



**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
23 FEBRUARY 2014
7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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:

<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

Stewardship

YOUR OFFERINGS

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 09, 2014 totalled \$ 1, 637.00

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 16, 2014 totalled \$ 1, 450.00

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.

1 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 (but more or less 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

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



We continue to be inspired and challenged by the teaching of Jesus reproduced in the Sermon on the Mount. Today's theme is LOVE – a love without borders and conditions. Jesus challenges us to love the way God does, for “He makes His sun rise on the bad and the good.” That is: he challenges us to love not just those who love us, but every human being, including those who reject and hate us. This challenge is not for the faint-hearted and the self-centered. It is for people who want to build a better world where violence, aggressiveness, exploitation, and retaliation have no place. It is a world where people are prepared to suffer offense but not to off end or get even; where people are willing to walk the extra mile to please the other.

Many Christians have often forgotten this aspect of Jesus' teaching and have behaved like those who have no God. Let our participation in the Eucharist celebration today be an opportunity to recommit ourselves to love the way Jesus taught and loved.

The Call to Love Without Borders

The most destructive forces in the world are not nuclear weapons, earthquakes, and other death-sowing disasters.

The most destructive force is hatred. This dreadful power disfigures and shatters the heart of man and society. Hatred is man's greatest enemy, the anti-life force par excellence. Only one force can oppose and overcome hatred and make up for its deadly effects: **LOVE**.

Love is life. It has the power to renew the heart of man . . . to renew the face of the earth. Love is God's "invention." It is God's very life, for "God is Love" (1 Jn 4:8). Man and his world were brought into existence by Love. Love is what

maintains them and guides them to their final "destination" – heaven. *Love is the heart of the world; the heart of whatever is beautiful, worthy and uplifting. Love has many faces, many "family names."* Depending on the circumstances and the needs of our "neighbor," love becomes appreciation, acceptance, encouragement, self-forgetfulness, offering or accepting a gift, patient waiting or immediate action, a word of correction or quiet listening, a radiant smile or an intent look, timely help, and forgiveness . . . The actions performed may be the most diverse, but one is their root, the fundamental attitude that prompts them all: **LOVE**.

But in this world of ours, poisoned by sin and crippled by moral weakness, it is not easy to love everybody and at all times. We need a teacher and one who gives us the strength we need to put into practice what we have learned. *Jesus is that teacher.* We need one to show us in practice how to love. God the Father, of course, is our first and most perfect model, for He created all things out of love and keeps them in existence out of love, as He "makes His sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust." But *among all the innumerable "signs" of His love, none can equal the gift of His eternal Son,* "for God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life" (Jn 3:16). And *Jesus, as "the human face of God" or "love made flesh," is not only God's love for us, but also our most perfect human model of how we should love both God and neighbor.* For it was out of love for the Father that the man Jesus lived and suffered to the outmost. At the same time, it was out of love for mankind that he spent his whole life and endured such a terrible death in order that all might have life and have it to the full. (See Jn 10:10.)

Jesus, then, is our divine and human model we have to look up to and imitate. We also need an internal strength to energize us, especially when loving becomes a hard test. *Jesus is also the one who infuses in us the strength that we need in order to love* even our enemies and executioners, if it should happen, to the very end. *Among the many things that matter in life, one tops them all: LOVE.* Of all the virtues we can practise, "there are three that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is LOVE" (1 Cor 13:13).



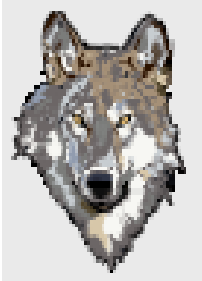
REFLECTIONS

THE FIGHT WITHIN

Today's readings revolve around the "logic of violence" and turn it on its head. "You shall not bear hatred . . . Take no revenge and cherish no grudge," says God through the prophet Moses (Leviticus 19:17, 18). Jesus says, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:43-44). The struggle to do this begins within our own hearts.

An old tale of the Cherokee people concerns a boy who was angry at a friend who had done him an injustice. His grandfather sat him down, saying, "I too, at times, have felt hatred toward those who have injured me, with no sorrow for what they did. But hate wears you down, and does not hurt your enemy. It is like taking poison and wishing your enemy would die. I have struggled with these feelings many times." He continued, "It is as if there are two wolves inside me. One is good and does no harm. He lives in harmony with all around him, and does not take offense when no offense was intended. He will only fight as the last resort, and in the right way. But the other wolf—ah, he is full of anger. The smallest thing will send him into a fit of temper. He fights everyone, all the time, for no reason. He cannot think because his anger and hate are so great. It is helpless anger, for his anger will change nothing. Sometimes it is hard to live with these two wolves inside me, for both of them try to dominate my spirit." The boy looked intently into his grandfather's eyes and asked, "Which one wins, Grandfather?" The old man smiled and said, "The one I feed."

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BEAUTY TIPS

FOR WRINKLED BROWS: Try the Well-known cream, SWEETNESS OF TEMPER. It tones up the facial muscles, reduces wrinkles and is very uplifting.

FOR THE LIPS: Use the marvelous lip stick SILENCE. It is particularly good for lips that have been distorted by uncharitable gossip.

FOR LOVELY HANDS: There's only one preparation to use. It is called GENEROSITY. Get a large jar.

FOR FACIAL TONE: Expose the face to the morning air, especially between 6 and 8 o'clock. The air on the way to Mass is especially refreshing and uplifting.

FOR CLEAR EYES: Faithful care with that tried and true protective preparation, MODESTY. For the best results, we recommend that you carry it with you wherever you go.

**A WONDERFUL CLEANING AGENT –
Confession.**

**AN IDEAL CONDITIONER AND BEAUTIFIER –
Holy Communion.**

[Author unknown]

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

R C I A

(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

PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS



We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: ROSE RODRIGUEZ, CARING BACOSA, DOLORES PURAY, VANESSA, JEFFREY, COLLIN, SHEENA VISARIO, MERLIE SARMIENTO, ALJON BAUTISTA, MR. & MRS. IRENIO PARCO,

JULIE GABA, MR. & MRS. EFREN OLAES, MARICHU DOMINGO and FAMILY.

Please join in lifting up the *special intentions* of: THE CLEC MINISTRY

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: CRISOGONO & PRESENTACION JALEA, DOLINO RODRIGUEZ, EVELYN REY, JUANITA MAGNO, RAYMUNDO QUITLANG, ROSARIO TUVIDA, JENNY FINZCEK, 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 FEBRUARY 2014

Universal: *That the Church and society may respect the wisdom and experience of older people.*

For Evangelization: *That Priests, Religious, and Lay People may work together with generosity for evangelization.*

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Lord, only with the help of your grace can we love as you love. Give us the strength to overcome anger with love, ugliness with beauty, and evil with good.

YEAR 2013 TAX RECEIPTS

are now available for pick-up after each Mass. For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during regular working hours (514 -3875292)



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this week is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **FOR PERSONAL INTENTIONS** offered by **TONY & NORMA FOZ.**

MASS INTENTIONS

The Sacrifice of the Mass contains within it all of the graces of God and all that man can do to worship Him. Stop by or call the FCMM office (514 - 387 - 5292) during normal business hours and have a Mass offered for your intention.

LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH !



Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7:30 p.m.

Rosary and Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held at 6: 30 p.m.

REMINDER : ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING and ABSTINENCE !

