



JANUARY 22, 2012

**PHILIPPINE FEAST OF THE
HOLY CHILD
-SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO-**

Today we are fortunate to celebrate, once again, the Feast of the Sto. Niño. This devotion, which has its roots in the beginning of the Christianization of the Philippines, is also one of the main features of our popular religiosity.

If our devotion to the Sto. Niño is genuine, it must not stop at placing his image in our family altar, or carrying it wherever we go. Our devotion to the Child Jesus must find its practical manifestation in our concern for the total welfare of the millions of children throughout the world and especially for those who are victimized in so many ways.

Jesus loved children and showed his love and esteem for them in very practical ways, as we learn from today's Gospel passage. In the Eucharist let us renew our commitment to do likewise

We join all devotees of the Infant Jesus in observing His Feast Day. **PIT SENYOR !**



What child is this? This child is **light** dawning in the darkness of death. This child is **joy** in freedom from bondage. This child is **peace** in being liberated from war and destruction. This child is **Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace**. This child is **mighty God**. And this child makes us look differently at every human person as a child of God. In Jesus' time a child was not just a young human being under the age of 12, it was anyone who was without power, without recourse, slaves, outsiders/strangers, the sick, the shunned, the sinner, the poor... and it is they who swarm to the presence of Jesus, the beloved Child of God.

The kingdom belongs to them first and unless we become like them, needing, having no power but God's and reveling in the presence of God, we will not know either God or the kingdom among us.



JESUS — The Most Holy Name of Jesus

It has long been a tradition to devote the month of January to our Lord's childhood — and His Most Holy Name! The letters IHS are an abbreviation of *Jesous*, the Greek name for Jesus.

“Jesus means in Hebrew: ‘God saves.’

In a world of fiercely guarded corporate names and logos, it should be easy to understand this feast.

At the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel gave him the name

Jesus as his proper name, which expresses both his identity and his mission. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man, will save his people from their sins.’ In Jesus, God recapitulates all of his history of salvation on behalf of men. The name of Jesus is at the heart of Christian prayer.

All liturgical prayers conclude with the words, ‘through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ The Hail Mary reaches its high point in the words ‘blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.’

The Eastern prayer of the heart, the Jesus Prayer, says, ‘Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’ Many Christians, such as St. Joan of Arc, have died with the one word, ‘Jesus’ on their lips.” (CCC: 430 & 435)

**Blessed be the Most Holy Name of Jesus
without end !**



The SEARCH for the 2012 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS needs some more candidates. Those interested to help us see through this project may contact Mrs. Julie Tabamo and the other Administrators, or the FCMM Office for details. Thank you.



OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES FRATERNITY

On Saturday, January 28, 2012, a new Secular Franciscan Order Fraternity will be canonically established during a 6:00 p.m. Eucharistic Celebration at the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal. To be composed of thirty-one (31) professed members who completed a six month period of enquiry followed by a fifteen (15) month program of initial formation

on the SFO Rule and Franciscan spirituality, under the direction of an Initial Formation team appointed by the Regional Council which included: Clayton Marolly, sfo, and Betty McKoy, sfo, of St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity, Montreal and Eric Lasota, sfo, Regional Vice-Minister, with Bernadette Jalea, sfo, as facilitator, these members will form the new **OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES FRATERNITY** of the Order, which will be located at the FCMM parish on St. Laurent Blvd. in the north end of Montreal.

The new fraternity will be part of the Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada which includes 18 Anglophone SFO fraternities located between the Diocese of Pembroke in Ontario and the Archdiocese of Halifax in Nova Scotia. This Regional Fraternity of the SFO will now include approximately 250 active Secular Franciscans.

The Secular Franciscan Order was established for lay persons by St. Francis of Assisi some 800 years ago in Italy. Local fraternities consist primarily of single and married men and women, but may also include some diocesan clergy. Spiritual assistance for local fraternities is provided under the direction of friars of the First Order of St. Francis. Prior to 1978, the Secular Franciscan Order was known as the "Third Order of St. Francis of Assisi". The Order now includes some 400,000 members in thousands of fraternities around the world. In Canada, there are more than 4000 members of different linguistic and cultural backgrounds, who are organized in 13 Regional Fraternities across the country.

COME and JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL EVENT IN OUR COMMUNITY !



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

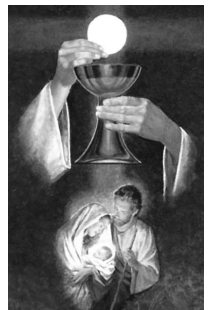
on SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012 @ 2:00 P.M.

HOSTS: KAWAN NG PANGINOON and EVANGELIZATION TEAM\



MUSICAL VARIETY SHOW featuring the Panday Tinig Chorale Ensemble and several singers / entertainers.

*A Fundraising Project sponsored by the Kalihukang Bisaya & Panday Tinig Group of Montreal to be held on Sunday, January 29, 2012- 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at 6767 Cote des Neiges * Entrance is Free! Monetary donation is needed for victims of the "Sendong Typhoon" last Dec.2011. All proceeds will be given to the region affected. For more info, pls. call Nereo Ruiz (514) 696-4307 or Paul Imperial (514)-487-3649



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every year, close to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, and before the feast of the Chair of St. Peter on February 22, the cause of Church unity is commended to Christians

everywhere. Sadly, Protestants, Orthodox, and Catholics have settled to a status quo of separation. When baptized people become Catholic, we speak of them as being received into "full communion." That means we already share a communion in faith in many ways, including the Word of God. Many Protestant denominations have received and revised the three-year cycle of readings first arranged by Catholics in the early 1970s. Therefore, many of your neighbors who are not Catholic are celebrating and reflecting on the same readings we are savoring on most Sundays of the year. This makes for a new spirit of cooperation among preachers of the gospel, and gives hope that the cause of reunion, desired by Christ, has great vitality at the table of God's Word, and will one day lead to unity at the table of the Lord's Body and Blood.

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The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and for the **PERSONAL INTENTIONS** of *Mrs. Marcy Ellasus and Family*.



The concept of Christian Stewardship giving is the very essence of living our precious Faith. Each of us should return to the Lord a portion of our blessings so that the Church may continue to grow and provide a spiritual haven for the faithful. A faithful steward manages his Time, Talents, and Treasury for the glory of God and His Church.

Your Offerings for the week ending January 15, 2012 totaled \$ 1, 480. 50



OFFERING

"With each contribution show a cheerful countenance, and pay your tithes in a spirit of joy. Give the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is One who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold." (Sirach 35:9-10)

Thank you for your continuing generosity ! God bless you always!!!



PLEASE USE YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community. Therefore, we strongly encourage our parishioners to use the WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the success of the operation of the Parish.

We depend on the financial support of our people in all our endeavors.

If all envelope holders follow the suggested amounts and use their envelopes regularly, our operational expenses can be taken care of easily.

This will enable us to embark on our other endeavors, plans and dreams.

And let us remember to give God what is right, not what is left

HELP SPREAD THE WORD AROUND ! HELP CAMPAIGN TO USE THE ENVELOPES !



- ❖ To the **New Arrivals** from the Philippines
- ❖ To the **Visitors** from other places;
- ❖ To those who have **been away and are back**;

IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS



- ❖ We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of:

ARACELI AQUINO, RACHEL & SARAH VELASCO, ESPERANZA SIMARA, JOY MASAYA, FELY MANGUBAT and FAMILY.

- ❖ Please join in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of: **CLAUDE JAMIESON, MEL & ELSA VILLANUEVA.**

- ❖ Your prayers are humbly requested for all the **Sick and**

Suffering members of our Mission community and their loved ones especially: **FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, JESS ALCAIDE, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, ANNIE MOJADO, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, TRANQUILINO BIGCAS, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ADRIANA BACQUIAL.** May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our **Deceased Relatives and Friends**, especially **LIBRADA BANAWA, GENEROSA AQUINO, LEONORA ESPIRITU, FORTUNATA BALBA, CONCHITA LLAMAS, LAUDINA BADO, GODOFREDO BADO, LORENZA FLORES, REGINA FLORES, CRISPINA DARIO, ARTURO VELASQUEZ, ALL SOULS IN PURGATORY** and those dying

everyday in battles and calamities around the world. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well the Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.

