

NOVEMBER 20, 2011 - SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST OUR KING
LAST SUNDAY OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR A



Today, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we honor Jesus Christ as King of the Universe and our King. We gather to celebrate not only his triumph and glory, but also his justice. Today's Gospel tells us that, as the Judge of all human beings, he will base his irrevocable decision on the way we have treated our neighbor. He, in fact, considers as done to himself whatever we do to our brothers and sisters. On this Solemnity of Christ the King we also thank the Lord for all the blessings he has granted us in the course of the liturgical year now about to end. In particular, we thank him for the innumerable spiritual graces. Let our Eucharist today, then, be a hymn of glory and thanks to Jesus, the only King of our hearts, and a renewal of our allegiance to him.



The Decisive Issue at the Last Judgment

A personal judgment at the end of life and a universal judgment at the end of time come as no surprise. **Man was created free but also "accountable."** Everyone will have to account to the Eternal Judge for the way he/she has used His gifts and opportunities. However, what comes as a surprise in the dramatized account of the Last Judgment presented by Jesus is the "limited scope" of accountability. Though granting that **the instances mentioned by the Judge** are not exhaustive, the fact remains that they **are all and only about our attitudes/actions toward people. Not a single question about our attitude toward God.** This is surprising indeed for – after all – wasn't Jesus the one who taught his disciples to pray, who wanted them to pray *always* (see Lk 18:1), and who himself spent hours in prayer? (See Mt 6:9 and Lk 6:12.) And was he not the one who stated that the greatest commandment is to love God with all one's heart, soul and mind? (See Mt 22:37-38.) And yet, today, we seem to learn from him **that what will matter in the end will be only the way we treat our neighbor, especially the needy!** Only the second group of commandments seems to hold . . . Reflecting further, however, the surprise ceases. Actually, we find it could not be otherwise. *With the Incarnation, God has become a brother to every human being.* It is not just a matter of proximity and relation, **but a matter of effective identification. In addition to loving God in Himself, we have also to see, love, and serve God in our neighbor.** "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers, that you do unto me!" (See Mt 25:40.) The Last Judgment is the mystery of the Incarnation brought to its utmost practical consequences. It is not that God and our love for Him have been "left out." They are "in" as an indispensable prerequisite. But the Gospel for today reminds us that our love for God has to be proven through the way we treat people, especially the people we dislike and those we usually avoid: the hungry, the sick, the unpleasant, the convicts . . . These are some of the categories of people in whom it is so difficult to see Christ, the all-holy God. To see and serve Christ in them demands not only **mercy** and **generosity**, but an immense **faith** as well. **The Final Judgment will be a judgment on our practical acceptance of the Word who became "flesh,"** a judgment on our "Yes" to the God steeped in our very frailty and needs.

WORD & LIFE PUBLICATIONS

ROMAN
MISSAL
3rd EDITION

Next Sunday, on the first Sunday of Advent, November 27, we will begin praying the texts of the Mass using anew English translation of the Roman Missal. Many people have wondered why the church is implementing a new translation of the prayers of the Mass. The Mass is the very core of Catholic life; its prayers express our Catholic beliefs. The more clearly we can express those beliefs, the more our faith can grow and be

nourished. When the Mass was first translated into English some 40 years ago, it was understood that the translation would have to be assessed and revised from time to time. Since then, a number of Church leaders, most prominently the late Blessed Pope John Paul II, have expressed the opinion that the 1960s translations of the Latin were done in haste. After the Second Vatican Council, when the Church throughout the world began praying the Mass in the languages of the people rather than in Latin, translations from the Latin were in immediate

demand. In contrast, the new translation that we will now be using has taken nearly a decade to produce and, as Pope John Paul II desired, it is closer to the original Latin.



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.



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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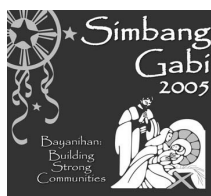


THE FCMM 22nd ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

* 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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & DECOR NEEDED
Once again we are decorating the Church for the Christmas Season and we will need several pots of Red & White Christmas Poinsettias and other Décor for the Sanctuary and the Church. 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).



The SANCTUARY LAMP this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF GLICERIO, CRISPINA & CRISOSTOMO SR.**, offered by **PEARL DARIO**.



“Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.” - Matthew 25:46

In today's readings we see that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who will care for us in our time of need. However, our relationship with Jesus should not be all take and no give. We, in turn, are expected to care for one another just as Jesus cares for us.



Your Offerings for the week ending

November 13, 2011 totaled \$ 1, 503. 00

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



IN ALL THINGS
GIVE THANKS

OUR
prayer
concerns



- ❖ 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:

PEARL DARIO, ADAM RONINO BELTRAN, ALVIN BADO VISARIO, ELVIRA SALVADOR, CATECHETICAL MINISTRY, DOLLY ISADO, DICK & MEL PESTILOS, JOAN FRONDARINA.

❖ 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, , May God bring them healing and peace.

❖ Remember also all of our **Deceased Relatives and Friends**, especially CONSOLACION RUIZ, LUIS ALLANA, MARIQUITA MOJADO, ALFREDO MISTICA, PLACIDO SOTELO, LEONORA TOTAAN LANUZA, FEDERITO MANAOIS, PEREGRINA SUBANG, MARIETTA SANTOS ABRIGO, TEFILO TONG ABRIGO, 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.

Anticipating The Liturgical Year 2011-2012



"Seasons and days that we name let us take all that it is to be Christian and express it in songs, in stories, in dances, in colors and textures and more. To do this, and do it over and over through the years, is the way a people passes on faith from generation to generation. It can happen only within a people, not in the abstract. The stories we tell and all the other rites of the seasons are open enough, ambiguous enough, to remain strong year after year. They are my story, our stories."

The Liturgical Calendar : A New Year – Year B, the Gospel of Mark

Different than academic or secular calendars, the Liturgical Calendar begins every year with the First Sunday of Advent. We close the Liturgical Year with today's celebration of Christ the King, completing the end of our 2010-2011 journey with the Gospel of Matthew.

Next week, we begin our journey with the Gospel of Mark on the First Sunday of Advent, on November 27 this year. The Gospel of Mark, written around 70 C.E., is the earliest of the four canonical Gospels. It is evident that Mark was writing for a community suffering persecution, and he places a great deal of emphasis on the suffering and death of Jesus.

Jesus assures his followers that they will be blessed in this life and in heaven, though "with persecutions."

The Gospel according to Mark is built around the question of Jesus' identity. Taken as a whole, the story that Mark's Gospel tells begins by proclaiming "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Mk 1:1), reaches a turning point at Peter's confession of Jesus as the Christ (8:29), and comes at the end to the centurion's confession of Jesus crucified: "Truly, this man was the Son of God!" (15:39). Mark charts the whole journey disciples must walk in order to understand who Jesus is, and finally to be joined with him in his death
