

### 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.

# MABUHAY! BIENVENUE!

to The

## NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION

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#### **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.

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#### **PARISH INFORMATION & STEWARDSHIP**

#### NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPPINES 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: Mrs. Malou Foz -

Malabuvoc

ADULT FORMATOR: Mr. Fruan Tabamo PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Mr. Jose Aracena

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

St. Martha's Club Acurantes, Flor

Alejandro, Nelson Knights Of Columbus

Ambayec-Wong, Bernardita

Bernabe, Marites

Caldito-Ballares, Erlinda Secular Franciscans

Foz, Norma

Guia-Foz, Rhodora Jalea. Bernadette

Meiia, Narciso

Monteiro- Pavico, Precilla

Palisoc, Loreta Quirapas, Marites Rosialda- Licerio, Nerie

Silva-Kardos, Fredina Sunio, Maritess

Tadeo, Imelda Tadeo, Filemon Tuvida, Noemi

Umali, Fe

Umali, Henry

Catechetics

Missionary Animation Action Club

Worship

Youth

Secular Franciscans Knights Of Columbus

Kawan Ng Panginoon Prayer Group

St. Martha's Club

Evangelization Parents' Support Group Parents' Support Group

Catechetics Family Life Family Life Legion Of Mary

Family Life

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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:** 

Mr. Quirino Seraspe, Jr. Mr. Eduardo Ruiz

Mr. Felix Cambaliza, Jr. Mrs. Fredina Silva-Kardos



#### 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 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.



#### YOUR OFFERINGS

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF NOV. 09, 2014 totaled \$1,630.00

#### 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. 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!

#### REFLECTION



God is ever so generous with each of His creatures, and especially with us, human beings. He has lavished on us material, physical, intellectual, affective, and spiritual gifts. The secret to be happy with what the Lord has given us is to make the most of His gifts and opportunities.

God's gifts are like seeds laden with potentials. It is for us to discover these potentials and make them bear fruit by using them with creativity, a sense of responsibility, and Christian love. At the end of our life we will be asked to account for the way we used such gifts. On that day, blessed shall we be if we will be able to show that all those potentials have become a wonderful reality. Let us offer this Eucharist in thanksgiving for the gifts we have received from the Lord and for the grace to use them in ways that please Him.



## Making the Most of God's Gifts



All of God's gifts are beautiful and precious. They are so many, far beyond our counting, for God is always immensely generous in lavishing His blessings upon us.

For our part, our first duty is to become aware of them. Denying God's gifts or hiding them is not humility, but a very impoverishing form of moral blindness. On the other hand, once we become aware of the gifts we have received from the Lord, we should not boast about them, as if they were our doing, nor should we take them for granted as something that God "owed us." The proper attitude toward the favors of the Lord is that of Mary's, as we see it splendidly expressed in the opening of her Magnificat: it is honest and grateful

appreciation of these gifts as signs of God's love for us. (See Lk 1:46-49.)

But, in addition to acknowledging them as coming from the Lord, we also have to **utilize these gifts according to His will,** i.e., **with wisdom and creativity. God** – who is ever so generous and trusting – **will ask us to account for the way in which we have used His gifts.** 

What we shall have to account for is not any big sum of money entrusted to our enterprise. It is not only and simply the way we used our physical, intellectual, aesthetic, spiritual faculties, and the numberless opportunities to do good to others offered us by the Lord. The most important item of our accountability will be our very "self," God's basic and most precious gift to us. This means that, in addition to having to account for what we did to others, we shall be specially accountable for what we did with ourselves.

God has implanted in each of us the potential to become a saint, to be a living example and an instrument of His saving and sanctifying love. The decisive question will always be, "Did we do our best to become one? . . ." Only a positive answer will entitle us to hear the invitation, "Come, share your Master's joy!" (Mt 25:21

#### **NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## The Notre-Dame-des-Philippines Catholic Mission of Montreal 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary Celebration



December 04 - 06, 2014

7:30 p.m.

TRIDUUM OF MASSES in honor of The Immaculate Conception

**December 07, 2014** 

11:00 a.m.

**SOLEMN CONCELEBRATED JUBILEE MASS** 

Main Presider: His Excellency, Most Rev. Christian Lepine

**Archbishop of Montreal** 

2:00 p.m.

SILVER JUBILEE LUNCHEON

La Plaza Reception Hall, 777 University Street, Montreal

JOIN US as we begin the year-long celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canonical Installation of Montreal's Filipino Church.

\*AN ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET on the parish is published each time we mark a milestone anniversary, not just as a souvenir publication but also as a seed for the future. The keeping and enhancement of our parish history is not a chore but a joyous endeavor.

Therefore, we call on those parishioners who remember and wish to contribute to our historical enhancement, to please submit informative facts and recommendations in writing to the FCMM office or to FRUAN TABAMO, or JUN DIAZ.

Significant memorable photos are also encouraged and will be returned after they are scanned and catalogued for posterity. From among those gathered materials will be the featured items in the forthcoming 25th Anniversary Booklet.

For Anniversary Booklet Advertisement and Dedication rates, please contact Mr. Jun Diaz.

\* TICKETS to the Jubilee Luncheon:
-\$ 50.00 per person.

-For those aged under 12 yrs. old - \$25.00

-Under 5 yrs. of age- FREE (Available from the Administrators or

(Available from the Administrators or the FCMM Office)

**GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!** 

**DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT:** 

November 16, 2014

\*MASS SPONSORSHIP for the Triduum and Fiesta Masses is highly encouraged. Those interested may contact the FCMM Office.



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### PICTORIAL SESSIONS

for Ministries and Families
for the Anniversary Booklet:
To be held for the next TWO Sundays @
the Church Basement.
10:00 – 11:00 a.m. / 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Please contact Mr. Jun Diaz.

#### **ELECTIONS FOR (2) ADMINISTRATORS**

- A Special Assembly of FCMM parishioners will be held on <u>Sunday</u>, <u>November 30</u>, <u>2014</u>, <u>after the 11:30 Mass</u> to elect two (2) new Administrators to serve for a term of three years. *Mr. Quirino Seraspe Jr.* and *Ms. Ma. Teresa Ambayec* finish their terms this December. We are most grateful for their service and guidance. Mr. Seraspe is finishing his first term and may be re-elected. Ms. Ambayec, on the other hand, is finishing her second term and as such may not be re-elected anymore.

To be eligible for nomination as an FCMM Administrator, one must be a Fiipino, over 18 yrs of age, a practicing Catholic and active supporter of the FCMM. The position of FCMM Administrator has a big task in the Mission integral to its existence. This early we ask you to consider people who can help the FCMM. Please help us find good Administrators. Thank You.



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Let us ask the Lord for the grzce not to speak badly of others, not to criticize, not to gossip, but rather to love everyone.

## SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

Please say a special prayer for Christians being persecuted by Moslems in the Middle East. Christians are now less than 2% of the total population of the ME, with 3,000 killed so far this year by ISIS and other Moslem groups. In Iraq alone, over 50 churches have been destroyed, with hundreds of men, women and children murdered inside.



PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the

Thanksgiving Intentions of : DORIE PAVICO, SR. MARICOR MOJADO, LOUISE MARIE, MR. & MRS. CESAR CASTILLO.

Please join in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of: **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, 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, JOHNNY PALISOC. May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially: ALFREDO MISTICA, APOLONIA VALENZUELA, MARY JANE & MARY GRACE VISARIO, GODOFREDO BADO, LAUDINA BADO, MARIQUITA MOJADO, AARON RUBACH, LUIS ALLANA, CRISTETA, CIRIACO CALUMPIANO SR., 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.



THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER IS DEDICATED TO THE *SOULS IN PURGATORY*.

Let us remember them.

It is a holy and wholesome thing to pray for the dead," "that they may be loosed from their sins." (II Macab. 12, 46)