



We are just one week away from the beginning of the Holy Week and today's Second Reading and Gospel passage already introduces us to the basic truth that our salvation is the fruit of the dramatic death of Jesus Christ. It was through his sacrificial death that the life-giving New Covenant was sealed. Life from death is also the challenge addressed to each of us. If we want the life of grace to grow within us, we must be prepared to die to our pride and any other form of negative

passions. It is only when we die to our lower selves that we can start living unto the Lord. Then we are active partners in the New Covenant.

Let us offer the Eucharist today for this intention even as we continue praying for peace and justice in the world.

PRAISE AND THANKS BE TO GOD FOR A NEW BEGINNING !

WELCOME OUR NEW SHEPHERD...



EASTER FLOWERS - What a beautiful way of remembering a loved one by donating the Easter Flowers that will adorn the sanctuary of the FCMM throughout the Easter Season !

SPONSOR a plant in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of the living. Visit the FCMM Office for details. Deadline is SUNDAY, April 1, 2012.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK -A communal Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated at The FCMM at a special Eucharistic liturgy each LENT bringing the whole parish community together to pray with and for those among us whose health is impaired. Anyone struggling with illness of mind, body or spirit is invited to be anointed. The Special Mass will be held on **Friday, MARCH 30TH at 7:00 p.m.**

For assistance and more info., call the FCMM Office (514- 387- 5292)



PABASA NG SAMBAYANAN - is being held **nightly** at the Church Basement from **6:00 - 10:00 p.m.** until **Thursday, MARCH 29TH** .

This is a beautiful Filipino Lenten tradition of chanting in Pilipino verses our Salvation History. Join us! Try and experience it !

Everybody is welcome !



LENTEN FOOD DRIVE 2012 - Share in our **Lenten Food Drive Project** for the less fortunate and the needy. Please donate non-perishable foodstuffs which will be given to the needy.

You can deposit your donations in the baskets at the church entrances.

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the earth and dies



It remains just a grain of wheat



LENTEN RECOLLECTION 2012 – Deepen your preparation for the Holy Days... Join this year's Lenten Recollection on SATURDAY, MARCH 31ST from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. @ the Church Basement. Bring Food to share for lunch.



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

On Wednesday, April 4, 7:00 p.m., Cardinal Jean Claude Turcotte 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.



GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

Your help is needed now, as in the days of Saint Francis, to protect the Holy Places of the Holy Land. Even more important, your help is needed to protect the Holy Name of Our Lord in this troubled land which He chose for His birth, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection.

Please be generous in preparing your Good Friday Offering. A special collection will take place during the 3: 00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion on APRIL 6TH , Good Friday.



HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER !!!

Join with us in a special labor of love! Many volunteers are needed on **Holy Saturday morning, April 7^h 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.



Time, Talent & Treasure

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means that first we recognize that everything we have and everything we are truly belongs to God. It also means that we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for the world just as God cares for us.

Your Offerings for the week ending

March 18, 2012 totaled
\$ 1, 402. 50



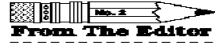
OFFERING

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



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD**

and REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF ROSALINA BIGCAS and ALL DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS offered by THE BIGCAS-CAMBALIZA FAMILY.



Our regular Hospitality Corner will be back on the Divine Mercy Sunday issue, April 15th. Thanks!

Come! Join with us here at the FCMM next week as we celebrate Passion Sunday and the Easter Triduum—

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday.

Remember to bring someone with you!

Accompanying Christ during his last days on earth.

A week of FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE

for the FOLLOWERS of JESUS CHRIST.

HOLY WEEK is like no other week in the Church's liturgical calendar. It is a week of intense emotion.



PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, April 1
~ 11:30 a.m. ~ **Blessing of Palms and Mass**

We stand in the church today with our palm branches and listen to the Gospel account of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. We join with the original throng and countless people over the centuries to praise Christ, the Son of David, a King, our King, the one we choose to follow. But we look beneath the event to discover what is truly happening.



Triduum means "three days." The days from Holy Thursday until Easter Sunday are unique so we call them "the three days" and everyone should know what they mean. Throughout his ministry, Jesus predicted his passion by referring to the "third day."

Next week, we enter that sacred time, outside of time, in which we spend these three days with Christ: to serve, to suffer, to die, and to rise.



HOLY THURSDAY, April 5
~ 8:00 p.m. ~ **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

This evening's celebration opens the **Triduum** with the **EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**. It commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and the priesthood, as well as Jesus' command of love and service. Thursday of Holy Week is remembered as the time Jesus ate a final meal together with the men who had followed him for so long.

A foot-washing ceremony forms part of tonight's celebration emulating the example Christ set for us.



Following Holy Communion, the Blessed Sacrament is carried in a solemn procession to the Altar of Repose. You are invited to spend some time this holy night in prayer and reflection. Adoration will end at 12 midnight.



GOOD FRIDAY, April 6
~ 12:00 noon ~ **Estacion General (The Stations of the Cross)**
~ 3:00 p.m. ~ **SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

On **HOLY THURSDAY**, Jesus said, "This is my body which will be given up for you." On **GOOD FRIDAY**, he did it. The simple, perhaps austere liturgy is filled with joy and hope. Blood red vestments of martyrdom honour the victory, which gives all martyrdom and death its meaning. Good Friday is not a day to wash the car, rake up the leaves, to do the things you have been putting off. **It is a day of prayer, fasting, and reflecting.** Serious Christians will keep the day "holy". It is holy because it is "good".

Jesus has died for you. **How can you die for him?**



HOLY SATURDAY, April 7~ 8:00 p.m. ~ EASTER VIGIL MASS
The **EASTER VIGIL** is the **most important Eucharist of the year.**

It is the **Mother of all Vigils**. It celebrates our faith in the resurrection, the cornerstone of our belief. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the faithful. Saint Augustine called it the "**Mother of All Vigils**". ***You should not miss it !!!***



Easter Sunday

April 8 ~ 11: 30 a.m. ~ MASS OF THE LORD'S RESURRECTION

With Christ's death and resurrection, Christ has conquered sin and death, the gates of heaven are now open to man.

This is the Feast of Feasts, the Solemnity of Solemnities, the highest Feast of the Church, the holiest day of the year. This day concludes the celebration of the Triduum and begins the great fifty days.

After forty days of fasting, the Church now celebrates fifty days of feasting.

