



HAPPY FIESTA TO ALL !
Today we celebrate our PATRONAL FEAST
OUR LADY OF THE PHILIPPINES
The Immaculate Conception-
and
THE 23rd ANNIVERSARY
of the Canonical Installation of
THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL



We have begun the good work of living the spirit of Advent with trust, hope, and love. Today we are reminded by St. Paul to persevere in this praiseworthy undertaking. John the Baptist is our trusted guide in the all-important work of our spiritual renewal in preparation for the commemoration of Christ's birth. And to prepare the way for the Lord is to make straight the winding roads of our moral uncertainties and inconsistencies; to fill up the ravines of our past

shortcomings and failings; and to level down the peaks of our pride and arrogance. And as we are engaged in this work of "spiritual landscaping," our love for God and neighbor should increase ever more, that we may be found pure and blameless at the coming of our Lord.

Let this be our main concern in these days and the special intention for which we offer the Eucharistic sacrifice we are about to begin.

Today also marks the Sunday nearest to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Patroness of the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal that is why we are celebrating today our MISSION FIESTA.

Twenty-Three years ago today, on the 2nd Sunday of Advent of the year 1989, the late Cardinal Paul Gregoire, then Archbishop of Montreal, canonically installed the Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal at the Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Parish Church under the tutelage of Notre-Dame-des-Philippines. It was a historical event because with its installation came all the rights and privileges for Filipinos in the Western hemisphere. Today, we come with hearts full of gratitude and praise to the Lord for the gift that is the Filipino Church of Montreal where we continue to be nourished as God's children.

Looking at Mary Immaculate as the most beautiful example of how we should live the advent/coming of the Lord in our lives; which is with humility, prayer, availability, and readiness to do what God wants, we ask today that we may persevere in following her example for only then shall we be able to experience in ourselves the wonders of Jesus' life-giving presence



MABUHAY

To all our friends, guests and benefactors joining us today
 for the Anniversary Celebration !
SPECIAL WELCOME to the Most Reverend Thomas Dowd,
Auxiliary Bishop of Montreal.





TWO NEW ADMINISTRATORS ELECTED- In a special assembly of FCMM members held last Sunday, **Mr. Pedro Diaz, Jr.** and **Mr. Eduardo Ruiz** were elected as Administrators to serve our community for the next three (3) years. Both were acclaimed by the community members who took part in the exercise. The names of the two newly elected Administrators will now be submitted to the Cardinal for his approval. They begin their terms January 1, 2011.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ED and JUN !



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).



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

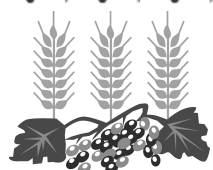
Our Advent Penance Service will be held on **Sunday, December 23rd** before the 11:30 a.m. Mass and at 7:00pm. before the Simbanggabi Mass. There will be a number of priests in attendance. This celebration is one of the best ways for each of us to prepare for the Feast of Christmas. Please find time to attend !



BAYANIHAN - OPERATION LINIS SIMBAHAN -



We will need MANPOWER to prepare and spruce up the Church for the Christmas Season. **WE ARE CALLING ON AS MANY VOLUNTEERS AS POSSIBLE TO HELP on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15th**, starting at 9:00 a.m. THANK YOU in advance !



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.



RAISE FUNDS FOR THE FCMM EVERY TIME YOU SHOP!



Shopping cards for many local stores, gasoline stations, and supermarkets are now available to all who wish to support our church. 5% of your purchase goes to support our parish! **PUT YOUR ORDERS BY DEC. 16 TO BE ABLE TO GET IT BEFORE CHRISTMAS...**

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



... once again, to everyone who made the 2012 SEARCH for the FCMM KING AND QUEEN OF ANGELS fund-raising project a big success !

Congratulations to the Special Projects Committee for last night's well organized and orderly Coronation Night Dinner- Reception.



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS** offered by **CARING, BUTCH, BABY LYNN and LAIZA.**



Holiday Schedule



December 15 (SATURDAY) - December 23 (SUNDAY)

- **7:30 p.m. – SIMBANGGABI '12**
- **No 6:00 p.m. Masses on December 19 and 21**
- **PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA / STO. NIÑO (7:00 p.m.) before the Simbanggabi Mass.**

December 23 (SUNDAY)

- **11:30 a.m. - 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS**
- **7:30 p.m. – 9th Night of the SIMBANGGABI**
 - **PENITENTIAL SERVICES BEFORE THE MASSES**

December 24 (MONDAY)

- **8:00 p.m. - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

December 25 (TUESDAY)

- **1:00 p.m. – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS**
- **No 6:00 p.m. Mass**

December 26 and 28 (WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY)

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

December 30 (SUNDAY)

- **11:30 a.m. – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY MASS**

December 31 (MONDAY)

- **7:00 p.m. – NEW YEAR'S EVE VIGIL & THANKSGIVING MASS**

January 1, 2013 (TUESDAY) SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- **1:00 p.m. – NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS**

January 2 and 4 (WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY)

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

January 6 (SUNDAY)

- **11:30 a.m. – THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

January 9 and 11 (WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY)

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

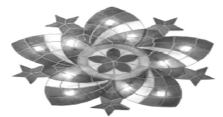
January 13 (SUNDAY)

- **11:30 a.m. – THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

January 20 (SUNDAY)

- **11:30 a.m. – PHILIPPINE FEAST OF THE HOLY INFANT (STO. NIÑO)**

*We welcome all our friends to worship with us this season.
We pray for each other that we may strengthen
the community by our presence
and be nourished by the faith of the community.
We need each other. God calls us to be a people,
his people, **together** in community*



*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever
more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception,
to discern what is of value...”*
- Philippians 1:9-10

**Your Offerings for
ending December
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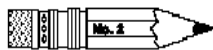
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weekly Offering Envelope

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2, 2012 totaled**

**Thank you for your
generosity !**

continuing

God bless you always!!!



From The Editor

**Our regular Hospitality Corner will be back in the First
Issue of the New Year. Thanks !**