



**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  
**20 APRIL 2014**  
**EASTER SUNDAY**

## 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

<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>

**PROPERTY CUSTODIAN:** Mr. Jose Tolentino

**BOOKKEEPER:** Mr. Carmelo Villanueva

**WEBMASTER:** Mr. Narciso Mejia

**BULLETIN EDITOR:** Mr. Jose Aracena

#### ADMINISTRATORS

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

**SECRETARY:** Ms. Maria Teresa Ambayec

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

#### BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Quirino Seraspe, Jr.

Mr. Eduardo Ruiz

Mr. Felix Cambaliza, Jr.

Mrs. Helen Aguila-Diwa



#### 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 APRIL 13, 2014  
totalled \$ 1, 959.00

**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

## 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.

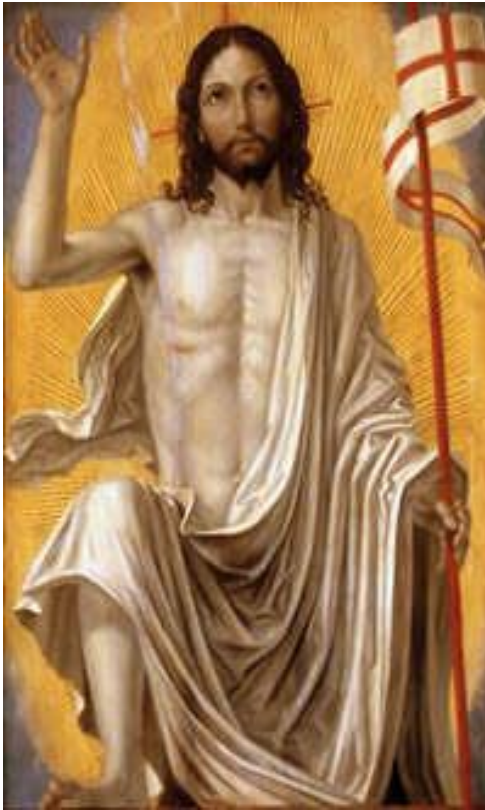
## **WELCOME TO THE FCMM !**

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

### *The Resurrection of Our Lord*



"I know you are looking for Jesus the Crucified, but he is not here. He has been raised, exactly as he promised."

How simply put those words are—too simply, really, for the first revelation of a truth that was to change literally everything in human experience.

Christ died and was buried. By all that was reasonable to expect, by all that human beings knew to be true, that was the end of it.

But it wasn't. Nothing had ended. And because of that, everything had changed. Three days after his death a few of those who believed went to the place where Christ had been buried. They had expected to enter the tomb of Christ, and they had expected to find there what every tomb must hold ... death.

But it was not so. The tomb they found had been broken. It was empty, a hollow, powerless thing. It held no death at all, rather a messenger with a word of life.

**"He is not here. He has risen."**

And in those words, everything that Christ had promised was seen to be true. A life lived as was his, faithfully, lovingly, is a force so powerful that it can never be fruitless. Such a life can never be wasted. Love cannot be buried. Faithfulness cannot be shut up in a tomb. In the resurrection of Christ, everything has been transformed, everything has been made new.

Each one of us is called to be a witness to the fact that Christ is still alive. We are called by Christ to approach whatever it might be in our lives that seems to be a tomb; to boldly and confidently walk up to the mouth of it, look in, and see it for what it truly is ... hollow, powerless, empty.

In the gospel story, the messenger of life did not stop with telling those few believers that Christ was still alive. Rather, he told them to go out and tell the others what they had seen and heard.

Tell the others that they too will meet the risen Christ, that he has gone on to find them as well.

May God bless you with Easter joy during this season of new life and new hearts!



## REFLECTIONS



### SALUBONG

One of the Easter practices unique to the Philippines and other countries influenced by Spanish conquistadores is the celebration of the **salubong**. The word **salubong** refers to the act of meeting someone who is arriving. As the word connotes, the celebration is a reenactment of the first meeting of Christ and his mother, Mary.

This is not written in the Bible, but the Filipinos' natural affinity to their mothers tell them that if there is someone to whom Christ will show himself first after his resurrection, it must be to his mother who loved him so much. This explanation is quite

reasonable. St. Ignatius himself seems to have the same logic in his *Spiritual Exercises* (SpEx) when he highlighted this event by making it first among the contemplations of the Fourth week of the Exercises. He writes, "rising again, he appeared in body and soul to his Blessed Mother" (SpEx [219]). He explained that, "Although this is not stated in Scripture, still it is considered as understood by the statement that he appeared to many others." (SpEx [299]).

Participating therefore in the **salubong**, is an actual contemplation of the consoling effect of Christ's Resurrection. And it is true, the grace that people get from this celebration is nothing but exuding joy - perhaps sharing the same joy that Mary had experienced when Christ appeared to him. In this celebration, one feels and experiences that Jesus is indeed alive and he is in our midst!

"The celebration starts at dawn just before sunrise, with two different processions that start at different points. The first one consists of the icon of the risen Christ carried by men while the second consist of the Blessed Virgin Mary (covered with a black veil to denote her mourning) carried by women.

Precisely at first light of sunrise, the two processions meet at the church courtyard from different routes. At the center of the courtyard, the icon of Jesus is faced with the icon of Mary under a canopy (Pallo). At this point, the ceremony of the meeting begins with the choir singing alleluias as Mary approaches Jesus. Under the canopy, an angel descends on top of the head of Mary and lifts the black veil from her, exposing a happy mother who is seeing her son.

Uproar of Jubilations is heard from the crowd and confetti fills the air and the choirs would hail the Risen Christ and sing songs of joy. Then the "Dawn Mass" is said to the crowd at the courtyard. At the end of the mass, various activities, like a fiesta begins, to celebrate the victory of our resurrection.



**PEACE**   
*at* **EASTER**

## REFLECTIONS



### Regina Coeli (Queen of Heaven) Hymn

One of the most joyous anthems of the Church is the Regina Coeli. Too few of us know it as a prayer in the home, but many of us recall it as the Eastertide noonday prayer of our school days. There is a story about this anthem that gives it greater meaning. In a fearful pestilence our Lady's portrait reputedly painted by St. Luke was being carried in a procession which included Pope St. Gregory the Great. As they approached St. Peter's Basilica, the air became pure and free of pestilence. At the bridge which joins Rome to the Vatican, angels were heard singing above the picture: "O Queen of heaven, rejoice, Alleluia! for He whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia! has risen as He said, Alleluia."

When the heavenly music had ceased, St. Gregory added, "O pray to God for us, Alleluia," and raising his eyes to heaven, saw the destroying angel sheathing his sword where he stood atop the Mole of Hadrian. On the dome the Pope later erected an immense statue of the angel, his sword in scabbard. And to this day the Mole of Hadrian is called the Castle of Sant' Angelo.

### O QUEEN OF HEAVEN

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia, Because the Son you were chosen to bear, alleluia, Has risen as he foretold, alleluia! Pray for us, oh, pray to God, alleluia!



Regina coeli, laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.



Again our community has joyfully and competently celebrated the beautiful liturgical rituals of Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Through the generous efforts and talents of many people we can say that we have faithfully worshipped, prayed, and journeyed to Easter. We are the Community of Our Lady of the Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal. May we truly be an Easter people! Emboldened by our experience of sharing in Jesus Christ's Resurrection, let us go forth and share our Easter Faith. For fifty days we will live the Easter Season.

Let us live it fully.

We know that Christ is in our hearts. Now is the time to let Christ shine before us---for all to see !





# 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: **GLORIA AQUINO-ANNOBIL, ROMEO AQUINO.**

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: **MARIANO, JUANA & JULIANN TADEO, ROSEGINE, LIBERATO & FELIPA MSILVERIO, GENEROSA AQUINO, 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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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



As we begin our fifty-day celebration of Easter, we would like to acknowledge and thank all of the people who worked so hard to make Holy Week and the whole fifty days of

Easter the high point of our liturgical year. First, our thanks go to the all who attended the Friday *Stations of the Cross* and to the **DIFFERENT MINISTRIES** who hosted and participated in the 6-night 'Pabasa' and the 'Linis-Simbahan'.

Our special thanks to the enduring 'Marthas' who spend countless hours preparing, executing and maintaining the church environment not only during this most holy season but the whole year round.

In addition, we thank all of you who so kindly donated the Flowers, Greens and Plants in honor of your loved ones.

Thank you to *Louie San Juan, Jun Diaz, Jun Seraspe, Felix Cambaliza* and the other men for providing the "MAN"power for the various tasks that need their skills.

Many thanks to the MUSIC MINISTERS of the **Adult, Bagong Himig, Praise Band, Youth** and the **Children's Choirs** who provide us with the very beautiful and inspiring music. Thanks also to our **Altar Servers** who carry out their ministry with such grace.

Thanks to *Sr. Delia, mic* for assisting us in our reflection during the Lenten Recollection.

Thank you to this year's "**12 Apostles**" for representing the community and assisting efficiently in the services.

Thanks to *Ohda Foz, Janice Tactaquin and Cynthia Puray-Pacheo* for mentoring the

**FCMM Senior /Junior Youths** in their animations. We are most grateful to the valiant **Knights of Columbus** ushers who welcome and assist everyone so cordially and their wholesome smiles during the 'collection'; and to our **Lectors** and **Eucharistic Ministers** who are truly word and sacrament for us.

We thank our Director for Religious Education *Sr. Celia Piala* and her **Catechists and the PSG**, who so faithfully walk the journey with our CLEC students. Kudos to the children who performed beautifully an animation of the GLORIA and other liturgical dances and action. Thanks too to the **Pastoral Council** members and the **Administrators** for the numerous hours they put in. Our liturgies are glorious because of all of you! Finally, we thank **EVERYONE** for your prayers, your weekly financial contributions and special donations. Thank you for celebrating the Holy Days in your spiritual home here at the FCMM. May the Risen Lord bestow on you all the graces and blessings you need as we continue to journey with gusto these great fifty days of rejoicing!



### **PISTA'Y DAYAT 2014**

#### **(Our Lady of Manaoag Fiesta)**

The FCMM will once again be the venue for this year's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary of Manaoag on **SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2014**.

Sponsored by the Pangasinan Association of Quebec Inc., the celebration will start at **11:00**

**a.m.** with the Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of Manaoag followed by the Holy Mass.

The Mass will be highlighted by a Floral Offering to the Virgin. Come and join us !

