



# ST. PHILOMENA

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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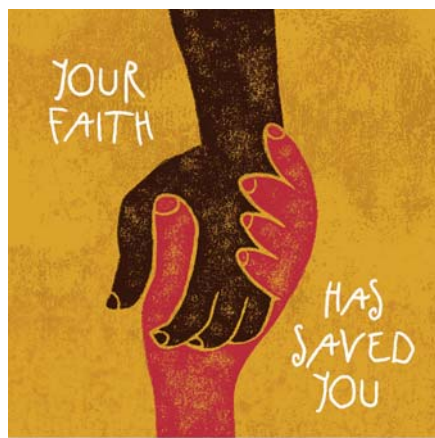
### GOOD NEWS!

**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 1, 2018**

You changed my mourning into dancing; O LORD, my God, forever will I give you thanks.

— *Psalm 30:13*



### O LORD, BE MY HELP

Today we encounter readings that draw us into the mystery of suffering and death. In the past few years we have witnessed the devastation of life and property through earthquakes and hurricanes. So many lifted their lament to God, simply asking, "Why?" This is an honest expression of anger toward a God who we believe is the giver of life. When we lose a loved one, we can wonder why the presence of Christ is not enough to make that person rise, even from death, as did the little girl in today's Gospel passage. Again we raise our voices and ask, "Why?" At moments such as these, let us make the prayer of the psalmist our own: "Hear, O LORD, and have pity on me; O LORD, be my helper." Let us pray that our mourning will one day be turned into dancing.

### Accepting Pain

Michelangelo's statue *The Pietà*, finished before he turned twenty-four, expresses a theme Italians didn't enjoy seeing in art: death. Even worse, it recalls the torturous death of a crucified son held by his mourning mother. The image is horrific.

In his approach, Michelangelo is revolutionary. Rather than directly representing death, his statue is a meditation on it. Instead of showing the Virgin in the moment of extreme anguish, the normal strategy to achieve pity in the onlooker, the master decides to show Mary in humble acceptance of this heart-wrenching moment.

She doesn't fight or run from the pain in rebellious screams. Her teeth aren't clenched, her brow is unwrinkled, and her eyes aren't filled with tears imploring upward seeking to understand the illogical. She merely sits in the painful moment embracing the Son and abandoning her sorrow to the Father who permitted it.

Her hands reveal her attitude. One holds her Son under his arm firmly. She pulls him to her, sustaining the weight of the mystery. She absorbs the moment, fleeing not. Remaining in the pain, she endures the cost of our redemption, expressing her fiat again, in silence: Let it be done to me according to your word.

The other hand tilts toward us, open. She is letting go, giving over! She knows this Child in her arms was never only hers, but everyone's. We're invited to grasp her open hand, join her pain, and do our part to take up our own cross and follow him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *The Pietà*, 1499  
 Artist: Michelangelo  
 Location: St. Peter's Basilica



### For Reflection

*How can I better embrace the challenging moments in my life, rather than rebel or run from them?*

*How can I better accept and let go of those things that cause me pain?*

*[Jesus] took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha kum," which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"*

*Mark 5:41*

## Message from Fr. Demetrio Bugayong

**The Shepherd's Field****To Retire Or Not ..... Never a Question!**

Forty –eight years in the pastoral ministry! But this period of time seemed to have gone by too swiftly. Throughout , I was kept very busy.... Why would not time fly fast since that memorable ordination with two hundred others by Pope Paul VI on November 28, 1970 in Rizal Park, Manila? Right after completing the theology course, I was to put to work in 1971 in the big city parish in Dagupan (Philippines). During the three years of my assignment, the other Associate Priest and I assumed the bulk of the daily parish operations; Sunday and Weekday masses, weddings, funerals, sick calls, meeting of organizations, counseling's in order to free the Pastor in the supervision of an on-going new Cathedral construction..... Then, the same time pressure I faced in Manila where I was sent to take a course in Guidance and Counseling in preparation for seminary work. I had to finish the course in two years' time while helping the parish hosting me with masses and hours of confession.....Again, why would not the years sail hastily when my next assignment of ten years was the minor seminary? Overseeing seminarians of high school age kept me on the job 24/7, waking them up in the morning, keeping an eye on them during the daytime, and putting them to bed in the evening. Mind you, not all of them were angel's with halos. Several of them were Dennis the Menace in the flesh in need of special attention and loving care. The seminary ministry of ten years required of me total engagement, full dedication and endless sacrifice.... A big relief it was when I was granted one year sabbatical leave in 1987. I spent the needed break here in the United States for reasons, personal and pastoral. I presided at the golden wedding anniversary of my parents. And I stayed for five months in the parish of St Francis of Assisi in Fillmore, a small scenic city in Ventura County, for pastoral exposure..... Then, Providence was at play. My Archbishop in the Philippines was greatly surprised to see me back. By that time, he had already filled the seminary rector position that I left on a temporary basis. Feeling put in an awkward position, he did not hesitate to allow mw again to be in America. As before, I gave him my word to return should he deem in any need of me. But I never heard from him since.

Showing up in Los Angeles in August, 1988, St Philip the Apostle in Pasadena gave me the welcome sign. It was parish consisting of affluent and middle income parishioners. I thought I was having a very beautiful experience as one of the Associates to a very likeable pastor— self integration into the church system, immersion in the life and activities of the parish, and healthy rectory living. However the stay was cut short after three and a half years. Cardinal Roger Mahoney pulled me out to go to a culturally diverse parish in the San Pedro Region. Out of obedience, without hesitation and unperturbed by what lay ahead, I cried out; “ Good-bye Rose Parades, and here I come, Carson!”

At St. Philomena, time traveled even faster than I expected. It looked like just some years ago when on January 20, 1992, I checked in at the Rectory in South Main Street. It was my home for two and a half years with Msgr. William O'Toole, and six years with Fr. Riz Carranza. With cold feet and sweat , not really realizing what it was leading me to, I took the Pro-Tem Administrator ship in 1999 and the following year, the Pastor ship , an assignment of six years twice renewed. Continuation on page 5.....

**LITURGY & WORSHIP****READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23;  
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 10:24-29

Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;  
Mt 8:28-34 or, for Independence Day, any  
readings from the Mass "For the Country  
or a City," nos. 882-886, or "For Peace  
and Justice," nos. 887-891

Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8

Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40,  
131; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5; Ps 123:1-4; 2 Cor 12:7-10;  
Mk 6:1-6a

**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

*Saturdays:* 7:30 AM, 5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

*Sundays:* 6:00 AM, 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, 11:00 AM  
12:45 PM, 2:30 PM (Spanish), 4:15PM, 6:00 PM

*Weekdays:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM

*First Wed. & First Fri. Only:* 6:30AM, 8:00AM, 7:00PM

*Eve of Holy Days:* 7:00 PM

*Holy Days:* 6:30 AM, 8:00 AM, 12:00 PM,  
5:00 PM (Spanish), 7:00 PM

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

*Saturdays, Thursday before First Friday and Day before  
Holy Days:* 4:00PM – 5:00PM & 6:00PM– 7:00PM

*First Fridays:* 6:15 PM – 7:00 PM

**PRIESTS**

Rev. Albert H. Avenido-Administrator Pro-Tem

Rev. Alidor Mikobi -Associate Pastor

Rev. Mikaele Mataafa - Associate Pastor

Rev. Demetrio Bugayong– Canonical Pastor

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Anna Marie Sharkany—*Director, Youth & Confirmation*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Thomas

Wednesday: Independence Day

Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Portugal;  
St. Anthony Zaccaria

Friday: St. Maria Goretti; First Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****\*Saturday, June 30, 2018**

7:30am: Jose & Consolacion Paino. (+)  
8:00am: Nora Delfin Diocampo(+)

5:00pm: Rudy Gomez (L)

7:00pm: Edgardo A. Delos Santos  
(+)

**\*Sunday, July 01, 2018**

6:00am: Felicitation Ferrer Lapid (+)

7:30am: Kenny & Sheena Dulany(L)

9:15am: Felixberto A. Menor. (+)

11:00am: Rosario Victoriano Zarcas  
(+)

12:45pm: Matthew Abanilla (T)

2:30pm: Esteban & Timotea  
Ramirez(+)

4:15pm: Maebel Abanilla (T)

6:00pm: Ebelin Abanilla (L) sick

**\* Monday, July 02, 2018**

6:30am: Clarius Luke Trinidad (L)

8:00am: Irene Dela Cruz

**\*Tuesday, July 03, 2018**

6:30am: Felix Frackkiewicz

8:00am: Nora Delfin Diocampo(+)

**\*Wednesday, July 04, 2018**

6:30am Lourdes Arca (+)

8:00am: Purisima Joyce Cruz (+)

7:00pm: Socrates A. Hermoso Jr  
(+)

**\*Thursday, July 05, 2018**

6:30am: Jose Arca (+)

8:00am: Sevilla Sunga (L)

**\*Friday, July 06, 2018**

6:30am: Annaliza Estuita

Bechayda (+)

8:00am: Kristopher Galang (L, T)  
Al Sanchez (+)

7:00pm: Periaswamy Family (T)

**\*Saturday, July 07, 2018**

7:30am: Max Hofilena (+)

**Legends:**

(L) Living (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving (+) Deceased

**Sick Relatives & Friends**

*Please pray for the sick of the parish*

Laki Peato, Jose Wilder Abanto, Cheroel Maple, Connie Arano,  
Aida Torion Zanoria, LaVerne Willkom Levenson, Juanita Cariaga,  
Anita S., Ellis Robinson, Laura Medeiros, Michele Nartea, Lougee  
Capati, Nick Cruz, Baby Vicente Maldonado, Ada Charisze  
Espanola, Sony Batucal, Merlinda Guererro, Rey Nacino, Rowena  
T., Luz Dominguez, Ester Jornacion, Raul De Leon, Marilou Bautista,  
Angie Mckittrick, Nelson Mape, Ricardo Cabanban, Jaime Campos,  
Hong Pham, Frederick Wetzell, Nessie Labindalawa, Dolores  
Trinidad, Arlene Sambrano, Joy Warden, Ramon Florita, Rosalia  
Cruz, Evangeline Domingo, Christopher Coffey, Patrick Orbon,  
Florentino Tanglao, Ruben Martinez, Gerardo Torres, Manuel A.  
Gonzalez, Lilia Villanueva, Jacen Marc Castillo

*and all those in our community who are in need of prayers.*

**IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE**

*All powerful Creator whose loving in hope, look kindly upon,*

Fr. Ernesto Villaroya, Erwin Itchon Velasco, Aida Dollente, Monica De La  
Cruz, Hatsuko Manuel, Bella Estiamba, Connie Medina Kennedy, Anna  
Dumlao, Myrna Hadinoto, Ben Sibal, Traci De la Cruz, Rosita Nocos, Claire  
Bertha Dors, Tauveve Tu'upo, Angelito Penalba, Arturo Balatero, Arturo  
Salas, Eliseo Monzon, Maria Kienholz, Pauline Mc Millan, Danny Florencio,  
Alfonso Odal, Maria Rosie Endrinal, Clarinda del Rosario, Jason Baysac,  
Maria Lourdes Pantejo, Leuvino Baquiran, Sergio L. Miranda, Alfredo  
Unabia, Ed Gantan, Carmen Jordan

*& all who have departed this life confessing your name. Number them among  
your saints forever.*

**EVANGELIZATION****PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name.

For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. In their afflictions let them never be crushed; in their doubts, never despair; in temptation, never be destroyed; in persecution, never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. In times of weakness send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your Heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners.

By the same Holy Spirit, put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the brokenhearted. And may the gift of Mary, your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she, who formed you in her human image, may form them in your Divine Image, by the power of your Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**PRAYER FOR OUR NEW PASTOR**

Heavenly Father, We pray that you will be with us as we receive into our parish your servant Rev. Fr Francis Ilano. Help us to show our love and understanding for him as he start working as our Pastor. May we be willing to receive instructions with an open heart and mind and offer encouragement and complete support to him..

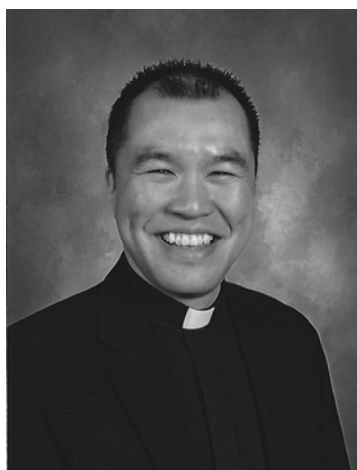
May our parishioners be inspired and our spirits be rekindled with the flame of the Holy Spirit. We pray that with the new Shepherd you sent us we will find peace and joy within us and develop the virtues of obedience and understanding in our service to the church. Make us aware of our needs for each other. Show us ways of removing stumbling blocks that will make your path easy to follow.

Continue to be with us and bind us together in your love and service. This we ask in Jesus name with the intercession of our Mother Mary. AMEN.

**Thought of the Week**

In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.

*St. Thomas Aquinas*

**WELCOME !!****Reverend Father FRANCIS ILANO**

**We warmly welcome Reverend Father Francis Ilano, our new Pastor, to our Parish Community. Fr. Francis is from St Athanasius Church in Long Beach. Please continue to support him as he start his priestly ministry in St. Philomena Church.**

## Fr. Demetrio Bugayong Message

All in all, I am counting forty-eight years of shepherding more than half of which (26 years) re at St. Philomena.

With my retirement, I feel like a collage student about to graduate. Or a parent who is through with the obligations of rearing the children up, getting them to school, and being secure they have jobs to hold on to for themselves. What a nice feeling really when I believe I have given all my all for God's glory and in service of the Church. Am I happy and relieved that pastoral responsibilities/accountabilities are lifted from my shoulders!. This translate to succumbing to no more constant stresses and pressures. In no time, our mission was accomplished due very much to your collaboration. At the very start, I set up the vision of St. Philomena as the big family, the umbrella under which subsist all the smaller Christian communities— the ethnic communities, the religious organizations, the different ministries, the different prayer groups. To your credit, you responded very favorably and positively, embracing the vision wholeheartedly. True to it, we slowly looked at each other as assortments of individuals and groupings that beautify the mosaic picture that we call St Philomena Family. Bonding became stronger and deeper because it was supernatural. We were ruled by what united us, and no longer by what set us apart in our affinity, ethnicity and blood kinship. It is the spirit of community that was prevailing, empowering us to work wonders.

Among the wonders we have done together as a family was undertaking the Campus Master Plan, the number one priority of the parish. Slowly but surely, we came up with the completion of the new Church building, the extensive renovation of the Parish Center, the construction of the New Rectory, the Acquisition of the adjacent lot where the rectory was built, the installation of Campus wide Security System and the improvement of our Site Facility. Regrettably, the only phase in the Church Development that we fell short of accomplishing was the Annex Building and Site because of my sick leave status.. This was very much our intent to improve on within the last four years of my term. We are leaving the job to the incoming Pastor, Fr Francis Ilano to whom, by the way, we should extend our warm welcome and loving embrace, offering him our utmost collaboration. All these major projects were fully paid without incurring any debt because the good majority of you had been generous and responsible stewards. A few of you with financial know-how were tapped to voluntarily help in the prudent management of the parish funds. With them monitoring, we are proud to say we never had chronic deficits but always had healthy surpluses.... A collateral benefit of having created a truly Christian culture is the impact on our young people, the future of the parish. Many of those graduating from the Confirmation Program get involved in the Youth and Young Adult ministries. Herein they come to see themselves as having a share to do in the Church. Always open to their consideration is the priesthood and religious life as a viable option to take.

Time has finally caught up with me, and so the natural course is to retire. Firstly, the expiration date of my last terms here at St. Philomena is the end of June 2018. Secondly, there is no way I can stop the aging process. I am now in my 73 years of age, two years away from celebrating my golden priestly. With me in retirement, I must tell you, I love what I do, but this does not mean that I keep doing it every year. I take the suggestion of the Dalai Lama “ Once a year, goes somewhere you’ve never been before” This is a good tip of what I will be doing as a retiree... not literally doing traveling, but engaging in new things that interest and excite me personally. And my advisor, the Face book, assures me:”There is about a shift in your life. Get ready for your blessings. You have been through enough and breakthrough is on the way”.

You have been God's blessing to me! Thank you for opening your hearts to allow me to enter into your lives!

In Unity,  
Fr. Dem



**STEWARDSHIP/UPCOMING EVENTS**

# Dear Padre

July 1, 2018

***Is there any sense in suffering? A friend is in great pain, and I don't think she should have to suffer so much. No one should!***

The most popular book of Catholic devotion is *The Imitation of Christ*, written by Thomas à Kempis. He wrote this as he watched his best friends and members of his religious community suffer and die from the plague. Much of the book revolves around suffering.

Thomas wrote that it was not deep words that made a person holy and upright, but a good life, lived in God's presence. He believed God walked with the simple, and revealed God's very self to the humble. For Thomas à Kempis, there is no solution to suffering except to put your faith in Christ.

The Book of Job explores the mystery of innocent people experiencing misery and evil. Job suffers great pains and hardships, but he comes to the conclusion that faith in God must transcend personal pain and suffering.

Jesus advises his followers to take up their cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; and Luke 9:23, 14:27). Saint Paul reminds us that we suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). The epistle of James challenges Christians to consider trials of any kind as nothing but a joy (James 1:2).

We all suffer. It's part of life. Our faith in Jesus is the bridge that can lead us over the chasm of suffering to the place of peace that many of the early martyrs and saints found.

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## COME & JOIN US CELEBRATE!!!

***Our Lady of Rosa Mystica Feast Day  
and Rosa Mystica Prayer Group  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary***

**July 13, 2018 (Friday) at**

**St. Philomena Church**

**6:00pm – Living Rosary**

**7:00 pm – Holy Mass**

**Fr. Rayment Medina, Celebrant**

***Fellowship will follow after the  
Holy Mass at the Parish Center***

**Hosted by Rosa Mystica Prayer Group  
& Mission Appeal for Seminary Support**

## SUNDAY MASS COLLECTIONS

JUNE 23-24 2018

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>COLLECTIONS</u>
SAT 5:00 PM	1,044.00
SAT 7:00 PM	967.00
SUN 6:00 AM	1,057.00
SUN 7:30 AM	1,905.00
SUN 9:15 AM	1,909.00
SUN 11:00 AM	2,228.00
SUN 12:45 PM	1,423.00
SUN 2:30 PM	983.00
SUN 4:15 PM	1,162.00
SUN 6:00 PM	<u>2,466.00</u>

**TOTAL****\$ 15,144.00**

“ You are being enriched in every way for all generosity, which through us produces thanksgiving to God.” 2 Cor.9:11

Our sincerest gratitude for your generosity and continues support to St. Philomena Catholic Church

## Thank You

To all the Staff, Volunteers, Ministries and Organizations who help and joined us in the celebration of Fr. Albert's Farewell Party. For all the donors of the food. We also thank Alex Cainglet for being the MC on that evening and to all the youth who help us in the setup and clean up of the place.

**St. Philomena Church  
Summer Day Camp 2018**



**July 9 - July 20, 2018  
12:30pm - 4:30pm  
Pre-K - Grade 6**

**\$60 per child  
for 2 weeks of  
FUN!**

A \$20 deposit will hold a  
spot for your child(ren)

Each day your child(ren) will be a  
part of fun Scripture learning they  
can see, hear, touch and even  
taste!

- ✝ Bible Stories
- ✝ Bible Song, Dance
- ✝ Crafts
- ✝ Tasty Treats
- ✝ Team Building Games

These are just a few of the  
“standout” activities that help  
faith flow into a real “holy” life.



For more information, please contact St. Philomena,  
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