



**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  
**15 February 2015**  
**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-**



**More than in our society, the lepers in the time of Jesus were condemned to a terrible rejection by the rest of society. Unlike all the people in his time, Jesus let the lepers approach him and he healed many of them, renewing them in body and soul. There are many types of "leprosy" in our society: physical leprosy, handicaps,**

**drug addiction, extreme poverty, and ignorance . . . .**

**As disciples of the Lord, we are expected to show to the many outcasts in our midst the same concern and practical love which he showed to the lepers of his time. May this Eucharistic celebration bring us ever closer to the divine Model and instill in all of us an active compassion toward those who are marginalized.**

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### **ALL-OUT WAR AGAINST SPIRITUAL LEPROSY**

AIDS is the terror of so many people these days. Those affected by it are often avoided and condemned to isolation. This rejection by society makes the suffering of the AIDS victims even bitter. And one can only wish that such a terrible illness never existed. . .

In the time of Jesus, leprosy was one of the most dreaded misfortunes that could

befall a person; it was the AIDS of those days! While other types of patients were pitied and attended to, lepers were avoided by their own relatives.

They were forbidden to approach a healthy person. If they ever tried to do so, they were chased away with stones . . . They had to live in caves and ravines,

away from ordinary human settlements, cut off from any form of social life. (See today's First Reading.) Leprosy meant hell already in this life. A person in an advanced state of leprosy was a terrible sight. People turned away their sight from

them. **Jesus did not follow the prevailing attitude toward lepers.** He had come for the sick and the outcast, and he remained faithful to his mission. Even when the most outcast of all – the lepers – approached him, he did not back off in horror. Not only did he welcome them, but even "stretched out his hand and touched them." (See today's Gospel.) **The merciful love that Jesus felt for the man featured in today's Gospel was stronger than the horror which the purulent limbs most likely arouse in him as a man.** Jesus' power, pity, and love had their day. Thanks to them, a man was cured. A man was saved. And he and all the others gave praise to God.

Leprosy is no longer so widespread and dreaded in our time. Modern medicine has done a lot to curb and cure it. But another type of leprosy, that **spiritual leprosy** called **sin**, is still with us. It affects not only a few but all humans. It affects all of us. Its effects in us are even more destructive than leprosy or AIDS.

Surprisingly – and sadly so – many seem unaware of its presence and devastating effects. Others simply deny the existence of sin or call it by other "sanitized" names. Pope Pius XII lamented that **one of the tragedies of our times was the loss of the "sense of sin."** **But ignoring or denying it does not prevent its spread or its**

**destructive effects.** If anything, they make things worse . . . .

Such is the "strategy" of the devil! Who will save us from such a plague? No progress in science or technology can offer the cure. Only Jesus can. **We, the spiritual lepers of our time, have only one hope: JESUS.** The only cure is his merciful LOVE and his GRACE. Our humble prayer is the one of today's Gospel: "Lord if you will to do so, you can cure me!" (Mk 1:40).



**The SEARCH for the 2015 FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS** needs some more candidates. Those interested to help us see through this project may contact Mr. Jun Seraspe or any of our Administrators. or the FCMM Office for details. Thank you.



**PLEASE USE YOUR CHURCH ENVELOPE**

*The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community. Therefore, we strongly encourage our parishioners to use the WEEKLY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES for the success of the operation of the Parish. We depend on the financial support of our people in all our endeavors. If all envelope holders follow the suggested amounts and use their envelopes regularly, our operational expenses can be taken cared of easily. This will enable us to embark on our other endeavors, plans and dreams. And let us remember to give God what is right, not what is left*

**HELP SPREAD THE WORD AROUND !  
HELP CAMPAIGN TO USE THE ENVELOPES !**



**YOUR OFFERINGS**

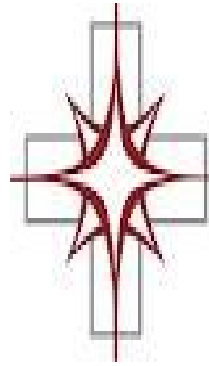
-For the Weekend of February 08, 2015 totalled \$ 1, 337.00

**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 )



**FCMM STRATEGIC PLANNING SURVEY** provides an opportunity for all to share in assessing who we are and where we see ourselves going. We invite everyone to complete the paper survey found at the back of the Church and submit it to the Parish Office.

For more information, please contact Francis Tubon ( 514 8042425 ) or email at [francistubon@yahoo.ca](mailto:francistubon@yahoo.ca)



**Men of the parish**---If you haven't yet joined the Knights of Columbus, why not make that a priority this year? The Knights are celebrating 125 years of

service to the Catholic Church. Now, more than ever before, the Catholic Church needs the Knights—AND---now, more than ever before, the Knights of Columbus needs you!!!

**BE A KNIGHT!**

Initiation to the 1<sup>st</sup> degree- February 21, 2015 @ 1:00 p.m. CONTACT: Any member of the K of C Council 13585



**LENT BEGINS ON ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Mass with the Imposition of Ashes will be at 7:00 p.m.**

**Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help will be held at 6: 30 p.m.**

**REMINDER : ASH WEDNESDAY IS A DAY OF FASTING and ABSTINENCE !**



**CELL PHONE ALERT** - In order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere, please make sure that all cell phones, pagers, etc. are turned off during Mass. Please remember the sanctity of the Holy Mass when you enter the Church. Thank you!

**SILENCE** - The 20 minutes preceding the Sunday service, from 11: 10 a.m. onward, is used to recite the Holy Rosary and by many, to quietly prepare their hearts and minds for worship. Therefore, we ask that every effort is made to enter the church quietly and maintain silence while waiting for the service to begin. We will begin to try to enforce this rule on SILENCE. Please don't get offended if your attention is called. Thank you !

**CLEANLINESS** – Please help us maintain the cleanliness of the Church. Avoid stepping on the kneelers and make sure you leave your pews tidy. Thank you.

## Mass Intentions

**MASS INTENTIONS** - All Sunday Mass Intentions must be registered with the Ministry of Offerings at

least **30 minutes before the Mass**. You may register your Mass intentions ahead of time at the FCMM Office. PLEASE COOPERATE ! Thank you !



## BEAUTY TIPS

**FOR WRINKLED BROWS:** Try the Well-known cream, **SWEETNESS OF TEMPER**. It tones up the facial muscles, reduces wrinkles and is very uplifting.

**FOR THE LIPS:** Use the marvelous lip stick **SILENCE**. It is particularly good for lips that have been distorted by uncharitable gossip.

**FOR LOVELY HANDS:** There's only one preparation to use. It is called **GENEROSITY**. Get a large jar.

**FOR FACIAL TONE:** Expose the face to the morning air, especially between 6 and 8 o'clock. The air on the way to Mass is especially refreshing and uplifting.

**FOR CLEAR EYES:** Faithful care with that tried and true protective preparation,

## MODESTY.

For the best results, we recommend that you carry it with you wherever you go.

**A WONDERFUL CLEANING AGENT –**

**Confession.**

**AN IDEAL CONDITIONER AND BEAUTIFIER –**

**Holy Communion.**

[ Author unknown ]



## PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of : **LEIDA TADEO, AUBREY LICERIO, CRISTITA & DAPHNE ALLANA, SHEENA VISARIO, CLAUDIO & EDEN MASI, .**

Join us in lifting up the **Special Intentions** of: **LEONIDA SIMBULAN, 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 : **MICHAEL PIVARNIK, RAQUEL LIPA, DOMINADOR CALACAL, CRISANTO PADUA, EVELYN RUIZ, ERIC JASMIN, MANUEL LAGASCA JR., JUANITA MAGNO, 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.