

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! CANO WELCOME! ATION to The

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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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Third Sunday in **Easter**



On this third Sunday of Easter, we continue to meet the Risen Christ. He sets the hearts of his disciples at peace and opens their minds to understand the message of the Scriptures concerning his destiny of pain and glory.

It is only in the light of the Resurrection that we are able to make sense of the violent passion and death of Christ. It is likewise in the light of his resurrection and the eternal life he earned for us that we can come to accept the trials of life with faith and patience.

Only in the Risen Christ can we make sense and oppose the many forms of death that threaten our existence. In the Eucharist, let us ask for an increase in faith, patience and strength for ourselves and all the people we love



Many men in the past have been loved with extreme intensity –Socrates by his disciples, Julius Caesar by his legionnaires,

Napoleon by his soldiers.

But today these men belong irrevocably to the past; not a heart beats at their memory. There is no one who would give their life or even their possessions for them even though their ideals are still being advocated. And when their ideals are opposed, no one ever thinks of cursing Socrates or Julius Caesar or Napoleon, because their personalities no longer have any influence; they are bygones. But not Jesus; Jesus is still loved and still cursed; men still renounce their possessions and even their lives both for love of him and out of hatred for him. No living being is as alive as Jesus.



Ricciotti, Giuseppe, *Christian Readings*, edited by John E. Rotelle, Catholic Book Publishing; New York, 1973, p. 33.



Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is costly, care for it. Life is wealth, keep it. Life is love, enjoy it. Life is mystery, know it.



LIFE

Life is a promise, fulfill it.
Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure,
dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious,
do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

~ Mother Teresa

WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar to Heaven.

~St. John Climacus

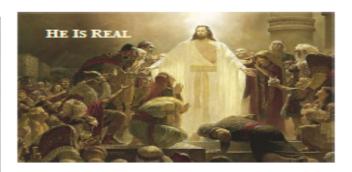
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The season of First Communions is here, and invitations pour in as the new communicants, mostly seven years old, gather extended families for their first reception of the Eucharist. Recently, the celebrations are often on Sundays, in the regular gatherings of the faith community. There, it becomes clear that First Communion is meant to initiate a regular pattern of reception, and that there is to be

a second, third, hundredth, thousandth celebration. Eastern Catholics and Orthodox children

follow a different plan, since they are given a taste of the consecrated wine at their baptism as infants.

We Western Christians delay until "the age of reason," but many years ago, Communion was not for children at all. Twelve to fourteen was the typical time for Roman Catholics to receive for the first time, and in those days this was a transition into the adult world of work and marriage. The custom did not begin to shift to childhood until reforms set in place by Pope St. Pius X began to take hold in the 1920s. If you are going to a First Communion, you can give thanks that the table of the Lord is today open so much more lavishly than before. —Jumes Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Fundamental to us as Christians is our belief that Jesus Christ really died on the cross, that he was truly raised from the dead, and that he will return at the end of time as he promised. It is clear from today's Gospel reading that the risen Jesus was not a disembodied spirit, or an illusion of the griefstricken disciples. On that first Easter the disciples, as witnesses to Jesus' death, were overwhelmed with joy to see him risen to new life. When Jesus appeared among them he told them he was no ghost, and to prove his reality invited them to touch his hands and feet. Then he asked for a piece of baked fish and ate it in front of them. After this reassurance Jesus went on to explain to them once more how his death and resurrection were foretold in the scriptures. At this point he did not pose complicated questions to test their understanding; instead, he gave them a task: to preach repentance and forgiveness of sins "to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem" (Acts 24:49). Stop and think. This is not "Give a few hours of your time, and we'll consider you've done your part." What Jesus was giving them was an allconsuming, life-long mission. They were his chosen followers, his disciples, but now the time for learning was over. They must become apostles, the ones sent on a mission. Every time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, we are offered the love of God through word and sacrament. We are reminded of God's saving deeds and wonderful promises, and we are given food for the journey. Finally, we are urged to go forth to love and serve the Lord. What mission is Christ calling you to fulfill, that only you can do?

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Let the risen Jesus enter your life, welcome him as a friend, with trust: ...and he will give you the peace you are looking for and the strength to live as he would have you do. (Pope Francis - Easter 2013)





YOUR OFFERINGS

-For the Weekend of APRIL 12, 2015 = \$ 1, 307.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY! YEAR 2014 TAX RECEIPTS



are now available for pick-up. For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during regular working hours (514 –3875292)



If you are Catholic, older than high school and have been thinking about investigating how to receive your Confirmation, you've found it! Sessions will be held on all the Sundays of May, 2015.

New folks are welcome at any time... but NOW is a GREAT time to start with the formation process. Call the FCMM Office (514) 387-5292 for more details



PISTA'Y DAYAT 2015

(Our Lady of Manaoag Fiesta)
The FCMM will once again be
the venue for this year's
celebration of the Feast of Our
Lady of The Rosary of Manaoag
on SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2015.
Sponsored by the Panagasinan



Association of Quebec Inc., the celebration will start at 11:00 a.m. with the Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of Manaoag followed by the Holy Mass.

The Mass will be highlighted by a Floral Offering to the Virgin. Come and join us!





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ANGELS

FIRST CANVASSING: MAY 30, 2015 FINAL CANVASSING: OCTOBER 31, 2015





PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of: **GLORIA AQUINO- ANNOBIL.**

Join us lifting up the **special intentions** of: THE FCMM FAMILY LIFE 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, 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: LILY COMADESO, RAFAEL VALLE, FRESCA MALATE, HELENA DOROJA, ERLINDA CATUNCAN, JOHANN RONZALES, JEPTE RONZALES, AVELINA DADO, JEAN-CLAUDE CARDINAL TURCOTTE, 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.

