

### 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!

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## 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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## PAGE 2 - PARISH CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 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 -

Malabuyoc

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

#### PASTORAL COUNCIL

Acurantes, Flor St. Martha's Club

Alejandro, Nelson Knights Of Columbus

Ambayec-Wong, Bernardita Catechetics

Bernabe, Marites Missionary Animation Action Club

Youth

Caldito-Ballares, Erlinda Secular Franciscans

Foz, Norma Worship

Guia-Foz. Rhodora

Jalea. BernadetteSecular FranciscansMejia, NarcisoKnights Of Columbus

Monteiro- Pavico, Precilla Kawan Ng Panginoon Prayer Group

Palisoc, Loreta St. Martha's Club

Quirapas, Marites Evangelization Rosialda- Licerio, Nerie Parents' Support Group

Silva-Kardos, Fredina Parents' Support Group

Sunio, Maritess

Tadeo, Imelda

Tadeo, Filemon

Tuvida, Noemi

Catechetics

Family Life

Family Life

Legion Of Mary

Umali, Fe Family Life

Umali, Henry 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 <u>must</u> be practicing Catholics.



## ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST & ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults interested must contact the Parish Office for details

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## 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 **AUGUST 31, 2014** totalled \$1, 551.00

#### 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

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#### **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!

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The Church has celebrated Mary's birth since at least the sixth century. A September birth was chosen because the Eastern Church begins its Church year with September. The September 8 date helped determine the date for the feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8 (nine months earlier).

Scripture does not give an account of Mary's birth. However, the apocryphal *Protoevangelium of James* fills in the gap. This work has no historical value, but it does reflect the development of Christian piety. According to this account, Anna and Joachim are infertile but pray for a child. They receive the promise of a child that will advance God's plan of salvation for the world. Such a story (like many biblical counterparts) stresses the special presence of God in Mary's

#### life from the beginning.

St. Augustine connects Mary's birth with Jesus' saving work. He tells the earth to rejoice and shine forth in the light of her birth. "She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed." The opening prayer at Mass speaks of the birth of Mary's Son as the dawn of our salvation and asks for an increase of peace.



We can see every human birth as a call for new hope in the world. The love of two human beings has joined with God in his creative work. The loving parents have shown hope in a world filled with travail. The new child has the potential to be a channel of God's love and peace to the world.

This is all true in a magnificent way in Mary. If Jesus is the perfect expression of God's love, Mary is the foreshadowing of that love. If Jesus has brought the fullness of salvation, Mary is its dawning.

Birthday celebrations bring happiness to the celebrant as well as to family and friends. Next to the birth of Jesus, Mary's birth offers the greatest possible happiness to the world. Each time we celebrate her birth we can confidently hope for an increase of peace in our hearts and in the world at large.

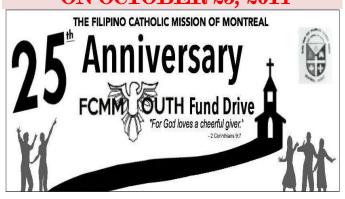
"Today the barren Anna claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse" (adapted from Byzantine Daily Worship).



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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO SUPPORTED OUR YOUTH MINISTRY IN THE FIRST PART OF THEIR FUND RAISING FOR THE FILIPINO CHURCH ON THE OCCASION OF ITS SILVER JUBILEE.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE FINAL CANVASSING ON OCTOBER 25, 2014







FAITH FIRST 2014-2015 ENROLLMENT:

Begins TODAY, September 7, 2014 1:00 p.m.@ the Church Hall and

every Sunday thereafter from (9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.)

Parents who would like to enroll their children in the CLEC for the coming school year must signify their interest by registering their child(ren) with the Catechetical Ministry.

CLASSES BEGIN on Sunday, September 28, 2014
For more information, please call





VIRGEN DE LOS
REMEDIOS
INDU NING
CAPALDANAN,
ING TULA NING
CAPAMPANGAN
(The Virgin of
Remedies,
Joy of the
Capampangans)

The Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal joins the organizers, devotees and 'kabalens' from the province of Pampanga who celebrate today the 58th Anniversary of the canonical coronation of The Virgen de los Remedios of Angeles City in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The image has become the one unifying symbol of all Kapampangans under one faith, a powerful reminder of God's infinite saving grace through the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother.

HAVE A WONDERFUL CELEBRATION !!!





COME,
CELEBRATE the
10<sup>TH</sup>
Anniversary of
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COUNCIL 13585
on SUNDAY, September 21, 2014.

\* HOLY MASS - 11:30 a.m.

@ The FCMM Church.

\*DINNER-DANCE - 5:00 p.m.

@ TONG POR Restaurant
Tickets @ \$35.00 /adult and
\$20.00 / children (12 yrs. old and below) now available.

For more information contact Sir Knights Ray Foz, Jun Seraspe, Narciso Mejia.



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We all look forward to the **25th Anniversary** of the FCMM in December. Each time we mark a milestone anniversary, a booklet on the parish is

published 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.

THANK YOU!

## HELP KEEP OUR HOSPITALITY CORNER CURRENT



After the Summer break, it is imperative to up-date the bulletin's

hospitality corner. This includes an effort to keep our list of the sick parishioners current by adopting a three-month cycle. To start the cycle, we are making a new list this issue. Please contact the FCMM Office or the Bulletin Editor if you would want to put a name on our prayer list. (E-mail JHNARACENA @GMAIL.COM)



# PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of: LINDA BALLARES, MICHAEL PANDY.CARMELO VILLANUEVA.

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 PERLASTAN, JOSEFINA BANGALAN, DAWN DELA PAZ, JOSIE LIMLENGCO, CARMENCITA TRIVINIO, BERNARDINO FERNANDO, ANTONIO FOZ, VICENTE TRIVINIO. May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our deceased relatives and friends, especially: MA. CLARA QUIRAPAS, FRANCISCO PANDY SR., MARCELINO & ADELAIDA PALITIC, DANILO BACOSA, 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.