

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

NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION

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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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PARISH INFORMATION & STEWARDSHIP

NOTRE-DAME-DES-PHILIPPPINES CATHOLIC MISSION

(Filipino Catholic Mission of Montreal- FCMM)

The first and only Canonically installed Filipino Catholic Mission in North America (Missio cum cura animarum).

Established on December 10. 1989 by the late Paul Cardinal Gregoire to serve the spiritual and religious needs of the growing Filipino Catholics in the Archdiocese of Montreal.

As a non-territorial Parish, the Notre Dame des Philippines Catholic Mission technically encompasses all Filipino Catholics residing in Montreal and in the suburban areas, but respects the rights of the people to stay in their respective geographical parishes if they so wish. Their presence at liturgical services is always welcome and financial support is appreciated.

PRESBYTERAL TEAM

PASTOR: Rev. Fr. Francisco Alvarez, P,M,E, PARISH FISCAL: Sr. Luz Paderanga, O.P.

DIRECTOR FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Sr. Celia Piala, O.P.

ADULT FORMATOR: Mr. Fruan Tabamo PASTORAL ASSISTANT: Mr. Jose Aracena

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Acurantes, Flor St. Martha's Club Alejandro, Nelson Knights Of Columbus

Ambayec-Wong, Bernardita Catechetics

Bernabe, Marites Missionary Animation Action Club

Caldito-Ballares, Erlinda Secular Franciscans

Foz, Malou Kawan Ng Panginoon Prayer Group

Foz, Norma Worship Guia-Foz, Rhodora Youth

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Sunio, Maritess
Tadeo, Imelda
Tadeo, Filemon
Tuvida, Noemi
Umali, Fe
Tumali, Henry
Family Life
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PROPERTY CUSTODIAN: Mr. Jose Tolentino BOOKKEEPER: Mr. Carmelo Villanueva WEBMASTER: Mr. Narciso Mejia BULLETIN EDITOR: Mr. Jose Aracena

ADMINISTRATORS

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SECRETARY: Ms. Maria Teresa Ambayec

TREASURER: Mr. Pedro Diaz, Jr.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Mr. Quirino Seraspe, Jr. Mr. Eduardo Ruiz Mr. Felix Cambaliza, Jr. Mrs. Helen Aguila-Diwa



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Infant Baptisms are celebrated at the FCMM on Saturdays @ 10:00am except on the first

Saturday of the month when the Pre-Baptismal Class is held. Parents **must** schedule the baptismal date in the Parish Office and attend the Baptismal Preparation Class

Pre-registration for this class is required. Baptism should be conferred in the first few weeks after the birth of a child. Godparents <u>must</u> be practicing Catholics.



ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST EUCHARIST & ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults interested must contact the DRE, Sr. Celia at the Parish Office for details and information.



THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples should contact the parish office to make an appointment with the parish

at least six

months in advance of any wedding date to begin preparation. Couples **must** attend the Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation Cla



YOUR OFFERINGS

- FOR THE WEEKEND OF **APRIL 20, 2014** totalled \$ 3, 892.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

I Peter 4:10

PARISH INFORMATION

This permanent calendar outlines meetings and ministries and Church Organizations that meet on a regular basis. Please check with the appropriate ministry for weekly changes to this schedule

EVERY SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. – Christian Life Education for Children (Sunday School)

9:00 a.m. - EVANGELIZATION Seminar and BIBLE DISCOVERY for Adults

2: 00 p.m. - Kawan ng Panginoon Prayer Group Outreach

EVERY FIRST SUNDAY:

2:00 p.m. - Catechetical Ministry Meeting

EVERY SECOND SUNDAY:

7:00 p.m. – Family Life Ministry Meeting

EVERY THIRD SUNDAY:

2:00 p.m. – Secular Franciscan Order (Our Lady of the Philippines Fraternity) Meeting

EVERY FOURTH SUNDAY:

9:00 a.m. - Knights of Columbus (Council 13585) Meeting

EVERY WEDNESDAY:

7:30 p.m. – Legion of Mary (Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Praesidium) Meeting

EVERY SECOND FRIDAY:

7:30 p.m. – FAITH SHARING MEETING animated by the Kawan Ng Panginoon

EVERY FIRST SATURDAY:

10:00 a.m. - Pre-Baptismal Classes

POLICY FOR MASS INTENTIONS: The FCMM accepts offerings for Mass intentions. Those wishing to have a Mass said for a particular person or cause should contact or come to the Parish Office during regular working hours. On Sundays, if unable to pre-register, they **must come 30 minutes before the Mass** and register their intention/s with the Ministry of Offerings

FCMM's Policies regarding Mass Intentions

*Suggested offering - \$15.00 (minimum amount, but more is accepted) (make payable to FCMM)
*The intention can be for a deceased person or a living person. Does not need to be Catholic.

* The Intention can be for another need of the Church: i.e. world peace, vocations to the priesthood and religious life, conversion of sinners, etc.

*A specific Mass time and date can be requested,

*The Mass intention is usually mentioned during the prayers of the faithful, but even if it is not, the Mass if offered for the intention will be posted in the bulletin.

* Each member of the faithful may offer the Mass for his or her own intention. The merits of the Mass are infinite.

*Mass Intention Offerings are **not** tax-deductible items. Donations and Special Mass sponsorships **are**.

POLICY FOR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Deadline: 11 days prior to the Sunday you'd like your article to be considered for publication.

Format: Typewritten/ Word format e-mail is preferable

Send articles to Butch by e-mail @ jhnaracena@gmail.com

Note: Articles must be approved prior to appearing in the bulletin. We reserve the right to edit articles.

WELCOME TO THE FCMM!

In imitation of Jesus Christ, we welcome all people to worship and celebrate God's all-inclusive love with us. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your life, we thank you for choosing to be here with us!

REFLECTIONS

FEAST OF CHRIST, KING OF DIVINE MERCY

THE BOUNDLESS MERCY OF THE RISEN CHRIST

n this Second Sunday of Easter we celebrate the Feast of Christ, the King of Divine Mercy. We do so not only in response to a specific request made by Jesus himself to Saint Faustina Kowalska, but also as a manifestation of our need to experience God's mercy and forgiveness. Our observance should fill our hearts with trust-filled faith not only in the reality of Christ's resurrection but also of his merciful love. Jesus is, indeed, the King of Divine Mercy.

Our participation in the Eucharistic Sacrifice should, likewise, be a commitment to extend to our neighbor the mercy we implore from God for ourselves. We will do so not only by forgiving our offenders, but also by practising the works of corporal and spiritual mercy that make our love of neighbor genuinely "Christ-like."



TRUSTING CHRIST'S DIVINE MERCY

St. Faustina Kowalska was a Polish nun who died on October 5, 1938 at only 33 years of age. She had lived a very simple life proclaiming an extremely simple message: the Heart of Jesus is overflowing with divine mercy toward sinners and wants all to come to him with trust-filled love. This invitation is powerfully expressed in the classic painting of the Risen Christ, which an artist executed under the guidance of Sr. Faustina herself who, on 22 February 1931, had seen him with red and pale rays of light emanating from his chest. Those rays of light recalled the blood and water that flowed down from the pierced heart of Christ on the cross and symbolized the inexhaustible richness of his merciful love made present and available to all through the Sacraments.

Jesus himself had instructed Sr. Faustina to have the sentence "JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU" written at the bottom of that painting. This sentence expresses the response of humble faith on the part of the sinner to the endless mercy with which God views mankind and constantly brings about the salvation of the world.

This is the mercy that brought God's Son to become a human being and to give his life on the cross for all sinners. This is also the same mercy that led the Risen Christ to go in search of his disciples the very day he rose from death, to reassure them of his forgiving love. **No revenge** for having been deserted by them right when he needed their allegiance most,

but only the gifts of his peace and comforting presence. No bitterness against the doubting Thomas who persisted in rejecting the witness of his companions, but only patient understanding for his weakness, and a tender desire to arouse in him faith in the Resurrection.

"My Lord and my God!" exclaimed the bewildered apostle as he felt himself inundated by the love of the Man-God who had only words of mercy and forgiveness for him.

"Jesus, remember me when you enter into your reign!" had been the earnest plea of the man being executed with him on Calvary as he viewed his life as a total failure and Jesus' mercy as his only hope. And he was not disappointed.

"Jesus, have mercy on me. I trust in you!" is the expression of complete self-surrender which all of us should address to our Savior as we realize our unworthiness and our need to be forgiven. What can save us from the devastating consequences of our sins is only God's merciful love.

And this is what we implore, in all humility and confidence, not only on this Second Sunday of Easter, but throughout our lives, until our last moments. Like the repentant thief dying on a cross, side by side with the Innocent Victim, we place all our trust in Jesus, the King of Divine Mercy.

As we celebrate Mercy Sunday, let us give thanks to the Lord for his goodness and everlasting love.

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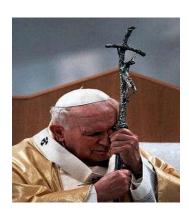
Did you notice? Today is called the "Second Sunday of Easter," not the "First Sunday after Easter." Our celebration of Easter is not over. These Sundays of Easter continue to present the mystery of Jesus Christ's victory. The readings begin with the "signs and wonders" abounding in those earliest days. Sick people lay in the street, hoping that at least Peter's "shadow might fall on one or another of them." Then, in a powerful passage from the Book of Revelation, the visionary falls down "as though dead" upon seeing the victorious Christ. But Christ extends a gentle touch: "Do not be afraid ... once I was dead, but now I am alive forever." In the Gospel, that same Christ appears and breathes on the disciples, and gently leads Thomas to believe. This Christ—more powerful than any evil force, victorious over death itself—touches us and whispers, "Do not be afraid."



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POPE JOHN PAUL II

Karol Josef Wojtyla (1920 – 2005)
Reigned as Supreme Pontiff
October 16, 1978 – April 2, 2005
Beatified - 01 May 2011
Canonized – 27 April 2014
"Be Not Afraid"

ST. JOHN PAUL THE GREAT, PRAY FOR US!

Generation after generation passes. And in the midst of this passing,
The Cross of Christ remains. Through the Cross,
God continuously proclaims to the world the infinite love which no created evil
is able to overcome. Yes, the Cross remains,

So that in the world, indeed every human person may find the way to salvation. For it is by this Cross that the world is saved.

Pope John Paul II, *Pilgrim Pope, Messages for the World*, Andrews MacNeel; Kansas City, 1999 p164



NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PISTA'Y DAYAT 2014

(Our Lady of Manaoag Fiesta)

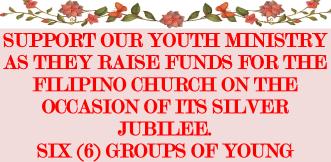
The FCMM will once again be the venue for this year's celebration of the Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary of Manaoag on **SUNDAY**, **MAY 4**, **2014**.

Sponsored by the Pangasinan Association of Quebec Inc., the celebration will start at 11:00



<u>a.m.</u> with the Recitation of the Novena to Our Lady of Manaoag followed by the Holy Mass.

The Mass will be highlighted by a Floral Offering to the Virgin. Come and join us!



SIX (6) GROUPS OF YOUNG
PEOPLE FROM THE MINISTRY
HAVE BEEN CREATED TO
PARTICIPATE IN A 'NONCOMPETITIVE' COMPETITION
AMONG THEMSELVES TO SELL
TICKETS @ \$2.00 EACH AND TO
COME UP WITH INNOVATIVE
AND FUN IDEAS TO RAISE
MONEY
FOR THE FCMM.

FIRST CANVASSING
MAY 3, 2014
FINAL CANVASSING
OCTOBER 25, 2014





PRAISES, PRAYERS AND PETITIONS

We join in the *Thanksgiving Intentions* of: MARY-ANNE
ALEJANDRO, NELSON & SUSIE
ALEJANDRO, TONY FOZ,

PATRICK JAMES ALCAIDE, MANNY & LINA LAGASCA, ROLAND DADO, ROSE RODRIGUEZ, JOHNNY & LORIE PALISOC, NILO & EDITH VALENZUELA, NELSON & PERLA ORTIZO 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, 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: ADELA CONCEPCION, CHARITO CAPARAS, ERIC JASMIN, ENGRACIA RAZON LAUS, PONCIANO LAUS, 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.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR APRIL 2014

- * **Ecology and Justice**. That governments may foster the protection of creation and the just distribution of natural resources.
- *Hope for the Sick. That the Risen Lord may fill with hope the hearts of those who are being tested by pain and sickness.