



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
09 MARCH 2014
1st 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>

PROPERTY CUSTODIAN: Mr. Jose Tolentino

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BULLETIN EDITOR: Mr. Jose Aracena

ADMINISTRATORS

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

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<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 MARCH 02, 2014
 totalled \$ 2, 077.00

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



First Sunday of Lent



Jesus experienced the temptation to act in ways that were self-centered, ways that would call attention to Himself or make His life here on earth one of ease and comfort. Jesus' rejection of these temptations points to His clear understanding of and desire to carry out the will of His heavenly Father.

During these days of Lent may we be conscious of the temptations that we face every day, most of which would have us be less authentic in the living out of our calling. May our self-denial and prayer lead us to a greater conformity to the person of Jesus.



FEAST OF FAITH – Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



DAILY LENTEN PRAYER:

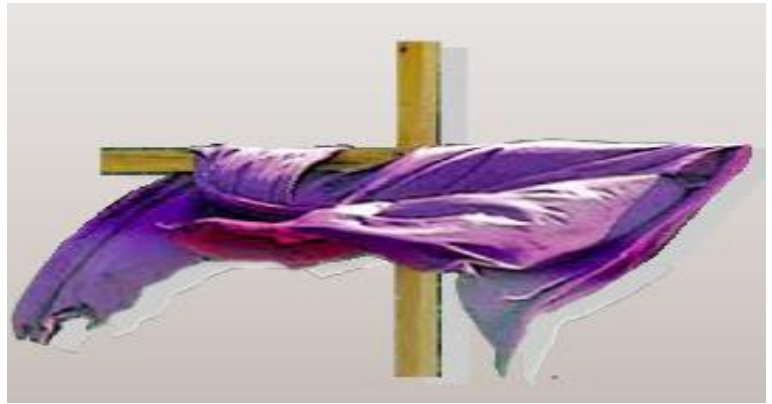
Jesus, we know you came to love us, to forgive us, and to make us new. We give you all of our troubles, large and small. Help us as we walk with you now on your of the Cross. Amen

REFLECTIONS

THE DEVIL'S TRAPS

Search for pictures of the devil or Satan and you will see images of a snarling face, long gnarled horns, hooves dripping with blood, red skin, and a tail. But those who tempt us to do evil are not at all like these pictures; many of them smile sweetly and have excellent social skills. The snake in the Garden of Eden was not frightening or threatening; he just talked very persuasively, and once Adam and Eve listened to him and ate the forbidden fruit they knew their world was turned upside down. After Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, the same smooth talker who brought catastrophe on Adam and Eve tried his wiles on Jesus. He tried three powerful tests. Jesus rejected them all and the Tempter left, unable to turn Jesus' heart away from God. The invitation to do evil is perpetually present, so that all of us face versions of each temptation faced by Jesus. And it's never a matter of simply breaking the rules. Where the Evil One gets a real foothold is when something becomes a sinful habit, a persistent thread in our lives, especially if we fail to recognize the harm it is doing to us and others. The harsh words shouted once in anger and regretted are less damaging than a persistent habit of belittling people. Breaking one's marriage vow and being deeply repentant is not like a pattern of cheating over many years. The Church, with the wisdom of generations of experience, provides Lent, this annual season of spiritual "spring cleaning." If it has been a while since you went to confession, consider it now. If you go to the sacrament and confess the same sins over and over, ask yourself why. God forgives not just once, but for always.

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**SEASONAL CHANGES FOR THE LITURGIES OF LENT**

We have just begun the season of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.). These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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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 !**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

RCIA

(RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

sessions is being conducted by our DRE,

Sr. Celia Pinala, 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 @ mariaceliyamagas@yahoo.ca

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



• **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** are Days of Abstinence from meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal - derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

ABSTINENCE is to be observed by all Catholic Christians aged 14 years old and older. In addition, by special permission from the Holy Father, Catholics are to either abstain from meat or in place of abstinence or fasting, can substitute, in whole or in part, other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety (1983 Canon 1253).

• **PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There is something in us that moves us to visit the scene where an important event occurred. Visitors flock to the Ford Theater to stand where President Lincoln was assassinated; mourners visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing and the site of the Twin Towers in New York City. So it was for the early Christians who greatly desired to journey to Jerusalem and to see with their own eyes the places where Jesus lived, suffered and died. The traditional sites of the Lord's passion soon became popular stopping places; even today the Via Dolorosa is included in most pilgrims' itineraries.



Because not everyone was able to visit Jerusalem, pilgrims brought back stories and images of what they had seen for those who remained at home. Eventually shrines that focused on the passion and death of the Lord appeared all over Europe. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, increased emphasis on the suffering of the Messiah, coupled with the fervor of the Franciscan friars, led to widespread acceptance of a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb.

But it was more than curiosity that caused this devotion to flourish. Prayers that emphasized Jesus' obedience unto death, sorrow for sin, and God's abiding love and mercy were at the heart of it. The Stations of the Cross are still a valuable resource for prayer, especially during Lent, with its twofold emphasis on baptismal renewal and penitential acts.

Essential to this devotion, whether prayed by an individual or a group, is meditation on the passion of the Lord in spoken and sung prayer, and movement from one station to the next. Ideally, everyone walks in procession to each station, uniting ourselves in our bodies to the Lord's passion and death.

COME, JOIN US each **FRIDAY** during **LENT** at 6:00 p.m. to pray the Stations of the Cross, recalling and meditating on Jesus' journey from His condemnation to his burial in the tomb. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will follow after the devotion.



PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: **THE KARDOS FAMILY, BALDOMERA AMBAYEC, BERT YASIS and THE SUNIO FAMILY.**

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, WILFREDO DELA CRUZ.** May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: **NICHOLAS & BARBARA WISE, 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 Lord, your God, shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve."
-Matthew 4:10