



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !
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to The
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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
28 JUNE 2015
13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Death is one of the inescapable sad realities of our life. It is particularly hurting when it snatches away people who are young or are specially promising, strong or needed in a family or society.

Our faith tells us that suffering and death are not part of God's original plan for mankind. They were introduced into our life by the devil when he convinced the first human beings to disobey God's instructions. Their destructive presence is further strengthened every time we sin.

Today's Liturgy of the Word reminds us that the God in whom we believe does not want death and suffering because He is a "GOD OF LIFE." He wants that all human beings may have life and have it to the full. Such is the message of the

First Reading and the Gospel. In the Eucharistic celebration, let us be thankful to the Lord for the gifts of life and wholeness in mind and body. Let us also pray that all human beings may enjoy these blessings.



DO NOT FEAR...

Wherever Jesus went he was sought out by individuals and crowds and no wonder - Jesus had power; power to feed the hungry, power to restore sight and hearing, power to cure the crippled, to set the demon-possessed free, power over wind and sea, power to forgive sin, and power to raise the dead. Jesus had power to set us free from the two realities which we humans most fear - suffering and death.

Today again the Gospel insists on the milling crowds. They sought him out and pressed closely round him, each eager to get close enough to secure some blessing from this astonishing Teacher and Healer.

A synagogue official desperate for his daughter's welfare and a woman suffering a haemorrhage succeed in reaching the Lord. These two represent each one of us while the crowds represent the whole of poor, struggling, helpless humanity. I love the way Mark describes the woman's plight: *Now there was a woman who suffered a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse.*

Jairus, too, is in an awful predicament. He is braver than the woman and approaches Jesus directly. His daughter is about to die. Aren't we all. *He fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.'*

Death was never God's plan for us, and neither was its prelude, suffering. As the first reading tells us: *Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living ... it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world ...* Both suffering and death entered the world because mankind, through the temptation of the devil, turned away from God and this turning away had dire consequences, one of the worst of which was that we refuse to take responsibility for our sin. So we blame everyone except ourselves - [Adam] replied, 'It was the woman you put with me....' and [Eve] replied, 'The serpent tempted me ...'. (Genesis 3:12)

And some hospital patients will say: 'Why is God doing this to me?' We accuse God of failing us because he doesn't just simply take it all away, make it all better, fix it, which, of course, is precisely what he has done and in a way which wonderfully satisfies both mercy and justice. Jesus took upon himself the very scourge we ourselves brought into the world through Original Sin. He took upon himself suffering and death and made them a path to eternal life for those who follow his steps. In other words, the very suffering and death which led to our ultimate destruction now leads to eternal life - but we have to believe!

This is what is so singular about Jairus and the woman with the haemorrhage - they both really believe. In fact, the power of their faith stands in stark contrast to their powerlessness over the circumstances of their lives. It is this faith which touches Jesus and moves him to grant their wishes.

The miracles of Jesus never failed to astonish the crowds and made them even more eager to be near him. For us, who read of these miracles our faith in the Lord grows too. For us they are signs, signs of what is awaiting our faith when we reach our heavenly homeland. His earthly miracles were meant precisely to teach us to believe that the same wonders would one day, unfailingly, be worked for us.

Occasionally our faith is renewed by reports of contemporary miracles at Lourdes or some other shrine. I occasionally meet sick or dying people who suffer cruel pains but who jokingly reassure me it will all be made good in heaven. One lady who lost both feet through diabetes said smilingly 'Don't worry, Father, I'll get a new set when I reach heaven'.

Jesus invites us to a faith which transcends present suffering and future death. He invites us to the peace and joy of total faith in a future which is in his loving hands. No matter what we may suffer, even death, he invites us, not to fear, but to rejoice and trust in him.

Fr John Speakman, Australia



We wish our parishioners a blessed and enjoyable summer vacation. As many of us make vacation plans, let us also pray that as we travel, we travel with the Lord. May we also remember to include Our Lord in all our travel and vacation plans this season!



Please be informed that in the FCMM, during the summer months of July and August there is **NO CHANGE** in the schedule of our celebration of the Weekday and Sunday Eucharist
+ Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 p.m.
+Sundays at 11:30 a.m.

Parents are particularly encouraged to make the extra effort to find a Sunday Mass when the family is traveling on summer vacation.

"This Prayer . . . Recite It Often, with Holy Insistence, as Jesus Has Asked Us" —Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may the approaching Synod of Bishops make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.



On March 25, 2015, Pope Francis asked for prayers for the October 2015 *Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on the Family*. Pope Francis asked that Catholics renew the [Prayer for the Synod of Bishops on the Family](#) in preparation for the upcoming synod. He hopes that prayer will help the synod witness to "God's merciful love for all families."

Stewardship

YOUR OFFERINGS

For the Weekend of JUNE 21, 2015 = \$ 1, 814. 00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !



VACATIONS---VACATIONS---VACATIONS

Now is the season for vacations, out-of-town weekends, etc. Please remember your parish when you are on vacation. Please "make-up" your donation for the weeks you miss over the summer months. Our expenses are ever-escalating, and we all need to work together if we are going to successfully keep the FCMM alive!

Thank you.

Can you spare a few hours on Saturday mornings ? We will need volunteers to help us in repairs and maintenance work in the Church. Thanks in advance.





PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

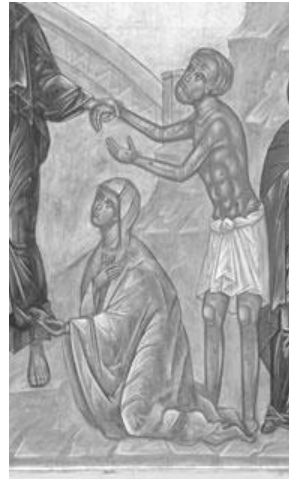
We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: **RUDY & CRISTY BAUTISTA, CARING, BUTCH, BABY LYNN & LAIZA, THE MALACAS FAMILY, MICHAEL FRANCIS PANDY, GERRY & JOSIE SOGUILON, THE MANGUBAT FAMILY.**

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; RONNIE RIVERA, EDISON ANTONIO, .** May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our *deceased relatives and friends*, especially: **PLACIDO SOTELO, MARCELINO ESTOQUE, CRISOSTOMO & WILFREDO DARIO, SIMPLICIO ESQUEJO, PEDRO DIMACULANGAN, CLEMENTE & FELISA UMALI, ALL DECEASED FAMILY MEMBERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF AMANCIO & CRISTITA ALLANA, SILVERIO and OLIMPIA CADORNA, EMILIANO LLAMAS, EUGENIA BALANAG, ISABEL MENDOZA, CRISTITUTE CARNATE, 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.



THIS IS YOUR E- BULLETIN'S LAST ISSUE. WE'LL BACK ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF AUGUST . Have a wonderful, enjoyable, and safe Summer !



Here we are in the midst of summer refreshment: lazy days, warm temperatures, visits to the seashore, trips to the mountains, backyard barbecues---time to reconnect with ourselves and with our family and friends! Time to have faith in ourselves! Isn't it interesting that our gospels---last week, this week, next week---center on faith and trust in the Lord; or a lack of trust? Last week we read about Jesus who was able to sleep through a raging storm. It was such a powerful storm that

the disciples (hardly cowards!) were frightened enough that they woke him up. He questioned their "lack of faith," and then he calmed the wind and the sea. We are reminded that even against the waves of evil, we have strength in Jesus. When we are one with the Lord, we have nothing to worry about. This week we continue with the theme of trust and faith. Jairus comes to the Lord and asks him to cure his dying daughter. There is no doubt in the mind of Jairus that Jesus has the power to change the course of his daughter's future. It is the same with the woman who has been hemorrhaging for years. She is convinced that Jesus can cure her; so convinced that she merely touches his clothes. Jesus cures Jairus' daughter and cures the woman because they have great faith--- they trust completely in the Lord. There is no doubt at all in their hearts!

Next week we come upon the Lord who is back in his own native land. There, the people take "offense" at him---they see him as too lowly to be a spokesperson for God. Jesus was "amazed at their lack of faith," especially as they were his own people. Each of us needs to think about the "Miracle" of Jesus in our lives. Where is our faith when it comes to the Lord? Are we frightened by the "storms" that are so much a part of the human condition? Do we lose faith easily when things get tough? Are we like the people of Jesus own village? Have we become complacent about the gift of faith? Do we allow the "naysayers" of modern life erode our belief? We need to look to Jairus and the woman with the hemorrhage. They held firm to their faith in the Lord. And so must we!!!

