



**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
16 MARCH 2014
2nd 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

<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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BULLETIN EDITOR: Mr. Jose Aracena

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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 Class

Stewardship

YOUR OFFERINGS

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF MARCH 9, 2014
totalled \$2, 019.00

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



“This is my beloved Son...Listen to Him.” These are such powerful words spoken by God to the chosen disciples during the time of the “Transfiguration” of the Lord. I think that they are also words that are spoken to each of us – in our hearts – as we continue our Lenten journey. They are words that invite each of us to become open to our own transformation during these days of Lent. “Listen to Him.” This command from God, our Father, is a command for all. The Son is present in the world and His message is one that ought to be heard by all humanity--- especially by us because we are united in Christ in our baptism. “Listen

to Him.” These are such compelling words in Matthew’s Gospel. These words give us a glimpse of the Father’s hope for his children. Jesus is the very Word of God-- -the Word made man! Jesus has come among the people in fulfillment of God’s promise. Jesus speaks a message of God’s graciousness, of God’s eternal love for us. “Listen to Him!”

Today’s Gospel is a wondrous scene. Jesus “shines forth” as the Son of God and appears in communion with Moses and Elijah. Jesus is, indeed, the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. Jesus in His transfigured state is the completion of all that has been written. Jesus is the New Jerusalem, the New Adam. Indeed, Jesus is the New Law; He is the final word that completes the work of the prophets. As we continue to explore our relationship with God during this Lenten Season, we are reminded today to “Listen to Him.”

We are reminded that all too often, God’s Word has been ignored, defiled, mangled by those who would make God conform to them. “Listen to Him.” Let us, together, really “Listen to the Lord” as we continue to be renewed during Lent. Let us open our hearts to the Word of God who already resides there. God our Father really speaks to us through Jesus. All we have to do to hear His voice is to enter into the quiet of our hearts and “Listen to Him.” Let us do just that! And let us really be transformed in the Lord!

*this is my
Beloved son.
hear him!*

REFLECTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS



- Abram is chosen as a beloved of God to change the world. We are called Children of Abraham because of God's promise to Abram to be made a great nation.
- In the Transfiguration the reality of Christ is revealed to Peter, James and John. That reality is lived out in our Christian faith as a community and individuals.

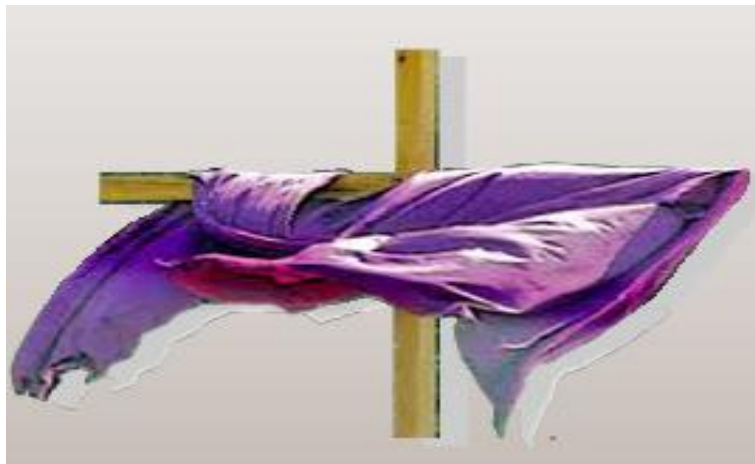
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As Saint Paul emphasizes in today's second reading, we are all called to a holy life. God gives us a great gift every year with the season of Lent: an opportunity once again to more closely imitate Jesus, the perfect example of holy living. We may think that Lent is only about fasting from food or abstaining from meat, but it should be so much more. The Church advocates our frequent participation in the Mass, as well as our prayers for peace and for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We are also encouraged to give personal service to those in need, including the aged and the sick. And last but not least, we are invited to practice some form of voluntary self-denial, which is giving up something we *really* want, rather than something we'll never miss. The particular practices we choose to adopt during Lent may vary widely according to our age, capabilities, and lifestyle. The only thing we cannot do is avoid Lent altogether. This would separate us from God and the community of faith, and seriously call our discipleship into question. If we have been practicing stewardship all along, the extra efforts we make in Lent are simply a natural extension of what have already been doing. These additional practices and penances deepen our awareness of how much we receive daily from the hands of an all-loving God. By shifting our attention away from our own wants and needs we have more time to offer our abilities and resources to God, to God's church, and to the world in which we live. Lent is truly a time to count our blessings— each and every one—and to ask God to conform our hearts even more to the divine will.

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LENT – 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**

All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. All Catholics 14 years of age and older abstain from meat, and all Catholics 18 to 59 years of age eat sacrificially on these days.

○ **PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

The Stations of the Cross is being prayed each Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. Join us as we recall and meditate on Jesus' journey from his condemnation to his burial in the tomb. The Holy sacrifice of the Mass follows after the devotion.

○ **THE PENITENTIAL THEME OF LENT**

In giving the Church a renewed sense of Lent, the 2nd Vatican Council urges the faithful to take a greater and more fruitful share in the Lenten liturgy and penitential services. We are advised particularly to approach the sacrament of penance during Lent, in accordance with the law and traditions of the Church, so that we may share in the joys of Easter Sunday with purity of heart. To highlight this, we will have a **Communal Celebration of Penance before both Masses** on **Sunday, April 6th**. Please plan to attend our celebration.



ANNOUNCEMENT

KUWARESMA 2014 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MARCH

5(WED.) **ASH WEDNESDAY – 7PM Mass**
 NOVENA at 6:30
 NO 6 PM MASS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT beginning MAR. 7

9(SUN.) **1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (11:30 a.m. Liturgy)**
 16(SUN.) **2ND SUNDAY OF LENT (11:30 a.m. Liturgy)**
 23 (SUN) **3RD SUNDAY OF LENT (11:30 a.m. Liturgy)**
 29(SAT.) **LENTEN RECOLLECTION (1:00 -5:00 p.m.)**
 30(SUN) **4TH SUNDAY OF LENT (11:30 a.m. Liturgy)**

APRIL

5(SAT.) ***(3PM – 9PM) PABASA - DAY 1**
Hosts: Catechists, PSG

6(SUN.) **5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - (Penitential Rites before Mass)**
***(3PM – 9PM) PABASA - DAY 2**
Hosts: MAAC, Kawan Ng Panginoon, Bagong Himig Choir

7(MON.) ***(6PM – 10PM) PABASA-DAY 3**
Hosts: Adult Choir, Franciscans

8(TUE.)- ***(6PM – 10PM) PABASA-DAY 4**
Hosts: Family Life, YOUTH

9(WED)- **6pm Mass**
***(7PM-10PM) PABASA- DAY 5**
Hosts: Martha, Legion of Mary, Evangelization

10(THURS.)- ***(6PM-10PM)PABASA DAY 6**
Hosts: Administrators, K of C

11(FRI.) **ANOINTING OF THE SICK-7pm Mass ***** NO 6PM MASS**



HOLY WEEK

13 (PASSION SUNDAY) ***Blessing of Palms before the 11:30 a.m. Mass**

17(HOLY THURSDAY) **8:00 P.M - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
(to be followed by a Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

18(GOOD FRIDAY)- **1:00 p.m. - STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
3:00 - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

19(HOLY SATURDAY) **9:00 a.m. – LINIS- SIMBAHAN**
8:00 p.m. - EASTER VIGIL MASS

20(EASTER SUNDAY) **11:30 a.m. – The Rite of “ SALUBONG” before the MASS OF THE RESURRECTION**

**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 !**

FAST ✚ PRAY ✚ SHARE ✚ FAST ✚ PRAY ✚ SHARE

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



Lenten Psalm:
 "Oh Father of Jesus,
 Mother of Christ, help me
 not to waste these
 precious Lenten days of my soul's spiritual
 springtime."

PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS



We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: **MR. & MRS. FRANCISCO DARIA and FAMILY, THE CATECHETICAL 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: **CONRADO ARACENA, JUANA TADEO, NELSON MALABUYOC, ROSARIO UNABIA, FAUSTA TABLANDA, 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 MARCH 2014**

Respect for Women. That all cultures may respect the rights and dignity of women.

Vocations. That many young people may accept the Lord's invitation to consecrate their lives to proclaiming the Gospel.

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THE FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL

25th Anniversary

FCMM YOUTH Fund Drive

"For God loves a cheerful giver."
 - 2 Corinthians 9:7

**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**