



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !
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to The
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DES-PHILIPPINES
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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
19 January 2014
PHILIPPINE FEAST OF THE HOLY CHILD -SEÑOR SANTO NIÑO-

PIT SENYOR !

ROMAN Catholics throughout the Philippines and many Filipino communities around the world are celebrating today the Feast of the Santo Niño.



The observance is a special fiesta kept in the country, while the rest of the Catholic Church simply calls this the Second Sunday in “ordinary time.” The feast has European roots. Spanish colonizers and missionaries brought devotion to the Holy Infant Jesus with them from Spain. Today, a number of Filipino cities and churches are noted for elaborate celebrations of this feast.



In some places, this fiesta has become a tourist attraction because of the colorful processions, costumes, and dancing associated with the Feast of the Santo Niño. However, for the most part, the basis for this Catholic feast is a profound faith in the incarnation of Jesus.

The Gospels according to Matthew and Luke give scanty information

about the birth of Jesus and even less about His childhood. Historically speaking, the Gospel infancy narratives provide theological reflections about the birth and the mission of Jesus, not precise details or factual information. For example, the Gospel reading (Mt 18:1-5, 10) chosen by the Church for today presents the lesson which Jesus taught to His disciples. When they argued about who was the greatest among them, Jesus placed a child in their midst and taught them that whoever receives the Word of God like a little child is the greatest in the reign of heaven. The simplicity and the innocence of a child are virtues to be imitated by all believers. Thus, the Gospel message of this feast is that Christians ought to be childlike, NOT childish in their faith.



Perhaps because Filipinos love children, the Santo Niño retains great popularity among the faithful. The Santo Niño seems to symbolize the meaning of Christ’s incarnation. In His birth as a child, Jesus becomes one with humanity in order that human beings could become one with God. Somehow, most people can understand that message as it is reflected in the symbol of the Santo Niño.

Today, we join all devotees of the Infant Jesus in observing His Feast Day !



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Sto. Niño, the yearly observance that is so dear to the hearts of all Filipino Catholics. This feast brings us back to the beginning of the Christianization of our land. It also enables us to see the relevance of this devotion to our lives today. In a special manner, it forces us to focus on our children and youth, with all the dangers that threaten them, the problems they pose and the hopes they raise. This feast, and especially the Eucharistic celebration, are fresh opportunities for us to entrust our “niños” and youth to the protection and guidance of the Holy Child and to love them as he does. He, who is so much a part of our history and our lives, will surely take care of our children and young people, and will teach us how to do likewise.



Viva Señor Sto Niño!

What child is this? This child is *light* dawning in the darkness of death. This child is *joy* in freedom from bondage.

This child is *peace* in being liberated from war and destruction.

This child is *Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*. This child is *Mighty God*. And this child makes us look differently at every human person as a child of God. In Jesus' time a child was not just a young human being under the age of 12, it was anyone who was without power, without recourse, slaves, outsiders/strangers, the sick, the shunned, the sinner, the poor... and it is they who swarm to the presence of Jesus, the beloved Child of God.

The kingdom belongs to them first and unless we become like them, needing, having no power but God's and reveling in the presence of God, we will not know either God or the kingdom among us.



THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2014

Universal: That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

For Evangelization: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.



Pope - ourri

EVANGELII GAUDIUM

Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, is beautiful. It is simple, yet profound. The full exhortation is well worth reading and can be downloaded from the Vatican website.

Here are some quotes:-

Mercy

1. "Let me say this once more: God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."
2. "I want to remind priests that the confessional must not be a torture chamber but rather an encounter with the Lord's mercy which spurs us on to do our best. A small step, in the midst of great human limitations, can be more pleasing to God than a life which appears outwardly in order but moves through the day without confronting great difficulties."
3. "The Eucharist . . . is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak."

Joy

4. "Sometimes we are tempted to find excuses and complain, acting as if we could only be happy if a thousand conditions were met. To some extent this is because our 'technological society has succeeded in multiplying occasions of pleasure, yet has found it very difficult to engender joy'."

Evangelization

5. “An evangelizer must never look like someone who has just come back from a funeral! Let us recover and deepen our enthusiasm, that ‘delightful and comforting joy of evangelizing, even when it is in tears that we must sow... And may the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ’.”

6. “Instead of seeming to impose new obligations, [Christians] should appear as people who wish to share their joy, who point to a horizon of beauty and who invite others to a delicious banquet. It is not by proselytizing that the Church grows, but ‘by attraction’.”

7. “The Church evangelizes and is herself evangelized through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelization and the source of her renewed self-giving.”

The Poor

8. “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security. . . . More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us: ‘Give them something to eat’ (Mk 6:37).”

9. “Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other people’s pain, and feeling a need to help them, as though all this were someone else’s responsibility and not our own. The culture of prosperity deadens us; we are thrilled if the market offers us something new to purchase; and in the meantime all those lives stunted for lack of opportunity seem a mere spectacle; they fail to move us.”

10. “I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor!”

Marriage and Family

11. “Marriage now tends to be viewed as a form of mere emotional satisfaction that can be constructed in any way or modified at will. But the indispensable contribution of marriage to society transcends the feelings and momentary needs of the couple. As the French bishops have taught, it is not born ‘of loving sentiment, ephemeral by definition, but from the depth of the obligation assumed by the spouses who accept to enter a total communion of life’.”

Encountering Jesus

12. “The primary reason for evangelizing is the love of Jesus which we have received, the experience of salvation which urges us to ever greater love of him. What kind of love would not feel the need to speak of the beloved, to point him out, to make him known? If we do not feel an intense desire to share this love, we need to pray insistently that he will once more touch our hearts. We need to implore his grace daily, asking him to open our cold hearts and shake up our lukewarm and superficial existence.”

13. “It is impossible to persevere in a fervent evangelization unless we are convinced from personal experience that it is not the same thing to have known Jesus as not to have known him, not the same thing to walk with him as to walk blindly, not the same thing to hear his word as not to know it, and not the same thing to contemplate him, to worship him, to find our peace in him, as not to.”

14. “I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them; I ask all of you to do this unflinchingly each day. No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since ‘no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord’.”



Offering Envelopes



YEAR 2014 ENVELOPES – Year 2014 Envelope Boxes are still available from the Bookkeeper, Mr. Carmelo Villanueva and other FCMM Administrators after each Mass or at the FCMM Office. Please discard your Year 2013 envelopes and don't forget to complete all necessary information (NAME and ADDRESS) when using your new ones !

NOTE ::: We encourage you to follow the minimum donation of \$ 5.00 every Sunday and \$10.00 for the monthly pledge.

HELP THE FILIPINO MISSION AND GET TAX CREDITS FOR YOUR DONATIONS !
Use the envelopes to support the FCMM and get Tax credits from 44% or more from the Federal and Provincial Governments
(Tax Credits computed as follows:)

FEDERAL TAX CREDIT

First \$ 200.00 15%
 Excess of \$ 200.00 29%

PROVINCIAL TAX CREDIT

First \$ 200.00 20%
 Excess of \$ 200.00 24%

EXAMPLE #1: For a donation of \$380.00
 (\$5.00 offering x 52 weeks and \$ 10.00 monthly pledge x 12 months)

FEDERAL		PROVINCIAL		Combined Computation	
\$200.00 (15%)	\$30.00	\$200.00 (20%)	\$40.00	FEDERAL	\$82.20
\$180.00 (29%)	<u>\$52.20</u>	\$180.00 (24%)	<u>\$43.20</u>	PROVINCIAL	<u>\$83.20</u>
	\$82.20		\$83.20	Total Credits	\$165.40

TOTAL CREDIT IS \$ 165.40 or 43.50 % of your donated amount.

EXAMPLE #2: For a donation of \$1000.00

FEDERAL		PROVINCIAL		Combined Computation	
\$200.00 (15%)	\$30.00	\$200.00 (20%)	\$40.00	FEDERAL	\$262.00
\$800.00 (29%)	<u>\$232.00</u>	\$800.00 (24%)	<u>\$192.00</u>	PROVINCIAL	<u>\$232.00</u>
	\$262.00		\$232.00	Total Credits	\$494.00

TOTAL CREDIT IS \$ 494.00 or 49.40 % of your donated amount.

EXAMPLE #3: For a donation of \$2000.00

FEDERAL		PROVINCIAL		Combined Computation	
\$200.00 (15%)	\$30.00	\$200.00 (20%)	\$40.00	FEDERAL	\$552.00
\$1800.00 (29%)	<u>\$522.00</u>	\$1800.00 (24%)	<u>\$432.00</u>	PROVINCIAL	<u>\$472.00</u>
	\$552.00		\$472.00	Total Credits	\$1024.00

TOTAL CREDIT IS \$ 1024.00 or 51.20 % of your donated amount.

As shown above, give \$380.00 and get 43.5% tax credit;
Give \$1,000.00 and get 49.4% tax credit;
Donate \$2,000.00 and get 51.5% tax credit.
WE URGE YOU AGAIN ::: USE THE ENVELOPES !
GIVE MORE, GET MORE "TAX CREDIT"
AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, YOU HELP THE FCMM !

RCLA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

sessions will be conducted by our DRE,
Sr. Celia Piala, op. Anyone interested in
completing their sacraments of initiation ~
Baptism, Confirmation or
Eucharist ~ is welcome to join us. If you have
questions, please come to the FCMM Office or
contact Sr. Celia @

mariaceliagemas@yahoo.ca

BEFORE FEBRUARY 16



If you are Catholic, older than high school and have been thinking about investigating how to receive your Confirmation, you've found it! Sessions will be held by Sr. Celia Piala, op soon. New folks are welcome at any time... but NOW is a GREAT time to start with the formation process. Call Sr. Celia at the FCMM Office (514) 387-5292 or

mariaceliagemas@yahoo.ca

for more details

BEFORE FEBRUARY 16



Next Sunday, January 26, our 11:30 a.m. Eucharist will be in English instead of the usual last Sunday of the month Pilipino Mass.

The Our Lady of the Philippines Fraternity (SFO) will be hosting the annual Fellowship of Secular Franciscans in the Region. As such, we are expecting a lot of non-Filipinos in the Mass.

MARAMING SALAMAT PO SA INYONG PAG-UNAWA !

THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE

LORD is celebrated 40 days after Christmas Day. (Can you believe it's almost 40 days ?) It recalls the day when Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, in fulfillment of Jewish law. This year it will fall on Sunday, February 2. We ask you to bring your candles for blessing on that Sunday, as inspired by Simeon's proclamation of Jesus as a " light for revelation to the Gentiles. "



PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

**SUNDAY, February 9, 2009
2:00 p.m. - Blue Room**

HOSTS: Catechists/ PSG

GROW



Sometimes, My Santo Nino, life seems hard to bear; Full of sorrow, trouble and woe ,it's then I have to remember that it's in the valleys I grow.

If I always stayed on the mountain top and never experienced pain,

I would never appreciate God's love and would be living in vain.

I have so much to learn and my growth is very slow, Sometimes I need the mountain tops but it's in the valleys I grow.

I do not always understand why things happen as they do, But I am very sure of one thing. the Santo Nino will see me through.

My little valleys are nothing when I picture Christ on the cross. He went through the valley of death; His victory was Satan's loss.

Forgive me Lord, for complaining when I'm feeling so very low. Just give me a gentle reminder that it's in the valleys I grow.

Continue to strengthen me, my Santo Nino, and use my life each day to *share my love and wealth with others* and help them find their way.

Thank you for valleys, Lord .For this one thing I know The mountain tops are glorious But it's in the valleys I grow!





The challenge of caring for this Church belongs to each one of us! Members of the FCMM are the "stewards" of our parish, our faith community. Christian stewards gratefully receive God's gifts, cherish and tend to them responsibly, share them justly and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Thank you for your continuing generosity! God bless you always!!!



WHAT IS A REASONABLE WEEKLY DONATION TO MY PARISH?

One suggestion that we make is to consider donating the equivalent of your "First Hour of Work" each week to the Lord.



The **SANCTUARY LAMP** this month is burning for the **GLORY OF GOD** and **IN MEMORY OF ALL DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS** offered by **MERCY PADUA**.



and **SANCTUARY LAMP SPONSORS**



We are giving you the opportunity to donate flowers or light a candle in memory of family members or friends. If you would like to donate flowers for the weekend liturgies or sponsor the Sanctuary Lamp candle near the Tabernacle for a week. Come to the FCMM Office and let us know of the weekend you would like. We will then place the notice in the bulletin... "Flowers this week are donated by.....in memory/honor of....." and "The Sanctuary Lamp this week is burning in memory/honor of....."



HELP KEEP OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER CURRENT

As we begin a New Year, it is imperative to up-date the bulletin's hospitality corner. Please contact the FCMM Office or the Editor if you would want to put a name on our prayer list. (E-mail address: jhnaracena@gmail.com)

MASS INTENTIONS

Do you have a deceased relative for whom you wish all the Grace of God; or perhaps a dear friend who could use a bit of divine assistance in their lives, or simply if you have reason to offer thanksgiving for a new-born son, daughter, God-child, niece, nephew or the like? Well 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 ask how you can have a Mass offered for your intention.



- We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of: **LUCILLE MANIGAO, THE LALIC-LEYSON FAMILY, MERCY PADUA, ANGELINA BELTRAN, MANNY & LINA LAGASCA, MR. & MRS. NELSON ALEJANDRO and FAMILY, FELIMON & IMELDA TADEO and FAMILY, LARRY & ALICE PANADO and FAMILY.**



- Please join in lifting up the **special intentions** of: **NERINA RODRIGUEZ, THE LAUS FAMILY, MR. & MRS. GAVINO VALENZUELA, NERCY AQUINO**

TAOINGAN

- 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.** May God bring them healing and peace.

- Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially: **JOSE SEGUERRA, LEONA PANGANIBAN REDRINO, LAVINO RODRIGUEZ, CONCORDIA LAZARO, GERARD CHAPNOT, DIVINA ERESE, BARTOLOME TRANSFIGURACION, ROBERTO MAMAGAT, CONSOLACION BACOSA, JASON SEGUERRA, ROSALINA SIPIN, BONIFACIO GUILLERMO, LEONORA ESPIRITU, ORLAN ESPIRITU, LEONARDO PAPA, GERONIMO & LUCIA RIVERA, FRUCTUOSA VELASQUEZ, BIBIANA SERASPE, FREDERICO & CAROLINA MIGANO, FELIX CAMBALIZA SR., ALL THE DEAD IN TACLOBAN , 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.