



27 November 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -Year B



Today we begin a new liturgical year: the series of seasons and weeks during which we will reflect on and re-live the saving events of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us wish one another a happy and holy liturgical year!

This First Sunday of Advent reminds us not only of the need to be saved, but also of our duty to be always ready to welcome the Lord. He already came as a frail Child when he was born in Bethlehem. But we have to remember that he constantly comes to us as our Savior and in our neighbor. He is about to come to us in this Eucharistic celebration in order to help us make sense of all that happens to us and around us.

Today the Catholic Church in the US, Canada and other English speaking countries will be using a revised translation of the Roman Missal, the text followed when saying Mass. For those of you familiar enough with the Mass that you know by heart some of the Eucharist prayers, will be completely different. So in some ways the Mass will feel a little foreign. But as we are One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, the texts followed at an English Mass in the US or Canada should match as perfectly as possible the texts read at a Mass in Europe or Africa or Latin America. These changes are ultimately a good thing, they're making our text more true to Tradition, the Bible and the Mass as the universal Church celebrates it.



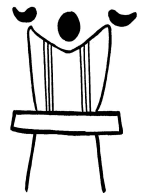
Let us open our hearts to welcome these changes as we welcome the Lord.



- A** spire for God's glory in everything you do.
- D**evote yourself to what is right and just.
- V**ow to be faithful to God, yourself, and others.
- E**nrich life with direction, meaning, and purpose.
- N**otice the 'signs of the times' in the events of daily living.
- T**eam up with others to make Christ known, loved, and served by all.



During this Advent season won't you invite someone to come to Mass with you. It could be a family member or a neighbor who has been away from Church for some time. We know that there are A LOT of alienated or inactive Filipino Catholics in Montreal and many of these are "waiting to come home." Let them know that we have a Church Family where they could feel always WELCOME !



"God, through Christ, has made us his friends and gave us the task of making others his friends also." (2 Cor.5:18).



The language in which we pray together at Mass is special, a simple, dignified, formal way of talking to God. The language we use to speak with God should sound different than the everyday speech we use with our friends to help us remember who we are praying to – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Some parts of the New Mass will have noticeable changes, such as the Gloria or the Creed, but other parts have not changed, such as the Our Father.

Many prayers at Mass will sound a little different than the words we have used for the last 30 years but this will give us a new opportunity to listen carefully to what we are saying when we pray.

There is an expression that reminds us that what we pray shows and teaches what we believe: **lex orandi, lex credendi.**

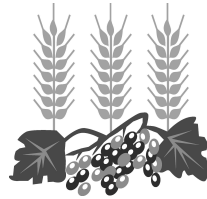
It is quite amazing to think that the words we will be using are close to the way Catholic Christians prayed for many centuries: it is proof of the timeless and enduring faith of the Church that we will hand on to the next generation of Catholic Christians.



Through the kindness of the sponsors that appear at the back page of this sheet, this bulletin is furnished to the FCMM Community without charge! Once again, the time has come to renew your support for the

bulletin. we hope our present sponsors renew their ads. Also, if others are interested, please call Mrs. Fe Elamparo (514- 738 1683) or the FCMM Office (514- 387 - 5292)

ELECTIONS FOR (2) ADMINISTRATORS- A Special Assembly of FCMM parishioners will be held on **Sunday, December 4, 2011, after the 11:30 Mass** to elect two (2) new Administrators to serve for a term of three years. The position of Administrator has a big task in the FCMM integral to its existence. We ask you to consider people who can help the FCMM. Please attend this exercise and help us find good Administrators. Thank You.



ADVENT RECOLLECTION - Unlike Lent, Advent is not primarily a penitential season. It does, however, invite us to acknowledge what in our lives stands in the way of God's reign. Our Advent journey also calls us to focus on God's love and the call to hope in it. **COME AND DEEPEN YOUR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS !** Our Advent Recollection this year will be held on **WEDNESDAY, December 7, - 6:00 p.m.** Let us be fed with the wild honey of joyful expectation, reminding us that the reign of God is already being experienced but not

yet complete.



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Before the Mass on Sunday, **December 18**, we will have the Celebration of Penance to prepare ourselves to encounter the Infant Jesus and celebrate the true meaning of Christmas in our hearts. We hope you make it a point to come with your friends and family to take part in this spiritual exercise.



NON - PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS, PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES, and SCHOOL SUPPLIES will be collected this month to fill up boxes to be sent to the Philippines !!!



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Last Day to put in your orders in time for your holiday needs: DECEMBER 18, 2011
For more information and details, come to the FCMM Office or see Ms. Marites Quirapas**



Special Event

THE FCMM 22nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

* Anniversary Dinner -Dance on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m.** at The Church Hall. Tickets at \$ 25.00 are now available from the Administrators and the FCMM Office.

* Anniversary Mass on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2011, @ 11:30 A.M.**



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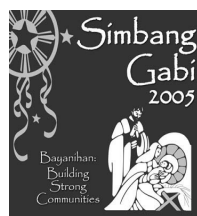


CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECOR NEEDED

Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season .We appeal to your generosity to donate for this need. Please complete the sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office. **DEADLINE - December 18, 2011**



(All Décor/Flower Donations are Tax Receipt eligible. THANK YOU !).



Everyone is invited to assist at the **SIMBANGGABI 2011**, the central feature of the Filipino Christmas Celebration, to be held from December 15 -23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. here at the FCMM.. All those interested to sponsor any of the 'Aguinaldo' Masses are requested to contact Mrs. Susie Alejandro, Mrs. Luming Silverio or the FCMM Office.

REMINDER: Aguinaldo Mass' sponsorship has a minimum donation of \$25.00 (Tax Receipt eligible).



"many hands make light work"...everyone is welcome to join in the festivities of decorating our worship space...even a few minutes of your precious time will be greatly appreciated.

WE ARE CALLING ON AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP IN PREPARING OUR CHURCH FOR THE SEASON. THERE WILL BE ANOTHER **BAYANIHAN - OPERATION LINIS SIMBAHAN** on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17** starting at 9:00 a.m. Please see Mr. Louie San Juan or Mr. Francis Pandy. **THANK YOU !**



Time, Talent & Treasure

fingers and asking what others are doing. We need to search our own hearts and ask what we are doing to fulfill God's plan for us

STEWARDSHIP- "O Lord... we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." - Isaiah 64:7

When we realize that it is God who formed and blessed us, we must also realize that we have an obligation to share our blessings as God intended when He created us. It is not a matter of pointing fingers and asking what others are doing. We need to search our own hearts and ask what we are doing to fulfill God's plan for us

Your Offerings for the week ending November 20, 2011 totaled \$1,782.50



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



- ❖ To the **New Arrivals** from the Philippines
- ❖ To the **Visitors** from other places;
- ❖ To those who have **been away and are back**;
- ❖ We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of:

MR. & MRS. CAESAR CASTILLO and FAMILY, BABYLYNN ARACENA, JANETH REYES, AIDA CARINO.

❖ Please join in lifting up to the Lord the **special intentions** of: **MR. & MRS. NELSON ALEJANDRO and FAMILY.**

❖ 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, EDITH VALENZUELA, WILFREDO QUIRAPAS, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, NORA ESPIRITU, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, WILFREDO DARIO, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, OLY OCAMPO, MERCY BAUTISTA, LEONILA DELA COSTA ROSALES, PABLITO PUNZALAN, NELSON ALEJANDRO , May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **Deceased Relatives and Friends**, especially **IGNACIA BAUTISTA, ARISTEO MENDOZA, FELICIDAD, EVANGELINE CONSOOLACION MARIANO, BISHOP ARTEMIO RILLERA S.V.D. D.D. LUIS ALLANA, 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

Stop by or call the FCMM Office (514. 387 – 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR SPECIAL INTENTIONS** offered by **Pearl Dario** .