". These words of St. Leo the Great ring out with great joy in churches across the world this Christmas day. Today, He is born. We do not celebrate this day as the anniversary of the Lord's birth, but rather as the Solemn Commemoration of His presence with us this very day. Remember the words of the angel to the shepherds, "Today a Savior has been born to you in David's town..."

(Jesus is not born in yesterday or in tomorrow but in TODAY ! EVERYDAY in to our lives as we open our hearts and minds to Him).

Today, in Word and Sacrament, the Lord Jesus pitches His tent among us. We see His glory through the eyes of faith, and for that we have reason to rejoice.

May God bless you and your loved ones with a truly Blessed Christmas !

Fr. Frank and the FCMM Staff



**Maligayang Pasko at
Manigong Bagong Taon!**





Offering Envelopes



YEAR 2012 ENVELOPES are now available for pick-up after each Mass. Please contact Mr. Raymundo Foz or the FCMM Office.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

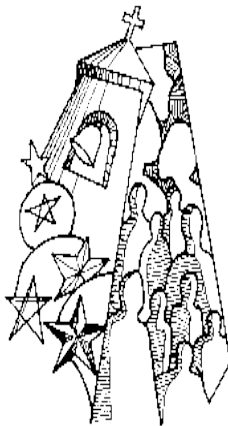
YOU HAVE UNTIL DECEMBER 31ST TO GIVE YOUR DONATIONS WHICH YOU WISH TO BE CREDITED TO THE TAXATION YEAR 2011 !

As the End of the Year approaches, we would encourage those of you who can to recall the FCMM in your end of the year giving. If you are among those blessed with resources and looking for a way to give, please consider an extra gift to the FCMM: for the care of the church, the teaching of faith to our young people, the support of various tools of communication and evangelization, the building of communion with those in need. Thank you for your care, and blessings always.



CALLING ALL FAMILIES ...

Come join in the special celebration in our community of the Feast of the Holy Family on **FRIDAY, Dec. 30 @ 6:00 p.m.**
WE HOPE TO SEE YOU !



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

DECEMBER 28(WEDNESDAY)

- Regular Schedule - 6:00 p.m. Mass

December 30 (FRIDAY)

- 6:00 p.m. – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASS

December 31 (SATURDAY)

7:00 p.m. – NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL & Thanksgiving Mass

January 1, 2012 (SUNDAY) SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- 1:00 p.m. –NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

January 4 & 6(WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY)

- Regular Schedule - 6:00 p.m. Mass

January 8 (SUNDAY)

- 11:30 a.m.- EPIPHANY OF THE LORD MASS

January 15 (SUNDAY)

- 11:30 a.m.- SEÑOR STO. NIÑO FEAST DAY MASS



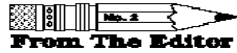
THE PARADISE TREE



What is the decorated evergreen tree - the light and sight and smell of which means "Christmas"? It is the tree in the center of the garden, lost to us by our first parents' folly, restored to us by Christ's saving deed. It is the tree that claps its hands uproariously before the Lord, who comes. It is the tree - once drafted into death's service - that now blooms forth and shines in splendor: He who died in its arms has defeated death and lives forever. This is the tree of life straddling the river of life in the new Jerusalem. Bearing twelve kinds of fruit, it is laden with enough joy for all the tribes. It marks the spot where heaven intersects with earth. And look! That spot is here - in the house of the church. That spot is here - in your own house. Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord! Paradise is so very close to home.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the GLORY OF GOD with the THANKSGIVING INTENTIONS of Mr. & Mrs. Alvin & Hilda Veloso.



The usual hospitality, acknowledgment, and stewardship corners of our news bulletin will be back in January 2012.



CHRISTMAS BEATITUDES



Blessed are they who find Christmas in the age-old story of a Babe born in Bethlehem; to them a little child will always mean hope and promise to a troubled world.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the Christmas star; their lives may ever reflect its beauty and light.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the joy of giving lovingly to others; they shall share the gladness and joy of the shepherds and the wise men of old.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the fragrant greens, the cheerful holly, and soft flicker of candles; to them shall come bright memories of love and happiness.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the happy music of Christmas time; they shall have a song of joy ever singing in their hearts.

Blessed are they who find Christmas in the message of the Prince of Peace; they will ever strive to help him bring peace on earth, and goodwill to all people.

(Author unknown)



Christmas QUIPS.



** * * Don't get so wrapped up in what the world has to SELL that you miss what God has to GIVE.*

** * * The perfect Christmas gift for the person who has everything is a burglar alarm.*

** * * I've never realized how bad the economy was until I spoke to Sta. Claus on the phone. During our chat, I asked: "How's reindeer Rudolph?" He said, "Delicious!"*

** * * If Sta. Claus were alive today, he'd think twice before scaling up into any chimney. Overweight, over forty, and carrying the load of a bulging tummy – Santa would be a candidate for heart attack.*

** * * A five-year-old boy came home and told his mother that he was in a Christmas play. "Who were you?" his mother asked him. "I was the voice of God."*

We smile at this story. But shouldn't every one of us speak as the voice of God in this world? – The Pilgrim.



*May the Baby Jesus
fill you and your family
with the abundance
of his grace.
A Blessed Christmas
to One and All!*