



28 November 2010

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT -Year A

As we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent, we wish one another a spiritually fruitful New Year. It is unfortunate that many Catholics seem to give little importance to the liturgical year whose main purpose is to bring about our sanctification, which is the most important undertaking in our life.

This Advent is, for all of us, an opportunity to rediscover the richness of this well - planned series of liturgical events, even as we start our remote preparation for Christmas. St. Paul's exhortation to get rid of the "deeds of darkness" and to clothe ourselves with the splendor of Christ's grace should motivate us to begin this holy season with a clear plan of action and the determination to carry it out faithfully. Let this be one of the main intentions for which we offer the Eucharist.



DID YOU KNOW ...

- Advent -

A Sense of the Season

December is the time for expressing the hope and strengthening the dreams that will carry us through the next year. Advent is the way we as church express our hopes.

Prophetic visions, prayers and songs calling for the Lord to come do help us to hope profoundly. Advent allows us to do what most others do in December—but to see in the coming Lord the answer to our dreams. In our Catholic tradition, keeping Advent means singing the songs of expectation, of our hopes and longing, before we enter into the full-throated praise of Christmas carols. Here are a few lines from our tradition on what Advent is about. "Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare us for Christmas when Christ's first coming is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation."

Thomas Merton, in his book *Seasons of Celebration*, reviewed the ways Saint Bernard of Clairvaux approached these comings of Christ. The first advent was Christ's birth. The other will be at the end of time. Faith in these two stimulates recognition of a third, the advent of Christ in our church now, today. Viewed from this perspective, the Advent liturgy, with its scriptures, prayers and songs, is neither a romantic return to the Old Testament while we wait for the baby at Bethlehem, nor is it an exercise in expressing hope for an ever-receding end of time. The Advent liturgy is neither nostalgic nor illusory. When we take the tradition and enter it fully, we become Advent, the people in and through whom Christ comes.

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- 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.





- **LAST CALL for BULLETIN ADVERTISERS and SPONSORS**
New Edition will come out in January, 2011.
Contact Mrs. Fe Elamparo (514- 738 1683) or the FCMM Office.
Deadline : December 12, 2010



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 !



**THE FCMM 21st
ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

* 21st Anniversary Dinner Reception featuring the *CORONATION* of the FCMM
King and Queen of Angels and their Court of Honor on
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2010, 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.

* 21st Anniversary Solemn Liturgical Celebration on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5,
2010, 11: 30 a.m. to be presided by the new Episcopal Vicar for Ethnic
Communities , Msgr. Pierangelo Paternieri, c.s.

EVERYONE IS CORDIALLY INVITED !



*NON – PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS,
PERSONAL HYGIENE SUPPLIES,
and SCHOOL SUPPLIES are being
collected this month
to fill up boxes to be sent to the
Philippines !!!*



A Project of the FCMM Missionary
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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS /DÉCOR DONATION –

We are ask you again this year for your generosity in donating
Christmas Flowers/Décor for the Sanctuary. Please complete the
sponsorship form which is available at the FCMM Office.
ALL donation are tax-deductible. Thank you for all of your support
DEADLINE: Sunday, December 12, 2010



SIMBANGGABI 2010 -We are now preparing for the
SIMBANGGABI 2010 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 !**

*For more information and details, come to the FCMM Office
or see any of the following :*

Ms. Tess Ambayec, Ms. Tess Bernabe, or Ms. Marites Quirapas



"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 18 starting at 9:00 a.m. Please see Mr. Louie San Juan or Mr. Butch Aracena. THANK YOU !



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

STEWARDSHIP *"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."*

- Matthew 24:42

Preparations for the Christmas season remind us how much we all want to be generous. We all want to give good gifts to one another. Yet, often when it comes to giving back to God our response is, "Not yet!" We put off sharing our time, talent and treasure for another day. We say we will give when we have more time or more money. Yet, none of us knows when God will come and ask for an accounting of how we used the gifts entrusted to our care.

The start of Advent reminds us not to put off our stewardship.

The Lord is coming!

Your Offerings for the week ending November 21, 2010 totaled \$1,527.50



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:

BABYLYNN ARACENA, EILEEN RUTH TADEO, ALYSSA BAUTISTA, FELY MANGUBAT and FAMILY, THE LICERIO FAMILY, MR. & MRS. LARRY & ALICE PANADO 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, SR. ELIZABETH RELACION mic, ELECITA ARACENA, JESS ALCAIDE, JULIA PERLAS-TAN, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR., FE PADERANGA, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, JOSIE LIMLENGCO,

DAWN DELA PAZ, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, GIGI SALARDA, ANTONINA VIRTUCIO, ARACELI AQUINO, ROMEO AQUINO, WINSTON JAN DOMINGO, JULIE PARADO, PAULINA GABA, DOLORES OLARTE-PURAY, BENJAMIN VENLUAN.

May God bring them healing and peace.

- ❖ Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: MARCOS OLARTE, CARLOS MATERNA , MACARIA LEGASPINA, LUIS VICENTE LEGASPINA, 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.

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



Drop down dew ye heavens from above. Let the earth be opened and bud forth the Savior.