

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 Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), victoria@charis-singapore.org or T: 6337-4119

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 6). The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 26 Sept '16 (Mon); 7:30pm to 9:30pm; level 3, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Topic: "Technology – a help or hindrance in our relationship with God and others?" For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore-org or email to

youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

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

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



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 991

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 19 September - SAT 24 September 2016

MON: PRV 3:27-34, LK 8:16-18 **TUE:** PRV 21:1-6, 10-13, LK 8:19-21 **WED:** EPH 4:1-7, 11-13, MT 9:9-13 **THU:** ECCL 1:2-11, LK 9:7-9 **FRI:** ECCL 3:1-11, LK 9:18-22 **SAT:** ECCL 11:9—12:8, LK 9:43B-45

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18 September

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The prophet Amos strikes out at those who exploit the poor and take advantage of those he calls "the lowly" when they come to the marketplace. The prophet uses the very words of the dishonest merchants as his judgment against them. His condemnation lies in reminding them that the Lord will not forget their wrongdoing.

Responsorial Psalm 113 is a hymn of praise using the typical phrase of honour: "praise the name of the Lord." The text employs opposites to underline the goodness of God. The poor lie on the dunghill while God is enthroned on high; the lowly are in dust but they will be seated with princes. The reason for praising the name of the Lord is precisely because God raises them up.

Second Reading: Paul instructs Timothy to exhort the believers to pray. It seems that Paul expects these prayers of petition and thanksgiving to be done by the community at their common worship. Another reason for prayer is that God desires such prayer.

These prayers are for the salvation of others, for God desires everyone to be saved. The prayers of the community are to be offered "without anger or argument."

Gospel: The parable of the unjust steward presents a lesson about judging wisely worldly affairs in serving God instead of mammon. The commendation of the unjust steward makes the meaning of the parable difficult to grasp. The "children of this world" are contrasted with "the children of light"; the former are good at worldly affairs but the latter are charged with the "true wealth" that God will bestow on them.

Some Saints of the Week

Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and Paul Chong Hasang, and Companions, Martyrs – 20 September

During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, approximately eight thousand adherents to the Catholic faith in Korea were martyred. 103 of whom were canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1988. The canonised martyrs were victims of a particularly heinous series of persecutions happening between 1839 and 1867. During this time period, Korean was ruled by an anti-Christian dynasty that did everything

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
Intercessory 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 and Saturday at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each 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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possible to eliminate Catholic ideology and influence, including the malicious mass murder of Christian missionaries and their followers. Two of the more notable martyrs are St. Andrew Kim Taegon (1821 – 1846), a priest, and St. Paul Chong Hasang (1794/5 – 1839), a layman, both of whom were dedicated to the revitalisation of the Church in Korea.

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest – 23 September

Early in his life, St. “Padre” Pius of Pietrelcina (1887 – 1968), a Capuchin

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PARISH NEWS

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Thur 22 Sept ‘16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 24 Sept ‘16 at 2.30pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Sat 17 Sept ‘16.

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

priests from Italy, demonstrated an unquenchable thirst for God. While praying one day before a crucifix, we received the stigmata. After an examination by a doctor, it was determined that there was no natural explanation for the wounds.

He also experienced other mystical phenomena, including bilocation, and “reading the hearts” of those who sought counsel and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. These two miraculous gifts enabled him to lead both the sinner and devout closer to God. Upon his death the stigmata were no longer visible.

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

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 or call 6221 0588 to find out how you can help. We will look forward to hearing from you.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST? Synopsis: The presentation will deal briefly with the historical Jesus with reference to Scriptural and non-Scriptural texts. It will explore the issue of the divinity of Christ and the Christological heresies that arose during the first few centuries of the Church, between AD 325 and 787, and the seven ecumenical councils of the Church with a particular focus on the Councils of Nicaea and Chalcedon. The presentation will also

show the link between the historical Jesus and the Christ of Faith, focusing on his words and works, his claims and evidence for his claims, and how these fulfill the Scriptural prophecies. Date: 21 Sep ‘16 Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: St Joseph’s Church Victoria Street- Conference Room (inside canteen) To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com. Speaker: Mary Rajadurai (Masters in Religious Education, Australian Catholic University.)

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: verbundeisapore@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.

FEAST OF ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA - It will be celebrated on Friday 23 Sept ‘16 from 6.00pm at Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Theme: Sharing in the Mystery of Christ’s Cross. Enquiries: Joseph 98248941, Maria Chang 98561975, Amy Loo 94516603. All are welcome.

CHARIS - acts29 Mission Trip (23-30