



MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !  
WELCOME !  
to The  
**NOTRE-DAME-  
DES-PHILIPPINES  
CATHOLIC  
MISSION**

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## MISSION - VISION

We envision a welcoming Mission-driven community, sustained by the abiding faith in God and Christ-like love of fellowmen, where Filipino cultural and religious traditions are lived and practiced with dignity; where diversity of gifts and talents is embraced, strengthened by the commitment and relationship we build- nourished by the Eucharist, prayer, education and apostolic services.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Wednesday – Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

### MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday - 11: 30 a.m.

*(Pilipino Mass on the last Sunday  
of the month )*

Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.

*(Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
recited before the Mass)*

Friday - 6:00 p.m.

*(Novena to the Holy Child – Señor Sto. Niño  
recited before the Mass)*

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
every First and Third Friday of the month  
before the Mass.

MISSION CATHOLIQUE NOTRE-DAME DES PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION  
**06 APRIL 2014**  
**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT**

PARISH INFORMATION & STEWARDSHIP

**NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION**  
*(Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal- FCMM)*

The first and only Canonically installed Filipino Catholic Mission in North America (Missio cum cura animarum).

Established on December 10, 1989 by the late Paul Cardinal Gregoire to serve the spiritual and religious needs of the growing Filipino Catholics in the Archdiocese of Montreal.

As a non-territorial Parish, the Notre Dame des Philippines Catholic Mission technically encompasses all Filipino Catholics residing in Montreal and in the suburban areas, but respects the rights of the people to stay in their respective geographical parishes if they so wish. Their presence at liturgical services is always welcome and financial support is appreciated.

**PRESBYTERAL TEAM**

**PASTOR:** Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, P,M,E,

**PARISH FISCAL:** Sr. Luz Paderanga, O.P.

**DIRECTOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Sr. Celia Piala, O.P.

**ADULT FORMATOR:** Mr. Fruan Tabamo

**PASTORAL ASSISTANT:** Mr. Jose Aracena

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

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| <i>Acurantes, Flor</i>            | <i>St. Martha's Club</i>                |
| <i>Alejandro, Nelson</i>          | <i>Knights Of Columbus</i>              |
| <i>Ambayec-Wong, Bernardita</i>   | <i>Catechetics</i>                      |
| <i>Bernabe, Marites</i>           | <i>Missionary Animation Action Club</i> |
| <i>Caldito-Ballares, Erlinda</i>  | <i>Secular Franciscans</i>              |
| <i>Foz, Malou</i>                 | <i>Kawan Ng Panginoon Prayer Group</i>  |
| <i>Foz, Norma</i>                 | <i>Worship</i>                          |
| <i>Guia-Foz, Rhodora</i>          | <i>Youth</i>                            |
| <i>Jalea, Bernadette</i>          | <i>Secular Franciscans</i>              |
| <i>Mejia, Narciso</i>             | <i>Knights Of Columbus</i>              |
| <i>Monteiro- Pavico, Precilla</i> | <i>Kawan Ng Panginoon Prayer Group</i>  |
| <i>Palisoc, Loreta</i>            | <i>St. Martha's Club</i>                |
| <i>Quirapas, Marites</i>          | <i>Evangelization</i>                   |
| <i>Rosialda- Licerio, Nerie</i>   | <i>Parents' Support Group</i>           |
| <i>Silva-Kardos, Fredina</i>      | <i>Parents' Support Group</i>           |
| <i>Sunio, Maritess</i>            | <i>Catechetics</i>                      |
| <i>Tadeo, Imelda</i>              | <i>Family Life</i>                      |
| <i>Tadeo, Filemon</i>             | <i>Family Life</i>                      |
| <i>Tuvida, Noemi</i>              | <i>Legion Of Mary</i>                   |
| <i>Umali, Fe</i>                  | <i>Family Life</i>                      |
| <i>Umali, Henry</i>               | <i>Family Life</i>                      |

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**SECRETARY:** Ms. Maria Teresa Ambayec

**TREASURER:** Mr. Pedro Diaz, Jr.

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| <i>Mr. Quirino Seraspe, Jr.</i> | <i>Mr. Eduardo Ruiz</i>       |
| <i>Mr. Felix Cambaliza, Jr.</i> | <i>Mrs. Helen Aguila-Diwa</i> |



**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at the FCMM on Saturdays @ 10:00am except on the first

Saturday of the month when the Pre-Baptismal Class is held. Parents **must** schedule the baptismal date in the Parish Office and attend the Baptismal Preparation Class

**Pre-registration for this class is required.**

Baptism should be conferred in the first few weeks after the birth of a child.

Godparents **must** be practicing Catholics.



**ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST & ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Adults interested must contact the DRE, Sr. Celia at the Parish Office for details and information.



**THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the parish office to make an appointment with the parish

at least six months in advance of any wedding date to begin preparation. Couples **must** attend the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Cla



**YOUR OFFERINGS**

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 30, 2014  
 totalled \$ 1, 092.50

**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

## PARISH INFORMATION

This permanent calendar outlines meetings and ministries and Church Organizations that meet on a regular basis. Please check with the appropriate ministry for weekly changes to this schedule

### EVERY SUNDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. – Christian Life Education for Children ( Sunday School)
- 9:00 a.m. – EVANGELIZATION Seminar and BIBLE DISCOVERY for Adults
- 2: 00 p.m. – Kawan ng Panginoon Prayer Group Outreach

### EVERY FIRST SUNDAY:

- 2:00 p.m. – Catechetical Ministry Meeting

### EVERY SECOND SUNDAY:

- 7:00 p.m. – Family Life Ministry Meeting

### EVERY THIRD SUNDAY:

- 2:00 p.m. – Secular Franciscan Order ( Our Lady of the Philippines Fraternity ) Meeting

### EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY:

- 9:00 a.m. – Knights of Columbus ( Council 13585) Meeting

### EVERY WEDNESDAY:

- 7:30 p.m. – Legion of Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Praesidium) Meeting

### EVERY SECOND FRIDAY:

- 7:30 p.m. – FAITH SHARING MEETING animated by the Kawan Ng Panginoon

### EVERY FIRST SATURDAY:

- 10:00 a.m. – Pre-Baptismal Classes

**POLICY FOR MASS INTENTIONS:** The FCMM accepts offerings for Mass intentions. Those wishing to have a Mass said for a particular person or cause should contact or come to the Parish Office during regular working hours. On Sundays, if unable to pre-register, they **must come 30 minutes before the Mass** and register their intention/s with the Ministry of Offerings

FCMM's Policies regarding Mass Intentions

\*Suggested offering - \$15.00 (minimum amount, but more is accepted) (make payable to FCMM)

\*The intention can be for a deceased person or a living person. Does not need to be Catholic.

\* The Intention can be for another need of the Church: i.e. world peace, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, conversion of sinners, etc.

\*A specific Mass time and date can be requested,

\*The Mass intention is usually mentioned during the prayers of the faithful, but even if it is not, the Mass if offered for the intention will be posted in the bulletin.

\* Each member of the faithful may offer the Mass for his or her own intention. The merits of the Mass are infinite.

\*Mass Intention Offerings are **not** tax-deductible items. Donations and Special Mass sponsorships **are**.

### **POLICY FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Deadline:** 11 days prior to the Sunday you'd like your article to be considered for publication.

**Format:** Typewritten/ Word format e-mail is preferable

**Send** articles to Butch by e-mail @ [jhnaracena@gmail.com](mailto:jhnaracena@gmail.com)

**Note:** Articles must be approved prior to appearing in the bulletin. We reserve the right to edit articles.

## **WELCOME TO THE FCMM !**

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us !.

## REFLECTIONS



Following the early Church Lenten catechetical itinerary, today we are invited to ponder on Jesus Christ's role in our existence as the "source of our life and resurrection." The death of Lazarus makes us reflect on the many forms of "death" that afflict mankind and which make us shed tears of sorrow and compassion. Jesus' calling Lazarus back to life portrays him as the conqueror of death, and foreshadows his own resurrection. The wonderful event of Lazarus' resuscitation is also a symbol of so many spiritual and moral "resurrections" brought about by Jesus. Grateful to him for the preciousness of these gifts, we entrust to him ourselves and the people who are emotionally or affectively or spiritually "dead."

May we all share in the fullness of his life, especially through the celebration of the Eucharist.

### GENERAL LAWS OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**CAN. 1249** All Christ's faithful are obliged by divine law, each in his or her own way, to do penance. However, so that all may be joined together in a certain common practice of penance, days of penance are prescribed. On these days the faithful are in a special manner to devote themselves to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves, by fulfilling their obligations more faithfully and especially be observing the fast and abstinence which the following canons prescribe.

**CAN. 1250** The days and time of penance for the universal Church are each Friday of the whole year and the season of Lent.

**CAN. 1251** Abstinence from meat is to be observed on all Fridays of Lent. Abstinence and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

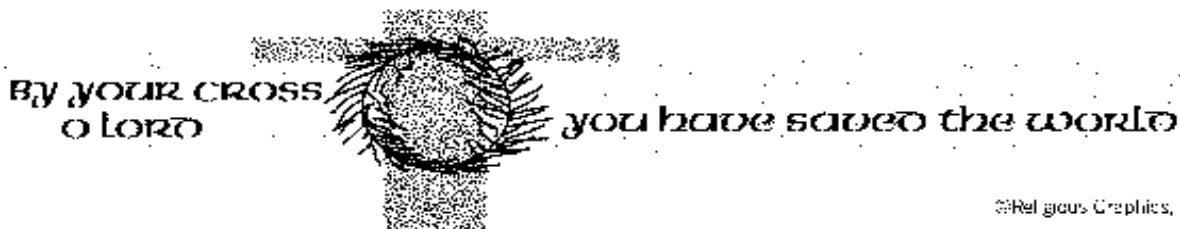
**CAN. 1252** The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. The law of fasting binds those who have attained their majority (18 years of age), until the beginning of their 60th year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance. who have attained their majority (18 years of age), until the beginning of their 60th year. Pastors of souls and parents are to ensure that even those who by reason of their age are not bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are taught the true meaning of penance.

In seven days, we are about to enter into Holy Week and the great mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection.

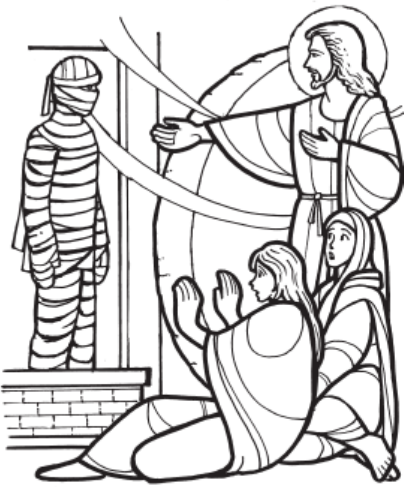
Come! Join with us here at the FCMM next week as we celebrate

Passion Sunday and the Easter Triduum ...

Remember to bring someone with you!



## REFLECTIONS



Last Sunday we reached the mid-point in our Lenten preparation. We celebrated “Laetare” Sunday last week and considered this “time of rejoicing” even as we continue our Lenten regimen of penance, sacrifice and generosity. Now, as we continue our Lenten journey, it is good to consider where we find ourselves on the road toward Jesus. So many of us really began this journey with high hopes and expectations, only to disappoint ourselves with our inability to remain faithful to the promises we made to ourselves and to the Lord.

Many of us have almost “given up” as we look to the empty rice bowl that has ended up on the corner of the fire place mantle; or we consider with just a little shame how we have been unable to refrain from the dessert we gave up, or the cigarettes we promised not to smoke; many of us have rarely made it to the morning or evening mass or novena that we really planned to attend each week this Lenten season. We have two choices as we move toward these last weeks of Lent. We can “give up” or we can “begin anew!” All that is necessary to “begin anew” is the desire in our own hearts to do something for God as we continue to journey in Lent. We need to take just a few minutes and honestly assess where we are in our relationship with Jesus—examine our conscience and identify those obstacles that prevent us—that get in the way—of our desire to follow Jesus.

We need to ask if our own stubbornness or impatience or harsh attitude is keeping us away from God or God’s people. We need to look for that old hurt or anger that is still “festering” in our heart. It is hard to be open to God’s forgiving love when we won’t make room in our hearts to forgive others.

We need to use these few remaining weeks of Lent as opportunities to meet Jesus Christ. We only need to re-commit to our Lenten promises to find our path so we can continue to journey with the Lord.

Today we need to be honest with ourselves and only then can we become honest with the Lord. We need to be unafraid to speak to the Lord: “Help me to get back on the path of my Lenten preparation.” We just need to open our hearts to the transforming love and grace that God lavishes upon us—if only we let Him.

Today we can renew our Lenten promises—what did I promise to do for God each day—what did I promise to deny myself each day—how do I plan to be generous—how am I going to pray and worship? Don’t be afraid to give Lent a “new start.” Remember, God is waiting for you to ask Him to walk with you just a little further.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

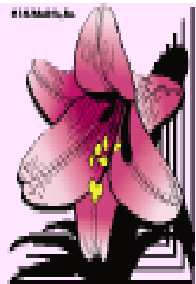
### HOLY WEEK 2014 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



#### APRIL

13 (PASSION SUNDAY)	*Blessing of Palms before the 11:30 a.m. Mass
17(HOLY THURSDAY)	8:00 p.m. - <b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> ( to be followed by a Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)
18(GOOD FRIDAY)-	10:00 a.m. – <b>GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS</b> 1:00 p.m. - <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b> 3:00 - <b>CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>
19(HOLY SATURDAY)	11:00 a.m. – LINIS- SIMBAHAN 8:00 p.m. - <b>EASTER VIGIL MASS</b>
20(EASTER SUNDAY)	11:30 a.m. – The Rite of “ <b>SALUBONG</b> ” before the <b>MASS OF THE RESURRECTION</b>

**Come join us in the Liturgical Celebration of these great events of Lent  
and the Paschal Triduum here at the FCMM.  
REMEMBER TO BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU !**



### EASTER FLOWERS

*Do you have someone in your life that you would like to remember on Easter Sunday? It may be someone you loved has passed away, or a good friend that you would like to keep in touch with, a family member that may be going through some tough times, or someone in your life that you care about and would like to tell them.*

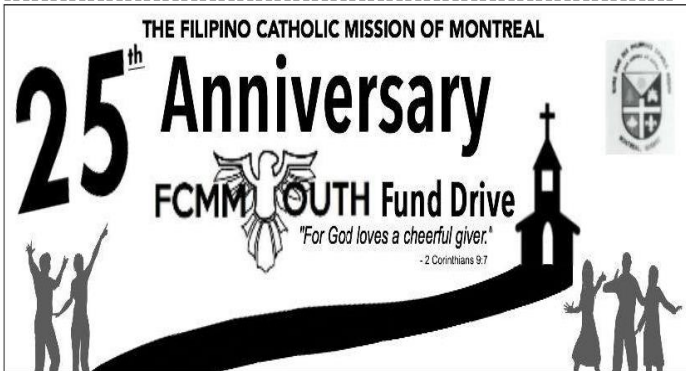
*Easter is the perfect time for doing this. It is a time for renewal. Gone (for now) are the days of Lent and ahead lies endless possibilities. Every year we have Easter Flowers that are displayed around the church. If you would like to contribute to our Easter Flower fund, forms are available at the Parish Office. This is a nice way to remember someone special in your life. Names of the remembered will be printed in the Sunday bulletin, and just think, every time you see an Easter Flower, you will remember that special person in your life.*

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# RCLIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

sessions is being conducted by our DRE,  
Sr. Celia Piala, op. every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Anyone  
interested in  
completing their sacraments of initiation ~ Baptism,  
Confirmation or  
Eucharist ~ is welcome to join . If you have questions,  
please come to the FCMM Office or  
contact Sr. Celia @ [mariaceliamagas@yahoo.ca](mailto:mariaceliamagas@yahoo.ca)



**SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MINISTRY  
AS THEY RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
FILIPINO CHURCH ON THE  
OCCASION OF ITS SILVER  
JUBILEE.**

**SIX (6) GROUPS OF YOUNG  
PEOPLE FROM THE MINISTRY  
HAVE BEEN CREATED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN A 'NON-  
COMPETITIVE' COMPETITION  
AMONG THEMSELVES TO SELL  
TICKETS @ \$2.00 EACH AND TO  
COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE  
AND FUN IDEAS TO RAISE  
MONEY  
FOR THE FCMM.**

**FIRST CANVASSING  
MAY 3, 2014  
FINAL CANVASSING  
OCTOBER 25, 2014**



## PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: **SAMPANG-VALENCIA FAMILY, MR. & MRS. FELIMON TADEO, CONSOLACION FAALA.**

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, SR. LUZ PADERANGA op, 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, FR. GEORGES MORIN, ofm..** May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially: **MACARIA MABALHIN, ERIC JASMIN, LOLITA ROBLES, 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.

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**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS  
FOR APRIL 2014**

*\* Ecology and Justice. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.*

*\* Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.*

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**THE HOLY SEASON OF RENEWAL**

**"Each year, you give us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery with mind and heart renewed. You give us a spirit of loving reverence for you, our God, and of willing service to our neighbor."**

**† LENTEN OBSERVANCES IN THE FCMM †**



**The Stations of the Cross** is being prayed on **each Friday** during Lent at **6:00 p.m.** This typically Lenten devotion comes **highly recommended** by the Saints, many of whom prayed the Stations daily! Come and join us.



**ANOINTING OF THE SICK** A communal Sacrament of Anointing is celebrated at The FCMM at a special Eucharistic liturgy each LENT bringing the whole parish community together

to pray with and for those among us whose health is impaired. Anyone struggling with illness of mind, body or spirit is invited to be anointed. The Special Mass will be held on **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.**

*\*This sacrament is **not** only for those who are at the point of death. The sacrament may be repeated as needed. No proxy-healing is allowed.*

*For assistance and more info., call the FCMM Office (514- 387- 5292)*

**LENTEN ACTION PROJECT 2014** for the less fortunate and the needy. Please donate non-perishable food

items, personal hygiene supplies and school supplies which will be sent to the PHILIPPINES. You can deposit your donations in the boxes at the church entrances.

*Alay Kapwa*

**The PABASA NG SAMBAYANAN 2014** is



being held at the **CHURCH BASEMENT**. Today **Sunday, April 6, (from 3-10 pm ) until Thursday, April 10,** (nightly, from **6:00 – 10 p.m.**), This is a beautiful Filipino Lenten tradition of chanting in Pilipino verses our Salvation History. Join us! Try and experience it ! Everybody is welcome !



**MASS of CHRISM - (Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)**

On Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m., Archbishop Christian Lepine will celebrate the **MASS OF**

**CHRISM** with the Bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Montreal. At this Mass, the Holy Oils, used in the administration of the sacraments will be blessed and consecrated. Priests renew their dedication to Christ and their commitment to serve God's people.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES**



Your help is needed now, as in the days of Saint Francis, to protect the Holy Places of the Holy Land. Even more

important, your help is needed to protect the Holy Name of Our Lord in this troubled land which He chose for His birth, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection.

***Please be generous in preparing your Offering. A special collection will take place during the 3: 00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion on April 18<sup>th</sup> , Good Friday.***



**HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER !!!**

Join with us in a special labor of love! Many volunteers are needed on **Holy Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m** to transform the Church for the most glorious solemnity of Easter. More hands makes lighter work!!! THANKS IN ADVANCE.