



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !
WELCOME !**
to The
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DES-PHILIPPINES
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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
29 MARCH 2015
PASSION SUNDAY

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



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We prefer happy endings, but today we are led from the joy of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem, up to the crucifixion and burial of Jesus in the tomb.

Not pretty but pretty real.

Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, the intentional journey we take as a community to enter into not only the passion of Jesus, but to enter into our own stories of passion, betrayal by fickle friends, sorrow, agony and even death – so that we might experience resurrection.

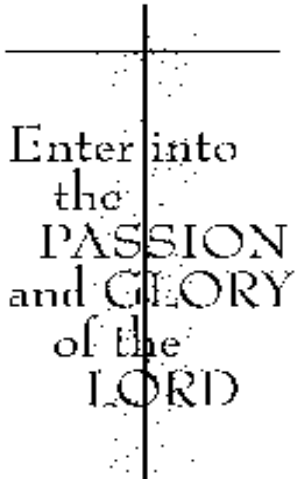
Please do not let the secular world rob you of the graces of this week. In times past the world seemed to slow down and it was easier on a certain level to make this week holy. Now, it clearly has to be a personal commitment that each one of us makes. We have to choose to pause from our normal, busy routine and to give this week to God. We have to choose to pray, to meditate upon what Christ did for us, and to take part in the beautiful liturgies prepared for us.

The moods created are as mixed as our lives. We have some days of glorious happiness, of success and joy and also sad days of contradiction and failure.

Let this week speak to you and truly be a 'holy week'.



"Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. Those preceding Him as well as those following kept crying out, 'Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'" ~ Mark 11: 8-10



This week is the holiest week of the Church year because it commemorates the “hour” of Jesus. This is the hour he had been moving toward all his life. It was for this hour he came from the Father. He will become sin for us and nail it to a tree. He returns to the Father and promises,

“I go to prepare a place for you so that where I am you also may be.”

Come join with us in liturgical celebration of these great events of Holy Week.

On Holy Thursday we enter into the mystery of being master and servant. To do what Jesus did we need to look at our neighbors and pick up the towel.

With authority grounded in humility, kneel before them and wash off the dirt of daily living. If you are a neighbor in need of washing, lay aside your pride and, like Peter, accept the service of the one kneeling before you—then go, and do likewise. Be blessed as you wash the feet of others and reveal the face of the master through the towel in your hands.

On Good Friday we must see the cross as God’s solidarity with men and women in the condition of human suffering—not to eternalize it but to suppress it. The manner in which God seeks to suppress it is not by domination, but by love. Christ lived and preached this new dimension. The cross is the symbol of human power—and the symbol of Jesus’ love and fidelity. Love is stronger than death, and power collapses before it. The loyalty of the cross, then, the love on the cross, has triumphed. The name for this is resurrection. Easter is the grand celebration of some really good news. The really good news is that first the women and then Peter came to the tomb of Jesus’ burial and did not find Jesus.

Though filled with fear the women then become the confident proclaimers of Jesus’ resurrection. Peter is soon filled with “amazement at what has occurred.” At the empty tomb amazement is the only reaction but it will be followed by faith, understanding and carrying out the mission. As we renew our baptismal promises we can do no better than to have that followed by faith, understanding and working with the risen Jesus in the work the Father has given us to accomplish.



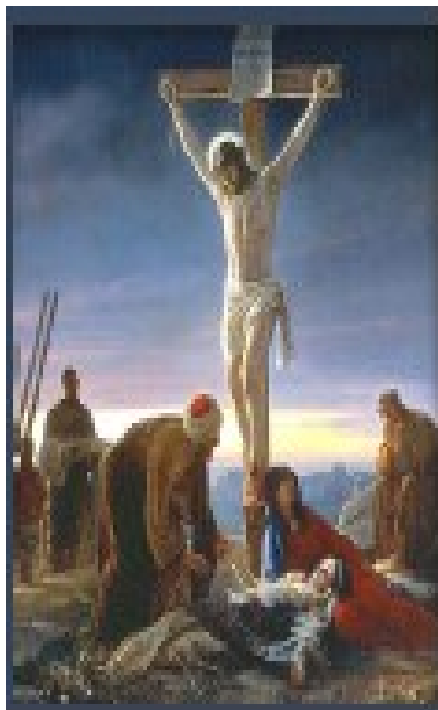
The MOST HOLY DAYS of the Church’s Liturgical Year are UPON US !

WELCOME to all who are visiting the FILIPINO CATHOLIC MISSION OF MONTREAL at this time.

Be assured of our fraternal prayers for all of you !



THE GUILT OF US ALL



As we observe the passion and death of Jesus, we must remember that no one ethnic or religious group of people is responsible for the death of our Savior. He died voluntarily for the sins of all people "at the hands of evildoers" so that we might be saved from eternal death. The use of the words "the Jews" (or similar expressions) in the gospel accounts of Christ's death does not mean that the Jewish people killed Jesus. In the Gospel of John, for example, it is not even clear who "the Jews" that seek Jesus' death are. Certainly Jesus, his mother Mary, the apostles, and most, if not all of the disciples, are also "the Jews." In fact, everyone in the gospel account except Pilate, his wife, and his soldiers are Jews. (Simon was probably a Jew from Cyrene, perhaps in Jerusalem for the holy day. And scripture tells us that Joseph of Arimathea was "a disciple of Jesus," but it doesn't necessarily mean that he wasn't Jewish - he owned a grave in Jerusalem.) To think that the gospel means that the Jewish people - then and now - are responsible for the death of Jesus (and thus today are to be coerced to convert, blamed or condemned) is wrong. It is sinful to twist the sacred scriptures for any purpose of hate, bigotry or prejudice. It is better to recall the words of the

prophet Isaiah that we hear on Good Friday: "He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins...the Lord laid upon him the guilt of us all." Copyright © 2001 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training

HOLY WEEK 2015 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES



MARCH

29 (PASSION SUNDAY) *Blessing of Palms before the 11:30 a.m. Mass @ the Church Basement

APRIL

02(HOLY THURSDAY) 8:00 p.m. - **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**
(to be followed by a Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

03(GOOD FRIDAY)- 10:00 a.m. – **GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTIONS**
1:00 p.m. - **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
3:00 - **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

04(HOLY SATURDAY) 11:00 a.m. – LINIS- SIMBAHAN
8:00 p.m. .- **EASTER VIGIL MASS**

05(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 !

GOOD FRIDAY IS A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE



FASTING- to limit yourself to one full meal during the day so as to experience hunger-

applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.

ABSTINENCE- to abstain from meat and all meat products- applies to all Catholics 14 and over.



MASS of CHRISM - (Mary Queen of the World Cathedral)

On Wednesday, April 1st, 7:00 p.m., Archbishop Christian

Lepine will celebrate the **MASS OF CHRISM** with the Bishops and priests of the Archdiocese of Montreal. At this Mass, the Holy Oils, used in the administration of the sacraments will be blessed and consecrated. Priests renew their dedication to Christ and their commitment to serve God's people.

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

Your help is needed now, as in the days of Saint Francis,



to protect the Holy Places of the Holy Land. Even more important, your help is needed to protect the Holy Name of Our Lord in this troubled land which He chose for His birth, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection.

Please be generous in preparing your Offering. A special collection will take place during the 3: 00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion on April 3rd, Good Friday.

HELP PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER !!!



Join with us in a special labor of love! Many volunteers are needed on **Holy Saturday,**

April 4th at 11:00 a.m

to transform the Church for the most glorious solemnity of Easter. More hands makes lighter work!!!

THANKS IN ADVANCE.



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EASTER VIGIL

THE EASTER VIGIL will be held at 8 p.m. on Sat. April 4th this year. Many people decide not to attend the Vigil because "it is too long."

Anyone who has attended will tell you that it is about thirty minutes longer than our Sunday Mass but apart from that, it is the most beautiful liturgy in the Church. Ranking highest among the celebrations of the liturgical year, it should rank highest in the spiritual life of the faithful. Easter Vigil is the time that we welcome new members into our parish community. St. Augustine called the Easter Vigil the "Mother of All Vigils."

Do yourself a favor. Do not miss it again !



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

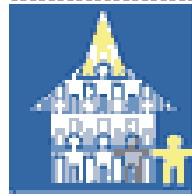


PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of : **JOHN-LORIE PALISOC, LEAH CORDERO.**

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 : **MA. CLARA QUIRAPAS, ESTERINA PUSAG, JUAN RINON, JOSE VILLANUEVA, JOSE SEGUERRA, 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.



PARISH VITALITY CONFERENCE

First up-date is now available at parishvitality.com.

Check out "**NOW WHAT ?**" to find out what other parishes are doing to boost vitality in their communities.

If you missed a Workshop last November, you can attend them virtually via YouTube. The website playlist features presentations on Pastoral Leadership and Communications. There will be more news to come in April.

SUPPORT !!!

The SEARCH for the 2015

FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS

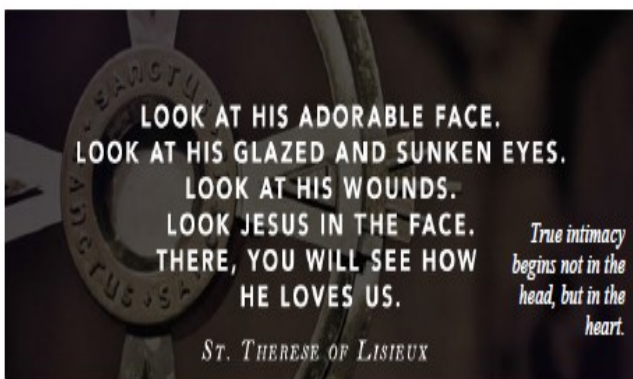


Remember that the help you would extend to the children-candidates will go a long way in supporting our Filipino Mission.

FIRST CANVASSING: MAY 30, 2015

FINAL CANVASSING: OCTOBER 31, 2015

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE !



LOOK AT HIS ADORABLE FACE.
LOOK AT HIS GLAZED AND SUNKEN EYES.
LOOK AT HIS WOUNDS.
LOOK JESUS IN THE FACE.
THERE, YOU WILL SEE HOW HE LOVES US.

True intimacy begins not in the head, but in the heart.

ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

When we see Christ, we see the Father. When we receive the Eucharist, we receive Christ.
Heaven meets earth.

Stewardship

YOUR OFFERINGS

-For the Weekend of MARCH 22, 2015
totalled \$ 1, 563. 00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



YEAR 2014 TAX

RECEIPTS are now

available for pick-up.

For inquiries, please call the FCMM Office during

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