



**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 NOVEMBER 2014**  
**DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA**

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: Mrs. Malou Foz - Malabuyoc

ADULT FORMATOR: Mr. Fruan Tabamo

PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Mr. Jose Aracena

PASTORAL COUNCIL

- List of Pastoral Council members including Acurantes, Flor; Alejandro, Nelson; Ambayec-Wong, Bernardita; Bernabe, Marites; Caldito-Ballares, Erlinda; Foz, Norma; Guia-Foz, Rhodora; Jalea, Bernadette; Mejia, 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; St. Martha's Club; Knights Of Columbus; Catechetics; Missionary Animation Action Club; Secular Franciscans; 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; Family Life.

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. 02, 2014 totaled \$1,665.00

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 (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](mailto: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



**Today is the anniversary of the dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran – the cathedral church of the Pope in Rome . It is an invitation to show our love for the Holy Father and renew our union with him. It is also an opportunity to reawaken our awareness that God’s temple is not just the place of worship made of stones and cement, but especially the community of believers who are the “living stones” that constitute it. Today, therefore, is also the feast of our parish community, God’s family and living temple in this area. At no other time is this reality more obvious than when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Let us be aware of this wonderful reality of which we are a part. With all our hearts, let us worship the Lord in unison with all those who share our faith and hope, especially those who are suffering in whatever way.**

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 THE REAL CHURCH

It is our duty to worship God, and to worship Him not only in our heart, but also externally and in union with others, for we are made of soul and body and are social beings. This is one of the reasons why places of worship exist.

**In themselves, they are visible manifestations of religious faith and powerful reminders of the religious dimension of our life. They have been and are constructed for the practical purpose of creating a “prayerful ambiance”** which shelters the faithful from the distractions and noise of ordinary life, especially in our bustling metropolises.

**For us Christians, our churches** are not just buildings that enable us to pray better. Many of them are also expressions of our gratitude to God for certain special favors we have received from Him. Other churches are meant to honor Mary Most Holy and other saints; others commemorate certain apparitions and miracles. Still others recall the martyrdom of brave believers, from the very beginning of the Christian era to our own time. **Ancient churches are precious links with the past. They are eloquent witnesses to the faith of our ancestors.** As such, they are also an encouragement and a challenge for us to be worthy of them.

And since churches and other places of worship are directly related to God, it is just spontaneous and perfectly understandable that those who plan and build them should try to make them as worthy of God as they can. This is the area where **devotion and art forge a “holy alliance,” the result of which are majestic constructions, statues, paintings and other forms of artistic creation which form the object of admiration of millions of people.**

**But this is also an aspect of these religious buildings and works of art that may lead to great exaggerations.** Some may even create false assurances about God’s special favor. This happened to the Jews in reference to their Temple in Jerusalem – something against which prophets like Jeremiah raised their voices. This can still happen to us **Christians** who **may be tempted to forget that the most important and precious asset of the Church is not its sacred buildings but PEOPLE, especially those in need. The essence of Christianity is neither institutions nor buildings but LOVE – a love patterned after the teaching and example of Jesus Christ.**

Occasionally, a sad contrast and even an opposition may arise between what we consider expressions of our love for God and our love for people. It may happen that we **forget that Christ has come to teach us that God wants to be loved especially in people.** Consequently, immense resources and huge amounts of money are poured into the construction or embellishment of places of worship even in nations and areas where millions of people live in misery and neglect. Such misguided use of resources is hardly compatible with the priorities of **Christ** who **always privileged people over material or legal structures.**

We should never forget that **at the end of our life and at the end of time, we will be judged by Jesus Christ.** At that moment, **what will determine our eternal happiness or unhappiness will be** neither the number nor the splendor of the places/objects of worship we have created, but **the acts of charity and justice toward our neighbor that we have performed (or failed to perform) in our earthly life.** (See Mt 25:31-46.)



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**WE REMEMBER ... WE CELEBRATE ... WE BELIEVE  
THERE IS MORE !**

**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 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*

**YOU 'RE INVITED TO THE  
CONFERENCE KEYNOTE !**

Parish Vitality  
CONFERENCE 2014



BE PART OF A UNIQUE DIOCESAN EVENT ON NOVEMBER 13, AT THE MARY, QUEEN OF THE WORLD CATHEDRAL. The Keynote address for the **PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE** is open to the public. All parishioners are welcome. Featuring Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran, the co-authors o *REBUILT* wil describe how their Baltimore Parish was thoroughly transformed.

Limited parking is available at St. Patrick's Basilica, a five-minute walk from the Cathedral. In La Sale, A bus will leave for the Cathedral from St. John Brebeuf Parish, 7777 George St., at 6 p.m. and return at 9:30. To reserve a seat ( Cost\$10) cal 514- 366-0131, ext. 223.

Also consider attending the Catholic Community Rally, which will be held November 14 at 7:30 p.m. at Le Nouvel Hotel, 1740 Rene-Levesque Blvd. W. For additional comference information, visit [parishvitality.com](http://parishvitality.com)

**SUPPORT THE GOSPEL CONCERT TO  
HELP CHRISTIANS FROM PALESTINE  
(Franciscan Family Center)**

Saturday, 7:30 p.m., November 15, 2014

Our Lady of the Philippines Church

Tickets :

**\*10\$ (PRESALE)- available at the FCMM  
Office**

**\*12\$ ( AT THE DOOR)**

**ELECTIONS FOR (2) ADMINISTRATORS**

- A Special Assembly of FCMM parishioners will be held on **Sunday, November 30, 2014, after the 11:30 Mass** 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 Fipino, 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.

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



In the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030-32 we read:

" All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven."

The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned. ...

From the beginning, the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: Let us help and commemorate them. Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

