



**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 MARCH 2014
3RD 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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<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 16, 2014
 totalled \$ 1, 769.00

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

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



“Many more began to believe in him because of his word.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus “converts’ many of the Samaritans because of his word.” We are invited today to also hear, and be “converted” by his “word.”

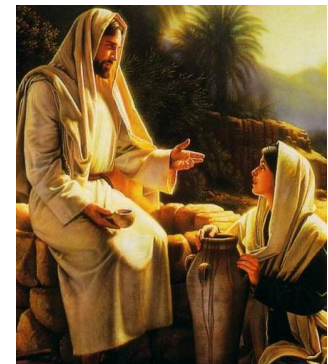
As we have journeyed forth during this Lenten season, we have considered the discipline needed to remain faithful to God as we considered Jesus and his temptation in the desert. We have also considered transformation as we considered the beautiful passage about Jesus’ Transfiguration that was witnessed by his disciples.

Over these next three Sundays we will consider a Samaritan woman, a blind beggar and a dead man, each of whom have a life changing encounter with Jesus. In each of the passages we are asked to consider the change of heart of those who encounter Jesus with openness and trust.

Today we begin to look at conversion---that change of heart that can only begin after we have spent time walking with the Lord with hearts and souls open to his goodness and love.

The Samaritan woman meets Jesus at Jacob’s Well. This is a special place where one is truly refreshed by the cool goodness of running water from underground springs. Jacob’s Well is the place where one can be refreshed---physically and spiritually!

In the beautiful encounter between Jesus and this woman, we see openness to God’s word in the world. What Jesus’ own people have refused to believe, this woman accepts willingly. She trusts in the truth and goodness of Jesus’ voice. This woman comes to understand that Jesus is the Christ. Jesus sees into her heart and Jesus offers her “the living water.” The Samaritan woman encounters Jesus and enters into the process of conversion.



She believes in his authority as she goes and invites others to believe in him. They come and hear his voice and they too believe.

As we continue our Lenten journey, we are invited to listen to Jesus. His voice is, indeed, one that brings forth “living water: water welling up to eternal life.” Hopefully we have faced our temptations and have still journeyed forth. Hopefully we have entered into Jesus’ transforming love. Now we are ready to begin our conversion---freely partaking of the living water: Jesus Christ whose word brings us to new life in him!

REFLECTIONS



Reflection....

- ◊ God provides for the Israelites during their wandering and still provides for us today.
- ◊ Jesus opens salvation to be given to all; not just a chosen few or the righteous, but for sinners.
- ◊ Jesus reveals He is the Messiah, the Anointed One to bring salvation to the world.

PRICELESS

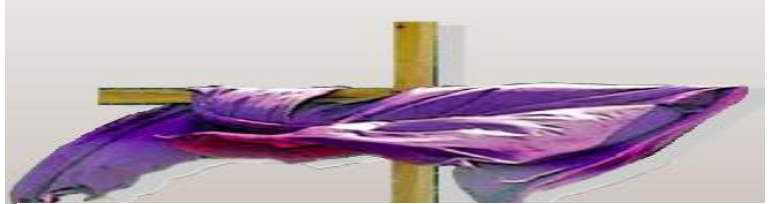


A well-known priest had been invited to speak at a parish mission. The church was packed and all eyes were on him as he started his presentation.

He looked around the congregation and took something out of his pocket. Everyone could see he was holding up a one-hundred-dollar bill. He asked, "Who would like to have this hundred dollar bill?" People looked at each other and wondered if this was some kind of trick, but hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this one hundred dollars to one of you, but first, let me do this." Holding both hands up high he crumpled the bill up into a small tight ball. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" More hands went up in the air. "Well," he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe as hard as he could.

When he picked it up, everyone could see the money was all crumpled and dirty. "Now who wants it?" Almost every hand was in the air. "My friends, today you have all learned a very valuable lesson because, in spite of what I did to it, this bill has not lost any of its value. It is still worth one hundred dollars. Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. When you don't live up to God's love for you, you may even feel as if you are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen in your life, you will never lose your value in God's eyes. Whether you are dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to God."

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It is love which must determine man's actions, love which must give unity to what is divided. Love is the synthesis of contemplation and action, the meeting point between heaven and earth, between God and man. I have known the satisfaction of unrestrained action and the joy of the contemplative life in the desert, and I repeat again St. Augustine's words: "Love and do as you will."

Do not worry what you ought to do. Worry about loving. Do not interrogate heaven repeatedly and uselessly saying, "What course of action should I pursue?" Concentrate on loving instead.¹

¹Carlo Carretto, edited by Robin Baird-Smith, Templegate Publishes: Springfield IL, 1988, p. 31.

EXPERIENCING HUNGER

In fasting we voluntarily accept a state of hunger which millions of our brothers and sisters are forced to accept every day of their often all too brief lives.

Fasting is thus a privileged entry into the experience of a vast portion of the human family with whom we seldom associate. In sharing their experience we come to an understanding of their plight unavailable to those who simply think about the sufferings of the poor. We might even say that this experiential knowledge makes all other knowledge seem like blindness about their world.

The season of Lent is a time of coming to fresh clarity about the responsibilities which we accept at baptism. The man born blind and given vision by Jesus almost immediately found himself in trouble as a result of his new sight and its source.

Those who willingly accept the hungers of the poor will undoubtedly be led to address the needs of their brothers and sisters. Thus the connection between fasting and alms.

Fasting, however, is not just a way to raise social consciousness. It is a trigger which brings us to new thankfulness for the gifts God has given us and which

Christ asks us to share that we might embody our communion with all God's children. What does it feel like to be truly hungry and thirsty?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

KUWARESMA 2014 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

MARCH

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

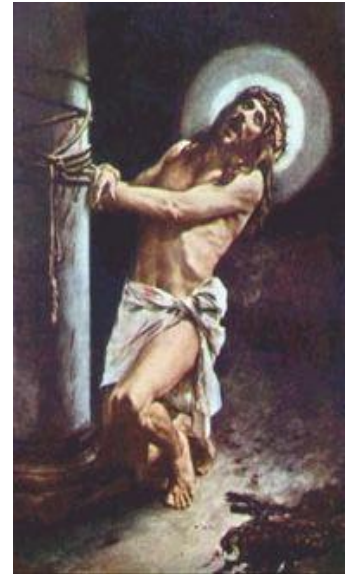
7(MON.) *(6PM – 10PM) PABASA-DAY 3
Hosts: Adult Choir, Franciscans

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)- 12 noon - 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 !**

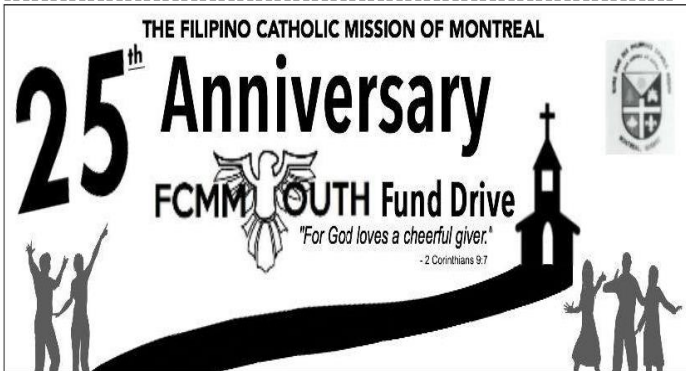


NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



**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: **RITA LUMBA BACANI, PRINCY RIMBAO.**

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: **PIO & MARCIANA MANIGAO, NATIVIDADM BERAME, RAMON BARCENAS, MARTIN BARCENAS, CORAZON MENDOZA, MARIA CLARA QUIRAPAS, VICENTE ACENAS, JOSE SEGUERRA, CLEMENTE UMALI, ERIC JASMIN, CORAZON CABACUNGA, RAYMUND TUVIDA, MARIA 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 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.

THE WATER FROM HEAVEN



As dry flour cannot be united into a lump of dough or a loaf, but needs water, so we who are many cannot be made one in Christ Jesus without the water that comes from heaven.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Third Sunday of Lent...

The question that Jesus puts to the Samaritan woman: "Give me a drink" (Jn 4: 7), is presented to us in the liturgy of the third

Sunday; it expresses the passion of God for every man and woman, and wishes to awaken in our hearts the desire for the gift of "a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life" (Jn 4: 14): this is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who transforms Christians into "true worshipers," capable of praying to the Father "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4: 23). Only this water can extinguish our thirst for goodness, truth and beauty! Only this water, given to us by the Son, can irrigate the deserts of our restless and unsatisfied soul, until it "finds rest in God", as per the famous words of St. Augustine.

~ Pope Benedict XVI



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.

Alay Kapwa

Alay means offering or to offer. **Kapwa** could mean brothers and sisters or neighbors. **Alay**



Kapwa means offering what we have to our brothers and sisters who are in need. Share in our **Lenten Action Project** 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 natives in BUKIDNON, and to the MANGYAN TRIBES in Mindoro, Philippines. You can deposit your donations in the boxes at the church entrances.



PENANCE SERVICES: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a very meaningful way to celebrate Lent. Individual Confessions may be scheduled with the Office. **A COMMUNAL Celebration of Penance**

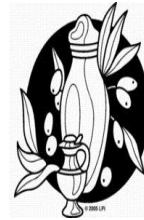
will be held on **Sunday, April 6th** **before the mass.**

Please come earlier than usual and join us as we pray together for reconciliation.



PABASA NG SAMBAYANAN – Starting **Saturday, April 5 & Sunday, April 6, (from 3-8 pm) and Monday-Thursday, April 10,** (nightly, from **6:00 – 10 p.m.**), we will have the

PABASA here at the FCMM. This is a beautiful Filipino Lenten tradition of chanting in Pilipino verses our Salvation History. Join us! Everybody is welcome !



ANOINTING OF THE SICK – A Special Mass with the administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held on **Friday, April 11th at 7:00 p.m.** This Sacrament is for the living

who are seriously/chronically ill with the purpose of restoring physical health to the person. It is a sacrament that can be repeated as many times as the person needs it.

No proxy-healing is allowed. For assistance and more info., call the FCMM Office (514- 387- 5292)



EASTER FLOWERS: *What a beautiful way of remembering a loved one by donating the Easter Flowers that will adorn the sanctuary of the FCMM throughout the Easter Season !*

DONATION:

- One pot of Orchids/ Hydrangea- \$ 30.00
- One pot of Easter Lilies - \$25.00
- One pot of Green Plant - \$ 25.00

DONATIONS ARE TAX-RECEIPT ELIGIBLE !!!

SPONSOR a plant in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of the living. Stop by at the FCMM Office and complete a flower/ plant form with your donation. In addition, a listing of the names of those remembered will be published in the Bulletin for the duration of this blessed season. Hurry ! Limited Quantity! Deadline is on Friday, APRIL 11, 2014.

