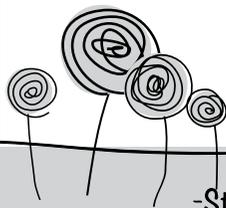


**RETROUVAILLE** - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages. 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 30 Sept - 2 Oct '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

It takes that 1 weekend to 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: 30 Sep - 02 Oct 2016 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: [www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm](http://www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm)

The soul in which  
God alone dwells  
has no other function  
than that of an  
Altar, on which God  
is Adored in Praise  
and Love



Quoteworthy  
- St. John of the Cross

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 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 and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

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(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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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 25 September 2016 Year C

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 994

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** My soul, give praise to the Lord.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 26 September - SAT 1 October 2016

**MON:** JB 1:6-22, LK 9:46-50 **TUE:** JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, LK 9:51-56 **WED:** JB 9:1-12, 14-16, LK 9:57-62 **THU:** DN 7:9-10, 13-14, JN 1:47-51 **FRI:** JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, LK 10:13-16 **SAT:** JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, LK 10:17-24

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
- 25 September**

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** Amos continues his denunciation of those who ignore the lot of others. In last Sunday's text it was the dishonest merchants. Today he criticizes the rich who care only about their own comfort, ignoring the plight of the poor. He does not condemn their wealth but their complacency. Their wealth allows them to have lavish means and the best oils; they drink wine from bowls as though there was no end to the abundance they enjoy. Their selfish actions will lead to their exile.

**Responsorial Psalm 146** proclaims the faithful love of God who secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry and sight to the blind, loves the just and protects the stranger. The tone of the text is in sharp contrast to the actions of those addressed by Amos. The nature of God's love will define the mission of Jesus.

**Second Reading:** Paul's letter to Timothy encourages him to be faithful to the commandment of God until the return of Jesus Christ. Paul would know and expect that his letter would be read to the local

gathering of believers and so the phrase "I charge you" could apply to those who listen to the reading of his letter as well as to Timothy. In this vein, the words of Paul's letter are addressed also to us.

**Gospel:** Jesus addresses the Pharisees with a parable that contrasts the actions of a rich man and a poor man. The contrast between those who care about others and those who do not, as noted in the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm is sharpened by the message of the parable. Jesus does not dwell on the status of the rich man but rather on his being oblivious to the needs of the poor man "lying at his door"; he was his neighbour!

**Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

**About this Feast**

We celebrate the feast of three archangels, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the great heralds of salvation and defenders against the power of evil. St. Michael is guardian and protector of the Church, from its roots in Israel to the Church of today and beyond. In Hebrew, his name means "who is like God". St Gabriel, whose name means "hero of God", announces that John the Baptist will be born to Elizabeth and

Zechariah. He is entrusted with the most important task of revealing to Mary that she will bear the Son of God. Then, there is St. Raphael, whose name is Hebrew for "God has healed". He is named in Tobit 12 as the one standing in the presence of God, and in 1 Enoch (early Jewish writing) as the healer of the earth (10:7).

### Some Saints of the Week

#### St. Vincent de Paul – 27 September

St. Vincent de Paul, a French peasant, was ordained in 1600. As a parish priest in Paris, he founded a home for foundlings because it upset him to see so many babies abandoned by parents unable to care for them. He founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac and the Congregation of the Mission (also known either as Vincentians or Lazarists), both dedicated to helping the poor and visiting prisons. Monsieur Vincent, as he was called, became a popular figure in Paris and, in spite of his visits to people such as Cardinal Richelieu, he maintained his simple lifestyle and manner of dress.

#### St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church – 30 September

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### PARISH NEWS

**THANK YOU** - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of August 2016 amounted to \$6,660.65 and Donations amounted to \$2,635.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,460.00. We support 81 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. If you know of families in need in our parish, please email us with details to [ssvp.spp@gmail.com](mailto:ssvp.spp@gmail.com). We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter's Conference.

**DAILY PRAYER** - Our SPP Church prays

St. Jerome (345 – 420) is the patron saints of scholars and librarians. With a great love of learning and books, as a monk and priest, he developed a passion for interpretations of Sacred Scripture. With a comprehensive knowledge of classical languages, St. Jerome produced a Latin text of the entire Bible eventually known as the Vulgate. He wrote numerous commentaries on several books of the Bible, including a highly reputable work on the Gospel according to Matthew. Along with writing, he provided spiritual guidance to wealthy widows and mentored young monks in monastic discipline. St. Jerome joins three other saints (Ambrose, Augustine and Gregory the Great) as the first Doctors of the Church.

#### St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus – 1 October

St. Thérèse of Lisieux of the Child Jesus (1873 – 1897), known as the "Little Flower", was a spiritual athlete, but not in the same way as her contemporaries. Contrary to the spirituality of her time, which favoured self-mortification and miraculous phenomena, she approached God through the ordinary. She is patron saint of the missions and a Doctor of the Church

the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH** would like to publicize the two forthcoming talks in your bulletin for the benefit of your parishioners: **1) Explaining Purgatory, Marian Devotion, Statues, etc to Non Catholics** by Kelvin Chia, LLB (7 Oct '16) **2) The Truth of the Crusades, the Inquisition, Galileo, etc.** by Nick Chui, MTS (14 Oct '16) Time: Fridays. 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street, FOC,

All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>. More details: [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act)

**CONSIDER THE SPECIAL GIFT OF A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** - Next English weekend will be held from Oct 7 (Fri) to Oct 9 (Sun) Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. There are still slots for the next ME Weekend from Oct 7 to Oct 9 (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.org)

**OCTOBER IS WORLD MISSION MONTH** This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organised by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith: 9 Oct '16 This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23rd. This is a worldwide collection from the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday. **Invitation to Mission**, Bring to prayer specific individuals in your immediate social circle who need your presence and attention. Make a commitment to be more generous with your time create some safe space where it is conducive to encounter the person as a gift

**SANCTUARY CARE IS A NEW FOSTERING SERVICE BY BOYS' TOWN.** We assist low-income families who need short-term childcare help, such as those who are ill or facing a family or pregnancy crisis. We are currently recruiting foster parents to provide a loving home on a short-term voluntary basis for children in need. Contact us today at [sanctuarycare@boystown.org.sg](mailto:sanctuarycare@boystown.org.sg) or call 6221 0588 to find out how you can help. We will look forward to hearing from you.

**FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO TAGAYTAY** (The Philippines) Dates: 4 - 10 Dec '16. Trip cost: \$750 (for flight, accommodation, food and transport) Minimum age for children to be part of this mission trip is 7 years old. Closing date for registration is 30 Sept '16. Organised by the Verbum Dei Missionaries. For more information or to register: Call 62740251 or email: [verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg)

**THE SPIRITUALITY OF WORK: LABOUR, TOIL AND/OR PASSION?** 7 Oct, Fri, 8.00pm to 9 Oct, Sun, 1.00pm @ Choice Retreat House "How do I feel about Mondays?" This weekend of prayer invites you to reflect on work from seeing how God works and labours in all creation, and how we are invited to participate in God's passion for giving life in this manner. You will also be encouraged to regard work in light of Romans 8:22, as "one great act of giving birth." Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. For details, please contact the Cenacle Sisters at 9722-3148; email: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com).

**CHARIS** - acts29 Mission Trip (23-30 Oct '16) - Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems with the local community in Romblon, Philippines. Slots for 9 participants only. \$670 per pax. Closing date to register: 28 Sept '16. T&C apply. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief