



**MABUHAY ! BIENVENUE !  
WELCOME !**  
to The  
**NOTRE-DAME-  
DES-PHILIPPINES  
CATHOLIC  
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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  
**10 MAY 2015**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## Sixth Sunday in Easter



Today the Lord Jesus continues to develop last Sunday's idea of union with him as a condition to bear fruits of holiness in our lives. He does so by emphasizing that keeping his "Love-Commandment" is the practical way to show the reality of our union with him and to bear fruit. There is a life-giving relationship between union with Jesus and fruitfulness, fruitfulness and love, love and obedience to God's Commandments. The Eucharist we are about to celebrate is a manifestation of our union with the Lord and among ourselves. It is also a most effective way to strengthen such union whenever we proclaim God's Word, participate in shared prayer, and receive Holy Communion. Today we also observe Mother's Day. This is a wonderful opportunity to show our love and gratitude to our mother. We will do that not only by offering them flowers and hugs, but also by praying for them, especially in the Eucharistic celebration.



A priest shared this story of their theology days (that period prior to ordination when they studied theology). One of the subjects was moral theology (the study of Christian morality). For their finals their professor was going to give them only one

question. If they answered it correctly, they would get 100. Otherwise, they would get 0. Examination for moral theology came. They received one question: What was the command of Jesus concerning love?

The day after they received their papers. Some received 0. Others, 100. They looked at the papers marked 0. The answer was: Love one another. They looked at the papers marked 100. Their answer? Love one another AS I HAVE LOVED YOU.

**Love one another as I have loved you. How did Jesus love us? He gave his life for us. How should we love one another? Even to the extent of being ready to give our life.**

**Yet the time when we might be called to sacrifice our life for the one we love may never come. But the opportunity to spend our life for the good of the ones we love will always be there. There are two practical ways we can live our lives in ways that speak of love. First, by being understanding and forgiving toward one another. And second, by being thoughtful and considerate toward one another.**



### The Love That Unites and Bears Fruit

There is in us an instinctive selfishness – an unmistakable sign of the deep wound inflicted on all the descendants of Adam by original sin; a wound continuously kept open by all subsequent sins. As a consequence, we often feel tempted to

become aggressive, carried away as we are by pride and other lower passions. Some see more easily in others the competitor, the rival and even the enemy, rather than the brother or sister to be appreciated and loved.

Clearly, a good deal of the "old man" still survives in us, alongside with the positive aspirations which are the fruit of a sound upbringing, a helpful environment, and especially the presence of the Holy Spirit in us. Unlike us, the whole of Christ's life was characterized by LOVE: a love patterned after that of the Father (see *Jn 15:9* and *1 Jn 4:9-10*). It reached its highest manifestation on the cross, when Jesus died, "the just for the unjust" (*1 Pt 3:18*), as a sacrificial offering for our sins. (See *1 Jn 4:10*.) To all his followers – to us – he enjoined only one thing: "Love one another as I have loved you" (*Jn 15:12*). Our love of neighbor, then, to be genuine has got to be Christ-like: i.e., rooted in the Father's love, boundless, unconditional, total, ready even for the supreme sacrifice, for "there is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (*Jn 15:13*).

This is the kind of love that unites us with both God – through Jesus – and our neighbor. This is the kind of love that bears fruits of compassion, forgiveness, solidarity, respect, affirmation, comfort, joy, and peace. Each of us knows how difficult it is to love in such a manner and at all times. And yet that is what we are called to do if we want to give witness to Christ and his resurrection. By constantly doing our best to overcome selfishness, aggressiveness and greed through our loving attitudes, words and actions, we will grow in the awareness that there is something wonderful created in us by God's grace. We are "new men/women," created in God's image, thanks to the crucified and risen Christ. (See *Eph 4:24*.)

Love never  
fails



Then will our behavior become a living proof of the reality and universal effect of the resurrection of Christ. Through our own and our neighbor's love, we shall experience that the "newness of life" brought by Jesus is not a myth but a fact. We will also see that this resurrection is not just an event of the past which concerns him alone, but an ever-present power which re-creates every human being from within, transforming him/her from a weak sinner into a strong child of

God who lives by the commandment of brotherly love.

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**The SEARCH for the 2015**  
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**FIRST CANVASSING: MAY 30, 2015**



**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 ENGLISH TRIDUUM of MASSES and FEAST DAY CELEBRATION OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA to be held here at the FCMM on Wednesday- Saturday (June 10 – 13 @ 7:00 p.m.)**



**HAVE A HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all our FCMM Moms and Grandmas — and all those special women in our lives who so lovingly teach, nurture, listen, and counsel — reflecting

in some measure the Light and Beauty of Mary — Queen of heaven and earth who, as Saint Thérèse said, "... is more Mother than Queen." May Our Lord grant you His peace!



**Happy Birthday**  
**Fr. Frank !**



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For the Weekend of MAY 03 ,2015 = \$ 1 , 892. 00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY !**



**PRAISES,**  
**PRAYERS**  
**AND**  
**PETITIONS**

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of:  
**HONEY & SCOTT VILLARINO, LYDIA VILLAROSA, DAN RAMOS, MARC JASON & MARC JASPER RUIZ.**

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..**  
 May God bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our **deceased relatives and friends**, especially: **MACARIA MABALHIN, ANUNCIACION GENDRON, FELISACION ESTRELLA, MANUEL LAGASCA III , HONESTO CABACUNGAN, DEMTRIO SORBETO, ANTONINA SALAMIA, SATURNINO QUIRAPAS JR., 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.