



YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

## 02 December 2012 - 1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)



Today we begin a new liturgical year, the spiritual journey in which we relive the wonders the Lord has done for all mankind and do our best to respond to His love.

We begin this journey with the season of Advent, a season in which we recall the fundamental truth of Christ's Second Coming in glory, and we prepare to commemorate his first coming in the humility of the Incarnation.

At the same time, while professing our faith in the glorious coming of the Lord at the end of time and while preparing our hearts to celebrate the wonder of Christmas, we are also reminded of Christ's constant coming into our lives through the sacraments and our neighbor.

As we begin this Season, let us ask the Lord for the grace to be always ready to welcome him at any time with a heart full of trust, hope, and love.



### **Advent: An Invitation to Prepare to Meet the Lord**

Advent is the first "season" of every liturgical year. The word comes from the Latin "adventus," which means both "coming" and "expectation."

The period of Advent starts either at the end of November or the beginning of December and ends on December 24. It includes **four Sundays** and is divided into **two parts**: the first goes from the beginning up to December 16. The second part stretches from December 17 to 24.

In the first part, our attention focuses on **Christ's Second Coming**, with its consequent appeal to watchfulness and conversion. During the second part, we relive the expectation of the people of Israel and the whole of mankind for **the coming of the "Messiah,"** the universal Savior promised by God through the prophets. But Christ's coming is not simply an event embossed in the past. It is something that "happens" today, for us, as well as for the whole of mankind. We know, in fact, that Jesus continues to come to make the Kingdom of God grow and gain strength.

Advent, then, is not so much a time to prepare Christmas lanterns, send greetings, and exchange gifts. All these things are good, but not essential. They are meant to be a sign of a much deeper and more important reality: our desire to meet the Lord, our preparation to receive him in our lives, both as individuals and as a community. Advent, therefore, is first and foremost, an opportunity for us to renew our awareness that we stand in need of salvation, and that only Jesus Christ can bring us such salvation. For us, there remains the challenge to "recognize" him, and the duty to welcome him as he deserves. This is not easy. Hence, the invitation extended to all of us, to "be watchful," in faith and prayer, in humble openness and total availability to welcome and serve him even in the most unlikely or unexpected persons and events.

Our main guide/example during the first period is **St. John the Baptist** with his emphasis on **conversion**.

In the second period, our pattern is **Mary Most Holy**, with her example of **openness to God** and **availability to cooperate actively in the fulfillment of His plan**.



**Our Advent will, no doubt, be filled with many activities as Christmas quickly approaches. Let us not forget to stop and remember the One who came to us a long time ago, who suddenly comes in surprising ways, and is still to come when we least expect it. May the joy, hope and stillness of Advent be ours. AMEN.**



## DON'T GO HOME AT ONCE AFTER TODAY'S MASS !

Join us in the very important task of electing two ( 2 ) new Administrators of our community. It won't be long ! We'll need just 30 – 45 minutes to complete this exercise.

THANK YOU !

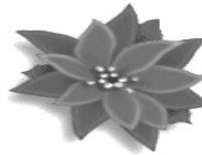


## LAST CALL for BULLETIN ADVERTISERS and SPONSORS

New Edition will come out in January, 2013.

Contact Mrs. Fe Elamparo (514- 738 1683) or the FCMM Office.

Deadline : Next Sunday, December 9, 2012.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS NEEDED for the Sanctuary

Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season and we will need several pots of Red & White Christmas Poinsettias for the Altar and the Sanctuary. We appeal to your generosity to donate the potted flowers. Please complete the Flower sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office. Thank you. ( All Flower Donations are Tax Receipt eligible ).



**SIMBANGGABI 2012** -We are now preparing for the **SIMBANGGABI 2012** to be held from **December 15 – 23, at 7:30 p.m.** here at the FCMM. All those who are 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 ).



## Raise funds for the FCMM every time you shop! GET GIFT CARDS FROM THE FCMM IN TIME FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING !

Shopping cards for many local stores, gasoline stations, and supermarkets are now available to all who wish to support our church. Cards are available in amounts from \$25.00 to \$100.00. **5% of your purchase goes to support our parish!!!** "Think ahead" and bring a check to buy a few shopping cards. They are used just like cash. What a wonderful way to support the FCMM!!!

**PUT IN YOUR ORDERS BY DEC. 16 TO RECEIVE YOUR CARDS ON DEC. 23.**

*For more information and details, come to the FCMM Office  
or see Ms. Marites Quirapas*



## THE FCMM 23<sup>rd</sup>. ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

\* 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Dinner Reception featuring the **CORONATION** of the FCMM King and Queen of Angels and their Court of Honor on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012, 6:00 p.m.** at

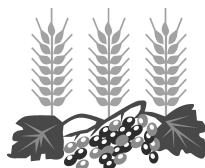


The Hellenic Community Center.

Tickets at \$ 40.00 are still available from the Special Projects Committee and the FCMM Office.

\* 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Solemn Liturgical Celebration on **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012, 11: 30 a.m.** to be presided by the Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal, The Most Reverend Thomas Dowd.

**EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED !**



**ADVENT RECOLLECTION** - COME AND DEEPEN YOUR PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS ! Our Advent Recollection this year will be held on **SATURDAY, December 22, – 1:00 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.



Before the Mass on Sunday, **December 23**, 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.



**"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. **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15** starting at 9:00 a.m. Please see Mr. Louie San Juan or Mr. Francis Pandey. **THANKS !**



**"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand."**

- Luke

21:28

Images of the final judgment can be scary, especially if we have not been faithful to God's commands throughout our lives. However, if we have been good stewards, we have left nothing to chance. We have carefully planned our giving and followed Our Lord's example of service and sacrifice. Thus, no matter the day or the hour we will be ready to stand erect and raise our heads to meet God face to face.



**Your Offerings for the week ending November 25, 2012 totaled \$ 1, 375. 50**

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



**WHAT IS A REASONABLE WEEKLY DONATION TO MY PARISH?**

One suggestion that we make is to consider donating the equivalent of your **"First Hour of Work"** each week to the Lord.



- ❖ 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:  
**BABY LYNN ARACENA, LOURDES MEDINA, JAKE VALENCIA.**



❖ 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, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JESS**

**ALCAIDE, ELECITA ARACENA, ANNIE MOJADO, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, IKE OSDON, TERESITA JALEA, WILFREDO DARIO, JOHN NICHOLAS MEJIA, TERESITA PLAMENCO, OLIVER MARTINEZ, PATRIA FEDERIZO.** May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially **TRINIDAD OLDRICH, CONSOLACION MARIANO, PEDRO MEJIA, AURORA DUGUAN, RUDOLFO MORENO, IGNACIA BAUTISTA, 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.

*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 ask how you can 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 **CARING, BUTCH, BABY LYNN and LAIZA.**

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