



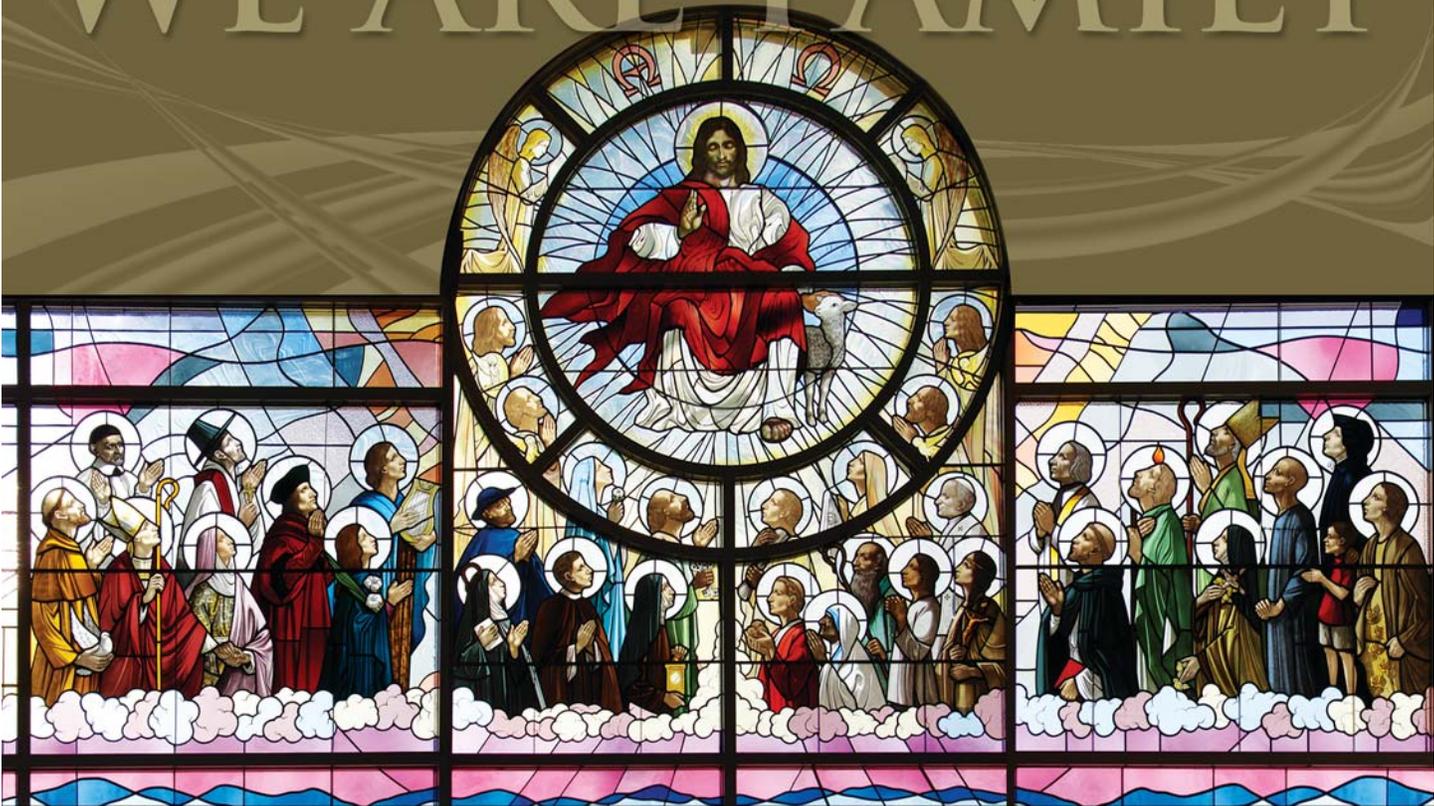
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WE ARE FAMILY



THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS AND THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)

by *Dominicanis*

Filipinos have a talent for turning even a serious devotional practice into a unique faith expression. Take the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (November 2). Trust the *Pinoy* Catholics to find a way to celebrate both feasts together with a bang, having discovered that both feasts have a common ground for celebration.

November 1 finds Catholics honoring all of God's saints – even those who have not been canonized by the Church. There is joy as the Church celebrates the memory of all the saints (those with a capital "S" in the titles before their names, as well as those happy to be known as a saint with a small "s") as a recognition of their membership in what is known as the Church Triumphant, or those who have, by virtue of their holiness and good works, merited membership in Heaven.

Then, on November 2, the Church celebrates the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, a further expansion on the concept of membership in the family of the Church. This feast recognizes the members of the Church Suffering or the souls who are in Purgatory.

In these two days, both celebrations draw upon a common dogma, that of the "Communion of the Saints", an ancient Catholic doctrine which is part of the Apostles Creed wherein the Church under Christ is segregated into three distinct classes – the faithful on earth (the Church Militant), the saints in Heaven (the Church Triumphant) and the Poor Souls in Purgatory (the Church Suffering) – all with Christ as the Head. All are bound together by a mystical bond and each division can help each other. From November 1 to 2, we see the Communion of Saints really in action!

This is especially visible in the Philippines when entire families take time out during these two days to trek to the cemeteries, visit the tombs of their loved ones and exercise their duty as members of the Church Militant to pray for the deliverance of souls who may still be members of the Church Suffering.

It is a wonderful thing for families to pray together for their departed loved ones who are in need of prayers. In invoking the help of those who now enjoy eternal happiness in the presence of God, we ask that one day, we too may join them in heaven and praise God through all eternity.



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THANK YOU IS MY GIFT TO ALL

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH PRIEST

The happiest moments are usually unexpected...a present, a visit, rainfall in summer, forgiveness, success. The nature of true happiness is that it can never be contrived or faked, that it is essentially a non-human achievement but rather a fruit of the action of God. True happiness must have something of God in it that touches man at his very core. True happiness is always a gift...from God.

The happiness that many of us felt during the successful TIN1G Concert last October 21 is part of heaven's gift to our Parish. I must confess that I was the least optimistic of its outcome, knowing the sheer complexity of the event as against my lack of formal vocal training and concert exposure. The attitude I brought to it and my actual performance that night could make or break the expectation and outcome of the event. In short, confidence was not running on my side the whole time. But as a famous U.S. President once said, "*the buck stops with me*", and I had to carry this project through.

Despite all these, what made me continue? Humanly speaking, what I lacked in confidence, I received from all the people who supported and worked for the Concert. The organizing committee headed by Diva and Maris were unwavering in their confidence in

my ability. The technical expertise of Verna and her events team gave me assurance of a truly professional run. Joining me with their astounding voices and harmony were the four chorales headed by Vince, Karen, Gaylord and the other conductors; it was like standing with your back against a solid wall. The artistic direction of Aiko was masterful, and so were the performances of the musicians and dancers. Even the ads, posters and souvenir program by Frances, Welly, Shela, Lynn and Vi created an exciting atmosphere and primed a receptive audience. The support and dedication of Rescy, Elit, Marinette and Lito were inspiration. With all these people and many other silent contributors who encouraged me and gave me confidence, I was determined to give my best.

"*Man proposes, God disposes*". All preparations were done, the Concert repertoire was performed...all hearts and efforts were given... But after the last applause faded and the last lights dimmed, the success and happy outcome could have only come from Him. All are happy... because of God's gift to us. And for that, my genuine and profound gratitude to Him and to all who made TIN1G a success!

— Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Monday to Friday:

6:30am • 7:30am • 12:15pm • 6:00pm

Holy Hour every Thursday after the 6:00 pm Mass

Saturday:

6:30am • 7:30am
6:00pm (Anticipated Mass)

Sunday:

6:00am • 7:15am • 8:30am • 10:00am
11:15am • 12:30pm • 4:00pm • 5:30pm
7:00pm • 8:30pm

Confessions are held during all the Masses

Adoration Chapel - open daily from 7:00am to 8:00pm

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Saturday:

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FEATURED MINISTRY: WORSHIP

For most Catholics, celebrating Sunday Masses with their families is the only opportunity they have to visit the Church. Since Sunday is both a day of obligation and rest, regular mass goers choose to attend Masses when and where it is most convenient.

Fortunately, many more choose to fulfil their weekly obligations where they can also derive the most spiritual sustenance, from edifying and relevant homilies to a balanced blend of well-proclaimed liturgical readings, music and silences within a smoothly flowing, well organized Eucharistic celebration. Not surprisingly, mass goers from within and outside the Parish flock to the ten Sunday Masses of SJB Parish which is known for the well-prepared sermons of its Salesian priests. Assisting the Mass presiders are hundreds of volunteers, collectively called "lay ministers", who are under the Worship Ministry.

The Worship Ministry's lay ministers are grouped according to the services they provide in promoting "a prayerful and inspirational experience with God through meaningful liturgical celebrations."

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Assist in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass, bring holy Communion to the sick and assist in processions

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Proclaim the Word of God, serve as Commentators in Masses and other Liturgical celebrations, lead people in devotional prayers and read reflections in contemplative prayers

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Welcome Mass goers, direct seating, assist in the queue for an orderly distribution of Holy Communion, distribute bulletins and take up collections

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Take charge of setting up the physical requirements for liturgical celebrations and ensure that the Church is clean and orderly

Altar Servers (Knights of the Altar)

Assist priests during Masses and other liturgical celebrations

Ministry of Music and Cultural Affairs

Animates liturgical celebrations through music which are appropriate for the liturgical season and occasions.

The Worship Ministry is headed by the husband and wife team of Mon and Lynn Angeles. Lynn is a member of the LCG while Mon is a member of the EMHC.





I AM BUT AN INSTRUMENT

by Maris Katigbak-San Juan, TIN1G Concert Organizing Committee

I was privileged to have been invited by Fr Ting to be part of the TIN1G Concert's Organizing Committee where I was primarily responsible for soliciting from benefactors and sponsors. Despite the challenges, I happily accepted the task, trusting that, "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose".

The next weeks would find me personally delivering more than a hundred solicitation letters, each enclosed with a silent prayer for a favorable response and "sealed" with special blessings from our parish priest. I knew that I was only an instrument, a mere messenger bringing the Lord's invitation for His people to support His Church. How they would finally respond to His invitation, I could only entrust to the inspiration of the Holy

Spirit.

And I was not disappointed, the overall response to our solicitation efforts was not only favorable, it was overwhelmingly so. Thanks to the outpouring of support, we raised what is needed for the planned church repair and renovations.

On concert night, it was my pleasure to welcome benefactors, sponsors and special guests who came in record numbers to be part of what promised to be an enchanting evening. With such an unprecedented turnout, a few seating problems were inevitable. All I could do then was to pray that our guests would enjoy the performance from whichever seats the Lord had specially reserved for them.

Once again, I was not disappointed. Not only did warm applause reward each performance, many stayed after the concert to personally congratulate the performers

and the movers of the TIN1G project, most especially, Fr. Ting who surprised and delighted the audience with his powerful yet velvety voice drawing songs from the heart.

In retrospect, TIN1G's achievements transcended mere fund raising success. Rather, it orchestrated artists, production crews, organizers, parishioners, benefactors and friends in a synergistic chorus of talents, creativity, organizational skills and resources.

Indeed, we have witnessed how the Lord works wonders among those who seek to serve and please Him, together in one voice and one spirit.

With the resounding success of TIN1G, can a thanksgiving concert (TIN1G 2) be far behind?

The author, in picture above, seated second row, second from left with TIN1G Concert Organizing Committee

SUNDAY MASS REFLECTIONS

Simbahay features the Sunday Mass Readings' themes from Fr. Sal Putzu's "Exploring God's Word".

These themes are part of a systematic approach to study and have a good knowledge of the Biblical passages which will be used in the coming Sunday Masses and to relate these readings to our lives.

Visit www.sjbmakati.com for more detailed excerpts of the study notes for each week.

Listen to Fr. Salvatore Putzu, SDB (General Manager and Editor, Word and Life) at *Bisperas sa Veritas* 846 AM, 5pm Saturday.



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

November 6, 2011 Readings

*Wis 6:12-16 – Divine wisdom wants to enlighten the life of men.

*1 Thes 4:13-18 – God will raise from the dead those who have died believing in Christ.

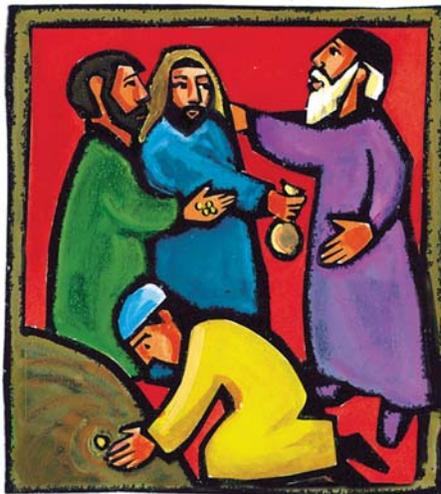
*Mt 25:1-13 – Parable of the Ten Virgins

Theme: THE WISDOM OF PREPAREDNESS

It is wise to think of the future and make provisions for it, especially when the event we are expecting is very important. Of all the future events, nothing is as important as our final encounter with the Lord, for on it will depend our eternal happiness or unhappiness. Indeed it is the most decisive of the "once-in-a-lifetime" happenings in our earthly existence. And since we do not know when that all-important moment will come, we need to be always vigilant and prepared for it.

Such a vigilance does not mean a lifeless, fear-filled awaiting that paralyzes any form of enterprise. Our awaiting should be creative and optimistic, remembering that though what we build on this earth does not last for ever, we carry with us as much

good as we put into it. Our waiting for the Lord's coming, then, should be fruitful and characterized by faith-inspired hope and creativity. The one who is coming is one who loves us to the point of having given his life for us. Let us go to meet him confidently, with the lamps of our faith burning brightly with the oil of an unfeigned charity.



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

November 13, 2011 Readings

*Prv 31:10-13.19-20.30-31 – The features of the ideal wife and mother

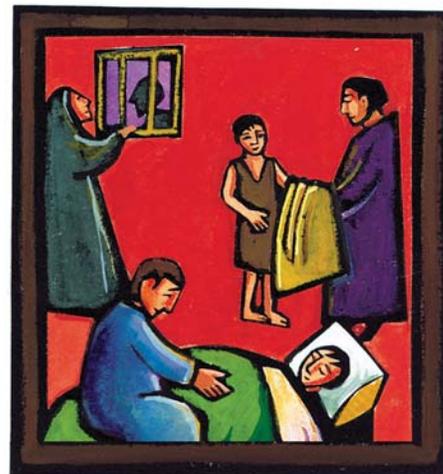
*1 Thes 5:1-6 – Paul exhorts the faithful to remain awake and alert to welcome the Lord.

*Mt 25:14-30 – God's gifts are meant to be used creatively.

Theme: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR GOD'S GIFTS

God is ever so generous with each of His creatures, and especially with us, human beings. Even the ones who seem to have received much less than others have surely received a lot. The secret to be happy with what the Lord has given us is not to compare what He gave us with what He gave others, but to make the most of His gifts and opportunities, making them produce as much fruit as they can.

God's gifts, in fact, are like seeds bursting with potentials. It is for us to discover these potentials and make them bear fruit by using them with creativity and sense of responsibility, knowing that one day we will be asked to account for the way we used them. And while there will be for the enterprising a generous reward, proportioned not to the result but to the effort they put into it, there will be, likewise, a severe punishment for those who have failed to make the most of the gifts and opportunities given them by the Lord.



SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING (A)

Last Sunday of the Liturgical Year

November 20, 2011 Readings

*Ez 34:11-12.15-17 – The Lord promises that he will personally take care of his people.

*1 Cor 15:20-26.28 – The Risen Christ is the beginning of a renewed mankind.

*Mt 25:31-46 – Our eternal destiny depends on our attitude/actions toward the needy.

Theme: WHAT WILL MATTER MOST ON JUDGMENT DAY

The Incarnation of God's Son is not an event that concerned only Jesus Christ, Mary Most Holy, and a few other persons closely related to Jesus. Rather, it is an event that concerns the whole of mankind. With the Incarnation, in fact, every human person has become a brother/sister of Jesus Christ, and thereby a "relative of God," so to speak.

Such a wonderful reality not only confers a tremendous dignity on each of us already now, but will also be the basis for our eternal happiness or unhappiness when we face Christ as our Divine Judge at the end of time. At the moment – the moment of truth – everything will depend on how we have treated our brothers and sisters. Jesus, we are warned today, will consider done to himself whatever we have done to them, for he identifies himself especially with those in need. On that day, blessed shall we be if our *Kuya* and Judge Jesus will say to us, "I consider done to me all the good you did to the least of my brethren. Come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world!"

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

November 27, 2011 Readings

*Is 63:16b-17.19; 64:2-7 – Prayer of a sorrowful soul to God the Savior



FR. SAL'S DASAL

November 12, 2011 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Thank you, Lord, for your generosity and trust in me. Thank you for your numberless blessings. I really must learn to count them and show my gratitude for them by using them according to your will.

At the end of this day; at the end of each day of my life, I want to raise my hands in praise and thanks and offering, saying to you with a clear conscience, "Here is the fruit of your gifts, Lord! I know they could be more. I know they could be better. But I know also that you are merciful and look more at the heart than the results."

And if you still trust me and give me time and strength, I vow I will continue doing my best, making the most of what your boundless generosity has placed into my hands and within my reach.

I want to live my life with utmost intensity, Lord, for you decreed that we should live but once and then come to you to account for it.

And when I meet you face to face, my Judge and Savior, beyond the barriers of time and space, may I not blush with shame and confusion and be consigned to the abode of darkness and remorse, where those who lived with ineptitude and crippled by fear are condemned to agonize forever in boundless pain.

Rather, on that day of judgment, I want my hands and heart to be overflowing with the fruits of your blessings and of my humble efforts to make the most of them. And may I hear you say to me, "Well done, my good and faithful servant....Come share in your Master's joy!" Amen!

***1 Cor 1:3-9** – Paul's prayer of gratitude and hope for the faithful of Corinth

***Mk 13:33-37** – Jesus exhorts us to be always vigilant.

Theme: WE NEED TO BE SAVED

The salvation Christ brings can be appreciated only by those who see themselves in need to be saved. The proud, the arrogant, the self-sufficient will never profit by God's salvation, for they do not see the need for it. Perhaps there is a little of them even in each of us.... The challenge, then, is to discover in ourselves and around us the many reasons why we need to be saved.

Like the Israelites in Babylon, we need to realize the big mess we have made in ourselves and in our environment, as well as the great need we have to be helped by the Lord, for He alone can bring us the peace and tranquility we all yearn for. Having discovered that, it will be spontaneous for us to raise our hands in supplication to the Lord, asking Him to "rend the heavens and come down," and wait for His coming with vigilant, yearning hearts.

NOVEMBER 2011 CALENDAR

- 01 Tue Solemnity of All Saints
- 02 Wed Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
- 03 Thu St. Martin de Porres
- 04 Fri St. Charles Borromeo
- 05 Sat Mass Wedding, 10AM, Church
- 06 Sun 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 09 Wed Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 10 Thu St. Leo the Great
Arrival of the National Youth Cross, 10AM
- 11 Fri St. Martin of Tours
- 12 Sat St. Josaphat
- 13 Sun 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Patnubay sa Ating Kalusugan Health Project, 5-10AM, Gym
- 14 Mon Opening of the National Youth Day (DBTI 3PM)
- 17 Thu St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- 19 Sat Procession in Honor of Christ the King
End of National Youth Day
- 20 Sun Solemnity of Christ the King
- 21 Mon Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Tue St. Cecilia
- 24 Thu St. Andrew Dung-Lac
- 25 Fri St. Catherine of Alexandria
- 27 Sun 1st Sunday of Advent
Catholic Handicapped Day
Pondo ng Pinoy Sunday
- 30 Wed St. Andrew the Apostle

- Sick Visitation – Thursdays 9am
- Holy Hour – Thursdays 6:30pm
- Medical & Dental – Sundays 2:00pm
- Street Mass – Saturdays 7:30pm

Visit our website for the complete Nov 2011 Calendar
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"For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." (Gal. 3:27)

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His Eminence Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales with Fr. Regie Malicdem

As we welcome the new Archbishop of Manila, we catch a rare personal glimpse of his well-loved predecessor who has shepherded the most influential archdiocese of Asia for the last eight years.

MY LIFE WITH LOLO DENCY

by Fr. Reginald R. Malicdem

It has been a year and three months since I began serving as the private secretary of His Eminence Gaudencio B. Cardinal Rosales. For the past 15 months of my 18 months as a priest, I have been living in the *Casa de Rosales*, the "House of Roses." Already I know that I have learned things which will carry me well through my ministry, if I take them to heart. The Cardinal (I am very tempted to say Archbishop, an address to him I have become so at home with!) teaches

well, with passion and conviction, and with authority and wisdom. When he preaches, words or passages from the Bible come to him readily, lending flesh and substance to his ideas – a quality that can only be the result of a daily encounter with and reflection on the Scriptures.

One of the many consolations in being secretary is being close to the Cardinal. When I was ordained priest, I promised to him my obedience; that was also the day he became my father. All of us priests have the Cardinal as our father. But living in the house of the Cardinal, living in our father's house, makes my priesthood extra-special. I am like a disciple sitting at the master's feet, listening to him, and learning from his wisdom.

There was one instance that I can never

forget. I guess that was 2 months after I started working with him. I was having a difficult time adjusting to my work then. I guess the Cardinal, being as fatherly as he is, must have felt that. On one occasion, we were discussing about something in his room and when I was about to leave, he tapped my back and asked me, *nahihirapan ka na ba sa trabaho mo? Kung ano man ang hindi mo magandang nakikita sa Simbahan, huwag sanang mawala ang idealism mo. Huwag ka sanang masisiraan ng loob. Ganyan talaga ang Simbahan. Tao kasi tayong nagpapatakbo.* And I felt better after that. That was a father speaking to his son.

I am so privileged to know, work with and be a personal witness to the life of a very holy priest. Seeing him I could not help but think about Jesus, and of desiring the same kind of love and knowledge for Jesus that my dear Cardinal-Archbishop has for Him. And even if he does not tell me, I know that it is what he wants me to learn, that is what he wants to teach me.

To know Jesus, to love Jesus, to have Jesus as a friend and brother – everyday I am serving my Cardinal-Archbishop that is what he is teaching me, as his son, with his ministry, with his life.

Fr. Regie Malicdem of Angono, Rizal has been serving as the Secretary to the Archbishop of Manila since his appointment three months after being ordained on September 8, 2004 by then Archbishop of Manila, Gaudencio Rosales, DD. This article is reprinted from the souvenir program commemorating the election of the Cardinal Rosales to the College of Cardinals on April 1, 2006.



BISHOP LUIS ANTONIO TAGLE THE NEW ARCHBISHOP OF MANILA

by Chester Hans Tolentino

Pope Benedict XVI has appointed Bishop Luis Antonio "Chito" Tagle of the Diocese of Imus as the new Archbishop of Manila last

October 13, 2011 replacing Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales whose resignation was accepted early this year.

Bishop Tagle, 54, was born in Manila on June 21, 1957. He is a well known and respected theologian, formator and evangelizer who took Philosophy and Theology at the Ateneo De Manila University's San Jose Major Seminary. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 27, 1982, at the age of 25 and earned his Sacred Theology Doctorate at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. in 1992. He was also a member of the prestigious International Theological Commission of the Vatican since 1997. On December 12, 2001, he was ordained Bishop of Imus.

He is currently the chairman of the Commission on Doctrine of the Faith of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

The eloquent yet soft-spoken bishop who was one of the featured speakers in SJB's 2011 Holy Week Recollection, hosts a religious television program every Sunday

morning, entitled *The Word Exposed*, where he discusses the historical context of and his reflections on all three Sunday readings in a very clear, easy to understand yet awe-inspiring homily.

The Archbishop of Manila has traditionally been among the most politically influential Catholic leaders in the country. Among the most famous Manila Archbishops were Jaime Cardinal Sin, one of the prime movers of the peaceful people power revolutions and Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales, the visionary behind Pondo ng Pinoy.

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING

by *Dominicanis*

Christ the King. . . a royal title. . . an acknowledgement of Christ's primacy over all . . . a call to awareness . . .

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday of the liturgical year just before the first Sunday of Advent for a practical reason – to help remind Catholics that they owed their loyalty to their leader in Heaven (Jesus Christ) as against owing loyalty to earthly leaders like Hitler and Mussolini. Much later, Pope Benedict XVI identified another facet of the Feast, saying that Christ's Kingship is not based on "human power" but on loving and serving others; the best example of which, he pointed out, is the Virgin Mary. Her humble and unconditional acceptance of

God's will in her life was the reason that "God exalted her over all other creatures, and Christ crowned her Queen of heaven and earth."

Like Mary, we are invited to bring the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God through humble service and loving understanding of our neighbor. Lastly, the Feast of Christ the King not just marks the end of one season, it heralds the beginning of a new one, which is Advent.

Christ the King. Is He indeed your King? Are you ready like a loyal and faithful servant to drop all that you hold dear and, at His command, sally forth to do His Will? Are you ready to make Him YOUR King?

All the loyal subjects of Christ the King are invited to participate in the solemn procession in His Honor after the 6:00PM Anticipated Mass on November 19.



THE SEASON OF ADVENT

by *Joelle Marie Cuna*

"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope" – Ps 130: 5

Advent, from the Latin *adventus* or "coming", marks the beginning of a new liturgical or church year and covers four weeks of preparation for Christmas. Advent begins on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (November 30) and ends on December 24. This year, the first Sunday of Advent is on November 27.

Advent is a season where we anticipate and prepare for the celebration of the

anniversary of Christ's birth, and for His final coming as our Judge at the end of time. It is easy to lose sight of the importance of this season with so many Christmas preparations but just as a bride-to-be makes arrangements for her wedding or a musician practices for a performance or an athlete trains for a competition, we, as Christians, need the Advent Season to spiritually prepare ourselves for the Christmas Season.

Among the many ways we could prepare ourselves spiritually for Christ's coming are: praying for patience, offering up difficulties or sacrifices, and through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

NEWS BRIEFS

FORTY SIX RECEIVE CONFIRMATION

Forty six people received the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 8, 2011 in the SJB Parish Church. The Most Reverend Bernardino Cortes, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Manila performed the confirmation rites during the Holy Mass which Fr. Ting Miciano concelebrated.

The confirmation ceremonies which complete or perfect the blessings conferred during baptism are part of the preparations for the Mass Wedding ceremonies to be celebrated in the Parish Church on November 5, a project of the Rotary Club of Makati West.

LECTORS AND COMMENTATORS HOLD ANNUAL RETREAT

by *Frances Marie Solinap*

The Lectors and Commentators Guild (LCG) had a short but enriching overnight retreat in the Carmelite Missionaries Center of



Spirituality, Tagaytay City last October 14-15. The Guild was blessed to have Fr. Reginald R. Malicdem, Secretary to the Archbishop of Manila, as this year's retreat master. The retreat theme centered on "A Spirituality for Ministry" and was divided into three talks - What is Spirituality, Christian Spirituality and Spirituality for Lectors.

In the end, Fr. Regie left the LCG members with three important reminders and challenges inspired by the ordination rites of deacons: "Believe what you read! Teach what you believe! Practice what you teach!"

MISA DELGADO BOOK V LAUNCHED

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Last October 17, SJB Parish played host to the launch of "Liwanag ng Pasko", the fifth and last of a series of liturgical songs of the Misa Delgado collection composed by the very talented, Mr. Lester Delgado. The Misa Delgado collection has a different set of songs for each season of the liturgical year. The Vocalismo Choral Group (VCG) together with some members of the SJB MOMCA delighted guests by singing all the songs from Book V.

In his welcome remarks, Fr. Ting Miciano, SDB described Mr. Delgado as a "beautiful person who has been instrumental in making music a big part, an essential part of parish life here in St. John Bosco". Gracing the occasion is Sr. Maria Anunciata Sta. Ana, Dean of the College of Music of St. Paul University where the composer is finishing his Master's degree in Music, Major in Choral Conducting.

Copies of the Misa Delgado books are available at the Parish Religious Store.