

perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 17 Mar '16 (Thus); 7:30pm. to 9:30pm.; level 3, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, S(319264). Topic: Families as Missionaries of Mercy For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore-org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

PRAISE@WORK - Title: Deepening Personal Communication within a Community. How do we deepen personal communication with our community members? Join us as we share about the practical ways in which you can experience the difference. Praise@Work Charismatic Prayer Meeting 10 Mar '16, Thursday, 8 PM Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8 All are welcome! For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/

CLARITY together with The World Community for Christian Meditation

(WCCM) jointly present an introductory programme to Christian meditation on three Saturdays (19 March, 2 and 9 April 2016) from 8.45 am - 9.45 am. Register early as spaces are limited. To register, call 6757 7990 or email to registration@clarity-singapore.org.

JESUS YOUTH gladly announces 'Crucis Singapura 2016' - a unique 'Way of the Cross' prayed while walking barefoot across the Island marking the sign of the Cross. We invite all the faithful to join this intercession event to pray for Singapore which will be on Saturday the 19 Mar '16. Participants will walk in pairs across 9 pre-defined routes, longest being 25.1km and shortest 3.08km. As part of the Year of Mercy, each participant will get a chance to visit one of the five Holy Doors in Singapore. Upon registration, you will receive a confirmation email with route map, 'Way of the Cross' prayer and other useful information. Registration is free. Kindly log on to www.singapore.jesusyouth.org to register before 13 Mar. You may call Fionne Grace Lai (9006 1884) for more details.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: hkchuajohn@yahoo.com), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:
(i) Church Of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions /donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 108 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 111
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 14 March - SAT 19 March 2016
MON: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, JN 8:12-20 **TUE:** NM 21:4-9, JN 8:21-30 **WED:** DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, JN 8:31-42 **THU:** GN 17:3-9, JN 8:51-59 **FRI:** JER 20:10-13, JN 10:31-42 **SAT:** 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16, MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A

The Lectionary For Mass (Year C)

First Reading: The poetic juxtaposition between the wonders of the past and the affirmation that God is doing something new is both startling and gripping. The critical question is that of perception. Can God's people see it? This is an apt question for those awaiting the new life given in the Resurrection of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm 126: The psalmist assures the returned exiles of Judah that the Lord has transformed captivity. Zion slowly realises this, and sees that what God has given is even more than what was promised. Joy is the authentic response to the salvific power of God.

Second Reading: Paul writes to the community in Philippi from prison. He has lost all, and in fact may lose his life. He is not perfect, he says; he simply keeps striving to list a mature Christian life. He is willing to let go of the past and any errors it may contain so that he can keep his eyes on the horizon of the future.

Gospel: The story of the woman caught in adultery is powerful and pointed. The scribes, who call Jesus "teacher" but who do not follow him, seem to have found an open-and-shut case in the correct

interpretation of the Mosaic law. In his very first Angelus address, Pope Francis spoke of the transformative nature of mercy, which invites conversion. "A little mercy makes the world less cold and more just. We need to understand properly this mercy of God, this merciful Father who is so patient," said the Holy Father.

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 19 March

About his Solemnity/Saint

St. Joseph was an honourable and just man who took the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus, as his wife. While engaged to Mary, Joseph found out that she was pregnant, but he knew he was not the father. After an angel appeared to him in a dream, in which he was told that the child was from the Holy Spirit, he courageously moved forward, and still planned to marry his beloved Mary and protect the soon-to-be Messiah. St. Joseph, a carpenter by trade, appears at various points in the four Gospel accounts, including Luke's genealogy (see Luke 3:23), the infancy narratives (see Matthew 1 – 2; Luke 1 – 2), and the flight into Egypt (see Matthew 2: 13 – 15). Although he disappears from the Gospel after Jesus' early years, he continues to be a source of inspiration and veneration for many.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 20 March 2016

About Palm Sunday

Branches of palm, olive, or sometimes even budding willow, are ancient symbols of victory and hope, as well as of new life. The procession celebrating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem overflowed with praise and excitement, as onlookers waved these triumphant branches and proclaimed their blessings. Yet, in a few days, they will cry "Crucify him!" The crowd's change of heart illustrates the problem of holding God to our expectations. The crowd expected a liberating leader, the Messiah, to free them from Roman oppression. Jesus instead takes up his Cross and invites us to do the same. Through his Death and Resurrection he is indeed a liberator, but from death and sin, not from Rome. But unable to see past their needs, the crowd's disappointment turns into anger and a death order. As we enter Holy Week, Palm Sunday teaches us to let God be God, and to trust in God's wisdom, not only to meet but shatter and exceed our expectations.

The Lectionary for Mass

Gospel at the Blessing of Palms: The triumphant entry into Jerusalem as presented in Luke underlines the kingship exercised by Jesus. The colt must be one upon which no one sat, per Jewish ritual. Jesus is yet again put in a position to defend his disciples from criticism. Note that the narrative echoes parts of the canticle of Zechariah.

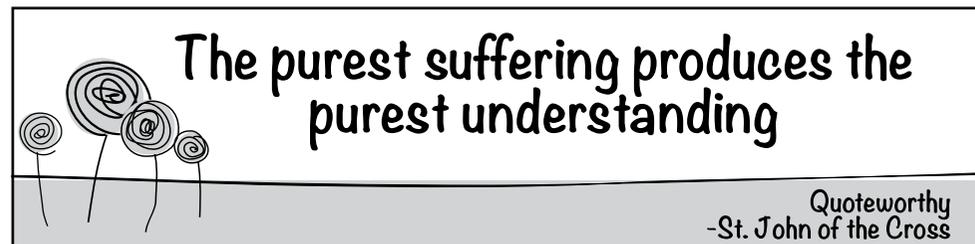
First Reading: This reading offers us the third of the fourth oracles of Isaiah by the "Servant of the Lord." This passage is deeply solemn. The entire passage is evocative of both the work and the spirit of the Messiah. God's servant will be cared for, with God's protection he can face torment surrounding him.

Responsorial Psalm 22: As we enter Holy Week, we hear the lament that Jesus quotes as he hangs on the Cross. From the terrible darkness, the psalmist cries out to God expressing the depth of his complaint. Although he fears that God has withdrawn, he also trusts that God will come to his aid.

Second Reading: Paul's poetic hymn to Christ captures both heart and imagination. Jesus, in human form, did not seize status; rather he entirely emptied himself (kenosis) and in doing so his divinity is revealed. His death was not any death, but a heroic and transformative death that reveals his true nature. Now, he is exalted by God and all can see him for who he really is – and believe.

Gospel: Luke's Passion narrative takes us through the events of the final days of Jesus. Jesus is a righteous figure, ready to embrace his martyrdom. In many ways, this version of the Passion is a political drama: the priestly authorities succeed in getting their demands met, Pilate and Herod mock Jesus, and Pilate overplays his hand. Characters like Simon Cyrene and the two criminals add vivid detail. Throughout, the message is that God's plan will be accomplished and the Messiah will be glorified.

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PARISH NEWS

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK

No Penitential Service

20 Mar Palm Sunday Masses as usual.

24 Mar - Holy Thursday: 7.00pm (English), 7.00pm (Mandarin; Chapel) (Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)

25 Mar - Good Friday: 11.15am (Mandarin Way of the Cross); 12.00pm (Mandarin Service), 2.15pm (English Way of the Cross), 3.00pm (English Service) (Good Friday Services)

26 Mar - Holy Saturday: 8.00pm (English, with Baptism) (Easter Vigil Mass)

27 Mar - Easter Sunday: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 4.30pm (English) (Easter Sunday Masses)

THE LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK FOR CANTONESE

20 Mar Palm Sunday 2:00pm (Chapel)

24 Mar Holy Thursday 8:00pm

25 Mar Good Friday 3:00pm

27 Mar Easter Sunday 2:00pm (Chapel)

[SPP FORMATION SERIES]

Pilgrimage to the 5 Holy Doors in Singapore. Date: 16 Apr '16 (Sat) Time: Event will start with Morning Mass at 7:20am in SPP and end at 4:00pm (approx.). Cost: \$10 per person (covering transport and lunch) Please register with the Church Office and make payment upon registration.

TICKET SALE for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner - 2 Jul '16 at Raffles City Convention Centre Members of SPP Ministries can purchase the tables for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner from the Church Office from 1 January 2016. Public Sale will start in Feb '16. Tickets are priced at \$1500 per table of 10 persons. Please check with your Ministry Leader or the Church Office for more information.

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND – An estimate of 30% of items in the church

conservation project is deemed strictly as "conservation works" and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account "PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul". The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CHOICE - It takes that 1 weekend that will inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 29 Apr - 01 May '16 (Fri evening to Sun evening). Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesa 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 5) The purpose of the (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend