

MABUHAY ! WELCOME ! BIENVENUE !

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02 OCTOBER 2016 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.

Guided by the Light of Faith

This is our first Sunday in the month of the Rosary and of the Missions. The month in which we are urged to grow in our faith and pray for an increase in it, remembering that faith is both a gift from the Lord and a commitment on our part.

Faith is what enables us to accept with humble trust even the sad events that elude our comprehension. It is what empowers us to persevere in the good work, even when we do not see the results we had hoped to attain. Faith is what drives our missionaries to devote all their energies to bring the light of the Gospel to those who do not yet know Christ. Faith is what brings us together, right now, to offer this Eucharist in praise of God and for the good of all mankind. Together with Jesus' disciples, let us pray: "Lord, increase our faith!"



October 7 @ 6:pm

-Feast of the Holy Rosary
-Holy Hour

October 9 @ 11:30 am

-Thanksgiving Mass
28th Sunday Ordinary Time

October 16 @ 11:30 am

-World Food Day
29th Sunday Ordinary Time

October 23 @ 11:00 am

-Mass to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the Acquisition of the Our Lady of the Philippines Church

October 30 @ 11:30 am

-31st Sunday Ordinary Time

November 2 @ 8:00 pm

-All Souls Day Mass

November 20 @ 11:30 am

- Solemnity of Christ the King and Closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy

November 27 @ 11:30 am

-First Sunday of Advent

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday—Sunday
9:00 A.M.—5:00 P.M.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—11:30 AM

(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.

ONE BREAD, ONE FAMILY

Role of Children and Grandparents

In the 2015 Festival of Families, Pope Francis said: "I would like to stress two points regarding the family which I would like you to pay special attention to:... the children and the grandparents. Children and young people are the future; they are the strength, those who take us forward. They are the ones in whom we place our hope. Grandparents are the memory of the family; they are the ones who gave us the faith, transmitted to us the faith." "To take care of the grandparents and to take care of the children is a sign of love. I don't know if it's the greatest, but I would say the most promising sign of love is the family, because it promises the future. A people who does not know how to care for the grandparents is a people without a future, because it doesn't have strength and it doesn't have the memory that will carry it forward." Francis concluded saying: "The family is beautiful, but it is costly.... I advise one thing: Never end the day without making peace in the family. In a family, a day cannot end at war.... Defend the family!"





For the weekend of
September 24, 2016 = \$ 1,492.00
Thank you for your generosity!



We join in the
Thanksgiving Intentions of:
Rey Family
Mr. & Mrs. Rudy Bautista
Special Intentions: Norma Foz

Your prayers are humbly
requested for all the sick and suffer-
ing members of our Mission Commu-
nity and their loved ones. May God
bring them healing and peace.

Remember also all of our deceased
relatives and friends, especially:
Virgil Velasco Jr., Bernardo Vidal
Tactaquin Sr., Mark Gerard Hiceta,
Felicitation Domingo, Arturo
Villanueva 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.

**Stop by or call the FCMM Office
(514-387-5292) during normal
business hours and have a Mass**

Where Is God?

The apparent "absence" of God has always been a severe test for all the great souls who have put their trust in Him. Sooner or later all will experience its torturing fits – God seems to "vanish" or to become impotent right when His intervention seems needed most badly.

The prophet Habakkuk experienced it (*see Hab 1:2-3*); so did Jeremiah (*see Ps 22:2-3*) and even Jesus Christ, at the height of his suffering on Calvary (*see Mt 27:46*). All through the centuries, down to our very days, the "inaction" of God has been felt bitterly and decried. In the torments of the tortures inflicted on innocent people (often because of their very allegiance to their faith); in the horrors of the Nazi concentration camps or the Stalinist "Gulags"; in the crying misery of the conglomeration of squatter shanties, full of filth, fumes, mud . . . without roads, electricity and medicare; in the mental hospitals, in the prostitution dens; in the nations or regions where people are just a "labor force" exploited by the state or the local magnate . . . one asks, "Where is God here?" and "Why does He not make His presence and justice felt?!" No human being, with its limited intellectual and moral resources, can answer such questions with certainty and convincingly. Only God Himself can. He has an answer and will surely give it.

But in His own time. (*See Hab 2:3.*) For He has His own rhythm, His own ways, His own plans. And so many times, they are different from ours. (*See Is 55:8-9.*) It is only those who have the gift of faith who can keep believing in God's *active presence* even in the darkest moments of human history and of their lives. It is *faith* which gives them/us the unique assurance that God is present and active even if their/our feeble mind cannot comprehend or pinpoint where and how.

Often, it is after years that we begin to understand *why* God allowed certain terrible events to happen. It was for a purification, to bring out a much greater good . . . We may also begin to understand *how* God was present and active in the compassion that He inspired, in the generosity and charity that He instilled in many . . . in our very selves, perhaps. Indeed, God was present and active as He is present in the dark secret under the surface of the fields where He lets the seed rot and makes the sprout burst forth and pierce the hard crust of the soil unto the richness of a new harvest. God is present and active at all times. Everywhere. He needs to be trusted, for He knows what He is doing. He could do everything by Himself, yet – usually – He gives us the privilege to be His "servants," i.e., the instruments of His care, His concern, His power. This has happened so many times in history. It is happening right now everywhere, especially where He finds people who have the faith that can transplant sycamores and move mountains, and the humility to recognize that He is the Power behind it all, while they/we are just *expendable* servants.
(*See Lk 17:10.*)

SACRAMENTS:

BAPTISM: Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. One session of pre-baptismal catechesis (every 1st Saturday of the month) is required for the parents and principal sponsors. Parents are requested to please book the baptism at least 2 months ahead.

MARRIAGE: Please notify the FCMM office at least 4 months earlier for pre-Cana arrangement and date reservation. Please bring baptismal and confirmation certificates.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Notify the FCMM office as early as possible while the sick person can still receive the Sacrament.

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