



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !
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to The
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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
22 February 2015
1st SUNDAY OF LENT



First Sunday of Lent



Jesus experienced the temptation to act in ways that were self-centered, ways that would call attention to Himself or make His life here on earth one of ease and comfort. Jesus' rejection of these temptations points to His clear understanding of and desire to carry out the will of His heavenly Father.

During these days of Lent may we be conscious of the temptations that we face every day, most of which would have us be less authentic in the living out of our calling. May our self-denial and prayer lead us to a greater conformity to the person of Jesus.



FEAST OF FAITH – Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshiping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself. —Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.



DAILY LENTEN PRAYER:

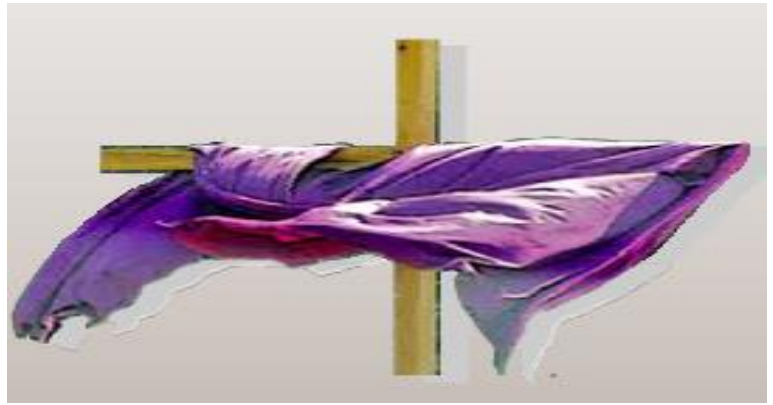
Jesus, we know you came to love us, to forgive us, and to make us new. We give you all of our troubles, large and small. Help us as we walk with you now on your of the Cross. Amen.

THE DEVIL'S TRAPS



Search for pictures of the devil or Satan and you will see images of a snarling face, long gnarled horns, hooves dripping with blood, red skin, and a tail. But those who tempt us to do evil are not at all like these pictures; many of them smile sweetly and have excellent social skills. The snake in the Garden of Eden was not frightening or threatening; he just talked very persuasively, and once Adam and Eve listened to him and ate the forbidden fruit they knew their world was turned upside down. After Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, the same smooth talker who brought catastrophe on Adam and Eve tried his wiles on Jesus. He tried three powerful tests. Jesus rejected them all and the Tempter left, unable to turn Jesus' heart away from God. The invitation to do evil is perpetually present, so that all of us face versions of each temptation faced by Jesus. And it's never a matter of simply breaking the rules. Where the Evil One gets a real foothold is when something becomes a sinful habit, a persistent thread in our lives, especially if we fail to recognize the harm it is doing to us and others. The harsh words shouted once in anger and regretted are less damaging than a persistent habit of belittling people. Breaking one's marriage vow and being deeply repentant is not like a pattern of cheating over many years. The Church, with the wisdom of generations of experience, provides Lent, this annual season of spiritual "spring cleaning." If it has been a while since you went to confession, consider it now. If you go to the sacrament and confess the same sins over and over, ask yourself why. God forgives not just once, but for always.

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SEASONAL CHANGES FOR THE LITURGIES OF LENT

We have just begun the season of Lent. During this season of preparation for Easter, our churches look stark and simple—no flowers at the altar, no festive banners or decorations. And our liturgies feel different, too. The organ is quiet except to accompany the singing of the assembly. The Gloria, our Sunday song of rejoicing, is not heard except on solemnities, and we will not sing the Alleluia, our joyful acclamation of praise, until the Easter Vigil. "Alleluia cannot always / Be our song while here below," says an eleventh-century hymn. "Alleluia our transgressions / Make us for a while forego; / For the solemn time is coming / When our tears for sins must flow" (*Alleluia dulce carmen*, J. M. Neale, trans.). These changes in the liturgy will catch our attention, and make us eager for the festive outpouring of joy that will return with Easter. This year, may the stripped-away liturgies of Lent remind us to strip away what is not essential in our lives to make space for the crucified and risen One, and thus to be ready to sing "Alleluia" once again when Easter returns.

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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.

- **ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT** are Days of Abstinence from meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal - derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

ABSTINENCE is to be observed by all Catholic Christians aged 14 years old and older. In addition, by special permission from the Holy Father, Catholics are to either abstain from meat or in place of abstinence or fasting, can substitute, in whole or in part, other forms of penance, especially works of charity and exercises of piety (1983 Canon 1253).

- **PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There is something in us that moves us to visit the scene where an important event occurred. Visitors flock to the Ford Theater to stand where President Lincoln was assassinated; mourners visit the site of the Oklahoma City bombing and the site of the Twin Towers in New York City. So it was for the early Christians who greatly desired to journey to Jerusalem and to see with their own eyes the places where Jesus lived, suffered and died. The traditional sites of the Lord's passion soon became popular stopping places; even today the Via Dolorosa is included in most pilgrims' itineraries.



Because not everyone was able to visit Jerusalem, pilgrims brought back stories and images of what they had seen for those who remained at home. Eventually shrines that focused on the passion and death of the Lord appeared all over Europe. In the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, increased emphasis on the suffering of the Messiah, coupled with the fervor of the Franciscan friars, led to widespread acceptance of a devotion that traced the footsteps of Jesus from his trial to his tomb.

But it was more than curiosity that caused this devotion to flourish. Prayers that emphasized Jesus' obedience unto death, sorrow for sin, and God's abiding love and mercy were at the heart of it. The Stations of the Cross are still a valuable resource for prayer, especially during Lent, with its twofold emphasis on baptismal renewal and penitential acts.

Essential to this devotion, whether prayed by an individual or a group, is meditation on the passion of the Lord in spoken and sung prayer, and movement from one station to the next. Ideally, everyone walks in procession to each station, uniting ourselves in our bodies to the Lord's passion and death.

COME, JOIN US each **FRIDAY** during **LENT** at **6:00 p.m.** to **pray the Stations of the Cross, recalling and meditating on Jesus' journey from His condemnation to his burial in the tomb. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will follow after the devotion.**

FAST + PRAY + SHARE + FAST + PRAY + SHARE



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 15, 2015 totalled \$ 1, 452.00

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

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

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 !



SAVE THE DATE !

SATURDAY, March 21, 2015
Whole Day Parish General Assembly @ the Church Basement



PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of : **ALJON KYLE BAUTISTA, DOLORES PURAY.**

Join us in lifting up the *Special Intentions* of: **PETER BAUER. CRISTY EUSEBIO BAUTISTA.**

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 : **YOLANDA BORJAL LOPEZ, SIMPLICIO ESQUEJO, ROSARIO TUVIDA, ROGER LACROIX, 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.

