



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !  
WELCOME !**  
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  
**07 JUNE 2015**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST**



## THE GREATEST GIFT



Today is Corpus Christi, the feast of the Eucharist. The feast of Corpus Christi was established in the thirteenth century and is celebrated throughout the Catholic Church today. Saint Thomas Aquinas, the great theologian and doctor of the Church, is given credit for many of the customs and hymns associated with Corpus Christi. In some ways every Sunday is a feast of the Eucharist. As early as the fourth century, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed communicants: “Do not come forward with the palms of the hands outstretched nor with fingers apart, but making the left hand a throne for the right since this hand is about to receive the King.

Making the palm hollow, receive the Body of Christ, adding Amen.” When we participate in the Mass and receive Communion we are honoring and celebrating the precious gift of the Lord’s own Body and Blood. Communion is a fulfillment of Christ’s promise to be always with us. Yet, by the Middle Ages the laity rarely received Communion. What became all important was to “see God” as the priest raised the consecrated host and chalice. So it remained, until Saint Pius X (1835–1914)

returned us to the earlier tradition by advocating frequent Communion for the laity. In the last century attention to Eucharistic devotions declined, while more people received frequent Communion. Recent efforts to revitalize adoration of Jesus in the Eucharist, through Perpetual Adoration, Corpus Christi celebrations, and Eucharistic Congresses have brought us back into balance. And whether we receive Jesus or adore him in the reserved sacrament, he always requires a response from us. At the end of every Mass we are sent forth to love and serve the Lord. He gives us his very self—the greatest gift of all—so that we can go into the world and give in return.



## The Body and Blood of Christ



The Catholic high school debate team contestants were asked, “What is the most critical sacrament in the Church?” Team One opened with their argument: “The most important sacrament is the Eucharist, the source and summit of our faith. Jesus himself said that without the Bread of Life, we will die from spiritual malnourishment.”

Team Two responded: “No. Reconciliation is the most important sacrament. Who among us can live a holy life without the mercy and forgiveness of God? Receiving the Eucharist from Jesus’ own hands did not do Judas Iscariot much good. What effect will the Eucharist have upon us if we are bound by sin?”


Finally, Team Three responded: “The most critical sacrament is neither Reconciliation nor the Eucharist. It is Baptism. Without Baptism, all of the other sacraments have no place in our lives. The unbaptized are not cleansed from original sin, and so they are not members of the church. They cannot receive the Eucharist or any other sacrament.”

How would you respond? In a sense, the question could be debated forever. The arguments made by each team have a lot of weight, and we would be wrong to dismiss any of them.

As we celebrate this great feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, let’s ask how we respond to each of these sacraments. For Baptism: This seed that was planted in us has raised us from death to life (Romans 6:4,6). So let’s thank Jesus for raising us up by the power of his grace. For Reconciliation: Let’s make sure we are right with the Lord and that no sin is impeding our relationship with him. Let’s repent and be reconciled with Jesus. For the Eucharist: Let’s receive Jesus today and let the gift of his body and blood nourish our baptismal seed so that we are changed into his likeness. In every aspect of our Christian lives, let’s yield to the Lord and let him do whatever he wants to do in us.

“Lord Jesus, change me. For my part, I thank you for the gift of baptism and I repent for all of my sins.”

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**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
SUPPORTED THE FIRST  
CANVASSING OF**

**The SEARCH for the 2015  
FCMM KING and QUEEN OF ANGELS !!!  
LAST CANVASSING: October 31, 2015**



**PRAYER TO SAINT  
ANTHONY OF PADUA**

*Saint Anthony of Padua,  
you endured much  
discouragement in your  
life before finding your  
calling. Help us to find  
patience in our own lives,  
and to trust God to lead  
us where we need to go.  
You preached by  
example; help us show  
others through example  
the truth of our faith.  
Amen.*

St. Anthony of Padua is one of the most famous disciples of St. Francis of Assisi. He was a famous preacher and worker of miracles in his own day, and throughout the eight centuries since his death he has so generously come to the assistance of the faithful who invoke him, that he is known throughout the world.

JOIN US FOR THE TRIDUUM of MASSES and  
FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA  
here at the FCMM.  
June 10 – June 13 @ 7, 00 p.m.



**YOUR OFFERINGS**

For the Weekend of MAY 31 ,2015 = \$ 2, 089. 00  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**PRAISES,  
PRAYERS  
AND  
PETITIONS**

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of:  
**LISA RAMOS, MINERVA KAHULUGAN, CYNTHIA  
JURAY-PACHEO, MANUEL LAGASCA II, JOHN &  
LORIE PALISOC, NILO VALENZUELA, LANDO,  
MATET, MATTHEW and MARK RUBIO,**

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.** May God bring them  
healing and peace.

Remember also all of our **deceased  
relatives and friends**, especially: **ERIC  
JASMIN, JAIME HUGO II, FELISA UMALI,  
TEODULA SOGUILON, ERLINDA GAMBOA, 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.



Please **PRAY** for our CLEC  
children - Confirmands -who will  
receive the Sacrament today during  
our 11:30 a.m. Mass.

And also for the First Communicants who will  
have their First Eucharist next Sunday .