

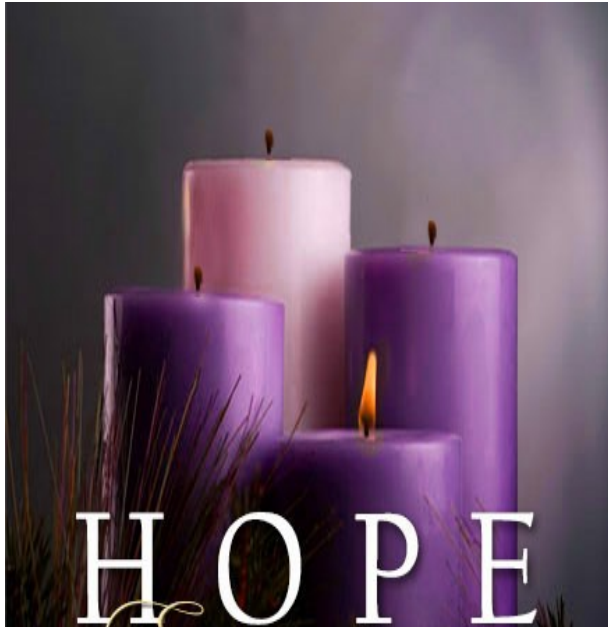
# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B



30 NOVEMBER 2014

*Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

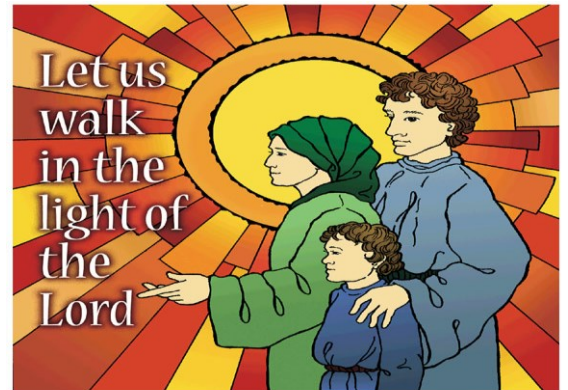
**NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION**  
MONTREAL, CANADA



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.

**WATCH** out! Stay awake! It is the ancient call to be attuned to the presence of God. We are doorkeepers, servants in charge and waiting on edge for the return of our Master. Evening, midnight, cock crow or dawn we could find ourselves standing before our God and called to account for our lives and actions. Our God is coming! It is Advent, and our God is always coming towards us, beckoning, bidding us to care about the household, the reign of God's peace with abiding justice in the world. We begin the year of the Lord 2006-will this year truly belong to God? Will we bear the name of the Holy One, our Father ?



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## TIME OF PREPARATION



This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

—John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

## Jesus is the Reason

In today's world the Christmas season starts on the day after Thanksgiving and ends on December 25. For many of us this time is filled with baking, sending cards, choosing gifts, attending parties, and setting up a Christmas tree and decorations. Add to this our daily work schedules and the needs of our children and this time of the year can be very stressful. The Church puts a different emphasis on the next four weeks. This is Advent, the season of expectation, with scripture readings and prayers calling on us to prepare in our hearts and lives for the Lord's coming on Christmas Day. According to our heritage, we may already have Advent customs such as the lighting of candles on the Advent wreath, a Jesse tree, setting up a manger scene ready for the Christ child at Christmas, or special devotions. An Advent tradition from Germany called *Kristkindl* (meaning "Christ child") is suitable for families, small church groups, or even for individuals. The original custom was for the mother of the house to pass a bowl around the family circle containing rolled-up slips of paper with a family member's name on each one. Each would take one slip and carefully looked at the name so no one else could see it. For the rest of Advent the person named on the paper became the *Kristkindl* of the person who took the slip of paper, and he or she would do at least one good deed a day for them, but without them finding out who did it! Even young children could do this. It became a treasured way of preparing hearts to serve



Christ through serving other people. Honor Jesus in the person of your *Kristkindl*: pray for them, save money to send to a good cause in their name,

donate gifts to a shelter, do extra chores unasked, adopt a needy family.

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*"You . . . must be prepared,  
for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come."  
Matthew 24:44*



### "Hail Mary Full of Grace"

Most of the "Hail Mary" is taken directly from the Bible. These words are said by the archangel Gabriel. Gabriel tells Mary she has been chosen to be the Mother of the Savior,

Jesus Christ. This is a reason for rejoicing, for Christ takes on our humanity from Mary in order to save us. So we greet Mary with faith and thanksgiving.

Next Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> is the Sunday nearest to the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, with Mary, we are all invited to praise and thank God for the gift of the FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL as it celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Canonical Installation.

JOIN US at 11:00 a.m. for the Anniversary Mass.

We hope you can come !



Join us on December 4, 5, and 6 (Thursday, Friday and Saturday)

@ 7:30 p.m. for the TRIDUUM MASSES in honor of The Immaculate Conception Patroness of The Filipino Mission. Rosary will be recited

at, 7:00 p. m.

# Stewardship

## YOUR OFFERINGS

-For the Weekend of NOVEMBER 23, 2014  
totalled \$ 1,350.00

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !

*As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as  
good stewards of God's varied grace*  
I Peter 4:10



**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 !



## **HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR THE JUBILEE MASS !!!**

Join with us in a special  
labor of love! Many  
volunteers are needed

on **Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>** at **11:00  
a.m** to transform the Church for the Big  
Silver Anniversary Mass the next day.  
More hands makes lighter work!!!  
THANKS IN ADVANCE.



## **SIMBANGGABI 2014**

-We are now preparing  
for the **SIMBANGGABI**  
**2014** 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 ).



## **PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS**

We join in the  
***Thanksgiving Intentions*** of :  
**ERLINDA ARACENA, MEL  
VILLANUEVA. and FAMILY,**

Your prayers are humbly requested for  
***all the sick and suffering*** members of our  
Mission community and their loved ones  
especially: **FR. FRANCISCO ALVAREZ  
pme, FR. ROGER BEGIN pme, FR. GERARD  
LOISELLE, pme, MSGR. ANDRE  
DESROCHES, ALFREDO PADERANGA SR.,  
ANNIE MOJADO, ELECITA ARACENA,  
BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, JULIA PERLAS-  
TAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA  
PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA  
TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO,  
ANTONIO FOZ, VICENTE TRIVINIO,  
JOHNNY PALISOC.** May God bring them  
healing and peace.

Remember also all of our ***deceased  
relatives and friends***, especially :  
**CRISTETA, APOLONIO VALENZUELA,  
PONCIANO ACURANTES, 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.



## **CHRISTMAS DÉCOR and FLOWERS NEEDED**

Once again we are decorating  
the Church for the Christmas  
Season and we will need lights,  
several pots of Christmas  
Poinsettias and other decorations for the Altar  
and the Sanctuary. We appeal to your  
generosity to donate the potted flowers. Please  
complete the Decor sponsorship form which is  
available at the FCMM Office. Thank you.  
**DEADLINE – December 15, 2014**  
( All Donations are Tax Receipt eligible ).

**A**spire for God's glory  
in everything you do.

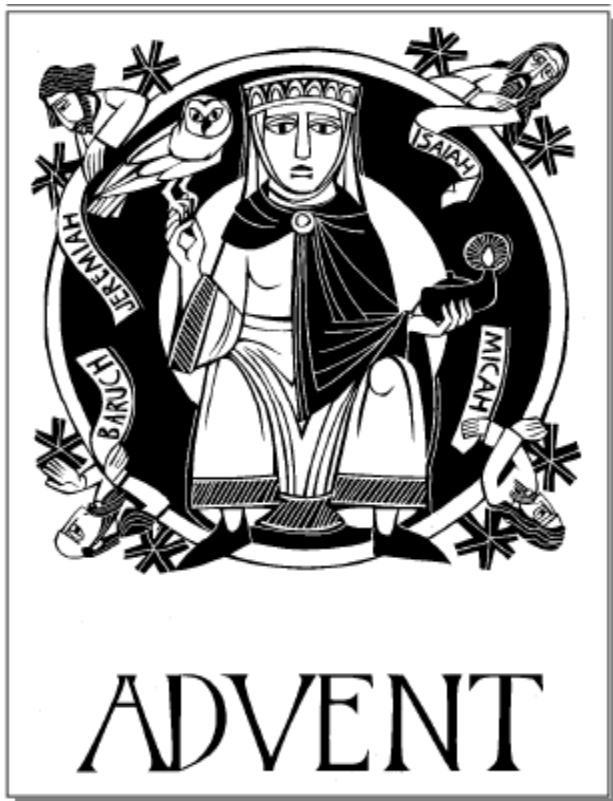
**D**evote yourself to what is right  
and just.

**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.



**The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal cordially invites everyone to the 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration of its Canonical Installation**

**WE REMEMBER...  
WE CELEBRATE...  
WE BELIEVE  
THERE IS MORE!**

**December 04 - 06, 2014**

7:30 p.m.

**TRIDUUM OF MASSES in honor of  
The Immaculate Conception**

**December 07, 2014**

11:00 a.m.

**SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED  
JUBILEE MASS**

**Main Presider: His Excellency,  
Most Rev. Christian Lepine  
Archbishop of Montreal  
8500 blvd. St. Laurent, Montreal**

2:00 p.m.

**SILVER JUBILEE LUNCHEON  
La Plaza Centre-Ville  
Reception Hall,  
777 University Street, Montreal**