

### **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.

# MABUHAY! BIENVENUE! CANO WELCOME! ATION to The

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#### **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.

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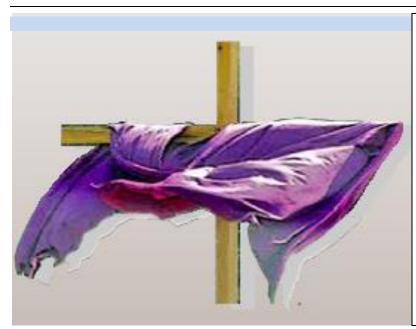
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Today, we are invited to rejoice because we are already more than halfway in our Lenten pilgrimage. But even more, we should rejoice for the gift of FAITH, which enables us to "see" the wonderful realities of God's Kingdom and play our role in it. It is faith which enlightens our existence by giving meaning and value to all our aspirations and actions, and even to our sufferings and our defeats.

And all this, thanks to JESUS, THE LIGHT OF OUR LIFE who today, through St. Paul, invites us to live as CHILDREN OF LIGHT in a world darkened by sin in all its forms and shapes. May the Eucharistic celebration strengthen our faith and our gratitude to the Lord, in imitation of the blind man cured by him.



It is love which must determine man's actions, love which must give unity to what is divided. Love is the synthesis of contemplation and action, the meeting point between heaven and earth, between God and man. I have known the satisfaction of unrestrained action and the joy of the contemplative life in the desert, and I repeat again St. Augustine's words: "Love and do as you will."

Do not worry what you ought to do. Worry about loving.

Do not interrogate heaven repeatedly and uselessly saying, "What course of action should I pursue?"

Concentrate on loving instead.

<sup>1</sup>Carlo Carretto, edited by Robin Baird-Smith, Templegate Publishes: Springfield IL, 1988, p. 31.



"The devil is afraid of us when we pray and make sacrifices. He is also afraid when we are humble and good. He is especially afraid when we love Jesus very much.



#### **KUWARESMA 2015 - SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT @ 6:00 p.m.

#### **MARCH**

22 (5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT)

**PENITENTIAL RITES BEFORE MASS** 

PABASA 1 (3- 10 p.m.)

(HOSTS – EVANG./KAWAN/BAGONG HIMIG/ PSG)

23(MON) PABASA 2 (6-10 pm)

(HOSTS-FAMILY LIFE/YOUTH)

24(TUES) PABASA 3 (6-10 pm)

(HOSTS- ADULT CHOIR/ WORSHIP COMMITTEE/ SFO)

25(WED) PABASA 4 (7-10 pm)

(HOSTS- LEGION /K of C)

26(THURS) PABASA 5(6-10 pm)

(HOSTS- MAAC/ ADMINISTRATORS/ CATECHISTS)

27(FRI) STATIONS OF THE CROSS (6P.M.)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK (7P.M.)

28(SAT) LENTEN RECOLLECTION (2-5 P.M.)



#### **HOLY WEEK**

29(PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION) 11:30 a.m. Blessing of Palms @ the Church Basement before Mass

#### **APRIL**

1 HOLY WEDNESDAY)

CHRISM MASS @ THE CATHEDRAL
2( HOLY THURSDAY)

8 PM -MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

( to be followed by Solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until

Midnight)

3(GOOD FRIDAY)- 12 NOON - STATIONS OF THE CROSS

w/ Reflections on The & LAST WORDS

3:00 p.m.- CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION

4(HOLY SAT.)- 9:00 a.m. – LINIS- SIMBAHAN

8:00 p.m. .- EASTER VIGIL MASS

5(EASTER SUN.)- 11:30 a.m. – THE RITE OF SALUBONG

and 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!





#### 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

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



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#### YOUR OFFERINGS

-For the Weekend of MARCH 08, 2015 totalled \$ 1, 939.00

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)



**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.

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# FCMM STRATEGIC PLANNING PARISH ASSEMBLY SATURDAY, March 21, 2015 Mass @ 9:00 a.m. ALL ACTIVE MINISTRY

ALL ACTIVE MINISTRY
MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO
ATTEND THIS IMPORTANT
MEETING!



We will have our <u>LENTEN</u>

<u>COMMUNAL PENITENTIAL</u>

<u>SERVICES next Sunday,</u>

<u>March 22<sup>ND</sup></u> before the Mass.

Please come earlier than

usual and join us as we pray together for reconciliation.



The FCMM is inviting all to join the annual <u>PABASA NG</u>

<u>SAMBAYANAN</u> starting on SUNDAY, MARCH 22 until THURSDAY, MARCH 26 at the CHURCH BASEMENT.

Sunday –<u>3: 00 to 10:00 p.m.</u> Monday - Thursday - <u>6:00 –10:00 pm</u> JOIN US!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK — The Special Mass will be held on <u>Friday</u>, <u>March 27<sup>TH</sup></u> after the 6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

- This sacrament is **not** only for those who are at the point of death.
- The sacrament may be repeated as needed. No proxy-healing is allowed.
- For assistance and more info., call the FCMM Office (514-387-5292)!





**SPONSOR** a plant in memory of a deceased

loved one or in honor of the living. Stop by at the FCMM Office and complete a flower/ plant form with your donation. **YOUR DONATION IS TAX-RECEIPT ELIGIBLE**! Hurry! Limited Quantity! Deadline is on March 29.



# PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the **Thanksgiving Intentions** of: **ALICIA AVINANTE, MR. & MRS. CRIS** 

ESTOQUE, JUN, JUDITH and KATHLEEN DIAZ, TONY & LINA TAN and 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, 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: MARIO
BALDINO, PETER PALEY, JUANA, MARIANO, &
JULIAN TADEO, GREGORIO DELA RUEDA,
CRISOSTOMO DELA RUEDA, MR. & MRS. JUAN
MARIANO, OFELIA BERMIDO, VIRGILIO
MANGUBAT, PRISCILLA QUEJA, 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.