

“**QUENCH**” is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore “An International Catholic Lay Movement Approved by the Holy See.” If you are looking for warmth and simplicity in this busy world, we welcome you with wide open arms! Date 10 - 12 Sept. Venue: Choice Retreat House. **Theme: ‘Let anyone who is thirsty come to me’ John 7:37.** Age group 18-35 years old. You can register online @ www.singapore.jesuyouth.org. For more details email singapore@jesuyouth.org or contact Fionne (9006 1884) or Jennifer (8368 2118)

CLARITY’S 3 session introductory workshops to understand self worth, its importance, ways of loving ourselves and how to change by building the new. Saturdays (3, 17 and 24 Sept 2016). \$10 per person limited to 20 participants. To register : Call 6757 7990 or email to : registration@clarity-singapore.org

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

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Interspersory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
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)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
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 at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 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

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 979
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 August - SAT 3 September 2016
MON: 1 COR 2:1-5, MK 6:17-29 **TUE:** 1 COR 2:10B-16, LK 4:31-37 **WED:** 1 COR 3:1-9, LK 4:38-44 **THU:** 1 COR 3:18-23, LK 5:1-11 **FRI:** 1 COR 4:1-5, LK 5:33-39 **SAT:** 1 COR 4:6B-15, LK 6:1-5

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28 August 2016

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Sirach, a Wisdom literature book, reflects on life experience and exhorts people on how to live well and in harmony with others and with God. This brief passage counsels the practice of humility so as to be admired by others. It also insists that the higher a person's status, the more one should practice humility, thus finding favour with God. Humility involves knowing one's limitations and living within them, while learning and being attentive to the wisdom of sages and wise ones, most especially the wisdom revealed to us by God. The final bit of advice suggests that as water quenches fire, so alms to the poor atone for sins. Such exhortation to humility and concern for the poor finds resonance in Jesus, the Wisdom of God present among us.

Responsorial Psalm 68: The psalm refrain captures well Sirach's exhortation to humility and concern for the poor. God's covenant love for all, especially the poor, results in providential care and shelter for them. We thank and praise God, who though highly exalted, stoops down to be "the father of orphans and the defender of widows," giving a home to the forsaken

and leading prisoners to prosperity. God's goodness or covenant love reaches out to all, providing for the needy and caring for creation.

Second Reading: The selection from the Letter to the Hebrews compares the reaction of the people to the covenant on Mt. Sinai with the end time fulfillment of God's covenant relationship with all humanity. Even though the Sinai covenant was one of mutual love and relationship, the way it was delivered and experienced, (fire, darkness, storm, trumpet), brought fear and trembling upon the people that they wanted the experience to end. The end-time fulfillment of that covenant will involve all humanity in a festive gathering on Zion, God's holy mountain. There, all the just and those who have gone before us will be present, with God as judge of all and with Jesus as the mediator of the fulfilled covenant, accomplished through the sprinkling of his blood that spoke more eloquently than the innocent spilling of the blood of Abel. Such a festive gathering awaits all God's people.

Gospel: Jesus uses meal scenes to teach important lessons to all who would be disciples. Observing the jockeying for places of honour at the table, Jesus' parable counsels humility and the choice of a lower place lest embarrassment ensue when your

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host asks you to move because someone more honourable has arrived. In this fashion, you will be honoured by the host and by our God, one who loves reversal of human patterns and thoughts. Jesus' second parable instructs hosts to invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, people who cannot repay the favour. Honour and God's reward is yours for choosing to abide by God's way of doing things and not ours. God exalts all who humble themselves, while humbling all those who exalt themselves. As disciples, we are called to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable. Jesus would heartily agree.

Memorial of the Passion of St. John the Baptist – 29 August

For speaking the truth, John the Baptist is imprisoned, and eventually beheaded. The story of his death cries injustice to this day. Yet the courage of John the Baptist to speak the truth to Herod is also inspiring and awesome. How did he find the courage? Did he have a sense of what would be at risk? What might have sustained his spirit in prison? To answer these questions, we could look to the many people, such as political prisoners or victims of religious intolerance or ethnic persecution, who are imprisoned unjustly today for daring to speak the truth. People like Oscar Romero, Edith Stein and Dietrich Bonhoeffer are modern-day John the Baptist who continue to remind us of the power of the Holy Spirit that accompanies us even in the most difficult circumstances. Trusting in God's Spirit, we, too, may find the courage to speak and act for God's goodness and truth.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church – 3 September

St. Gregory the Great (540 – 604) was a mayor, a monk, a pope and a write. Unhappy with his life as mayor of Rome,

St. Gregory allocated half of his fortune to the poor and the other half to the foundation of seven monasteries. After joining a monastery in pursuit of a simple life, he was elected to the papacy. As pope, he cared for the poor, implemented the Gregorian reforms to improve Church governance and clerical behaviour, promoted the monastic vocation and renewed the liturgy. His name is associated with Gregorian chant (plainsong) and Eucharistic Prayer II (along with St. Hippolytus). A prolific writer and Doctor of the Church, St. Gregory composed numerous theological texts and is cited 374 times in St. Thomas Aquinas' Summa Theologiae.

September – Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

On September 15, the Church observes a memorial honouring Mary as Our Lady of Sorrows. "And a sword will pierce your own soul too," Simeon told Mary when she presented the child Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth. (Luke 2:35). That prophecy was fulfilled when Mary stood at the foot of his son's Cross, sharing his bitter suffering. During this month of September, we honour Mary under the title of Our Lady of Sorrows. This month, let us bring to Mary all our sorrows, knowing that she understands what it is to suffer. This month is a good time to draw closer to Mary by meditating on the great hymn to the Mother of Sorrows, Stabat mater, or "All the Cross her station keeping." In this beautiful prayer, we ask for the grace to feel with Mary, to share her sorrow:

*Holy Mother! Pierce me through,
In my heart each would renew
Of my Saviour crucified;
Let me share with thee his pain,
Who for all my sins was slain,
Who for me in torments died.*

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PARISH NEWS

Health Talks by Mount Alvernia Hospital - Date: 27 Aug '16 (Sat) **Topic 1 : Common causes of knee pain in the adult.** Time: 2.30pm - 3.30pm. **Topic 2: Osteoporosis.** Time: 3.45pm - 4.45pm Venue: SPP Level 3 Chapel. Speaker: Dr Leslie Leong - Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon Adult Hip and Knee Reconstruction and Replacement Orthopaedics International. Please register with SPP Office or email SPP happenings@gmail.com. Please specify which talk you wish to attend or both.

SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT - We are in dire need of 6 Primary and 5 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers of SPP. Anyone who wishes to help out, please call/SMS Moses at 90092226 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

DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL VOCATION EVENT - Exploring Vocation through Film. Come join the Daughters of St Paul for an afternoon of film, tea, reflection and prayer, in a journey of self-discovery and exploration of religious life through film. 1.00pm-6.00pm, 3 Sept '16 at 47 Jurong West St 42, Singapore 649368. Open to single

women age 18-30. To register, contact Sr Karen at fspvocation@yahoo.com or HP: 8548 6865

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY CHILD?" Crucial signs not to ignore in youth. Clarity's ED, Mr Fred Cordeiro will amongst the speakers. If you have youths aged between 16 - 30 years old and want to learn how to identify early signs of psychosis in youth, join us at a public forum for caregivers on 10 Sept, Sat, 2.00-5.00pm at The Grassroots' Club. This forum is supported by IMH and co-organised by EPIP and CHAT. Closing date: 31 Aug. Fees: \$10 per person. For enquires email to epipevents@gmail.com or call 6389 2972. Register now!

ACCS invites all teachers to the **TEACHER'S DAY MASS**. Theme: Jesus, the Merciful Teacher on Sat, 10 Sept '16. Sunset Mass at 4.00pm followed by reception in the School Hall of CHIJ St Theresa's Convent School 160 Lower Delta Road.

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 2016. T&C apply. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), victoria@charis-singapore.org or T: 6337-4119

CANA FILM FESTIVAL 2016 - CANA invites you to kick start our FilmFest with a premiere movie 'FRANCISCO: EL PADRE JORGE' - a wonderful movie on our dear Pope Francis. Date: 7 Sept 16, 7.00pm, Viv'ocity Golden Village, Max Theatre. Donation tix at \$100 for Agape Village + Cenacle Mission. Then ensues four exciting days of a plethora of movies that will entertain, provoke and help us reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching. Check out the programme schedule on <http://www.canafilmfest.com/>. Tix can be purchased on line on : <https://www.tickettailor.com/all-tickets/19358/8b2d/> or call us at Cana 63384080.

RETRouvaille - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages. 1. Has your marriage become unloving and distant? 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