

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 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)

**"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](http://www.singapore.jesuyouth.org). For more details email [singapore@jesuyouth.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm)

<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>Interspersory 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 September 2016 Year C

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 983

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 5 September - SAT 10 September 2016**

**MON:** 1 COR 5:1-8, LK 6:6-11 **TUE:** 1 COR 6:1-11, LK 6:12-19 **WED:** 1 COR 7:25-31, LK 6:20-26 **THU:** Mic 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 **FRI:** 1 COR 9:16-19, 22B-27, LK 6:39-42 **SAT:** 1 COR 10:14-22, LK 6:43-49

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4 September

### The Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The author of the Book of Wisdom begs the question: Who can know the wisdom of God? Mortal beings are timid and unsure and they search or what God intends. But the wisdom of God is imparted through the Holy Spirit. Those who receive this wisdom will stand in awe of God's wonder and providence and their path of life will be made straight.

**Responsorial Psalm 90:** The psalmist laments the passing of time in people's lives but notes that God's marking of time is different than that for humans. The psalmist prays for a wisdom in the heart so that the days and nights will be filled with joy and gladness and not with regret. Then the kindness of God will bring joy and gladness to all our days.

**Second Reading:** Paul writes to Philemon asking him to accept Onesimus and to continue the work of the Gospel. Paul writes from prison but accepts his situation because it is in the name

of Jesus Christ and for the sake of the Gospel. Nonetheless, Paul is committed to doing what he can to continue the work of the Gospel through Philemon and Onesimus.

**Gospel:** Jesus teaches the difficult demands of being his disciples. This may have been one of the "hard sayings" that caused some to walk away from his mission. Jesus teaches that in order to follow him one must leave all other claims on their time and energy. Even family obligations have to be reconsidered by those who choose to follow him.

### Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 September

#### About this Feast

Exactly nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (December 8), we come to a feast in honour of Mary's birth. This is one of only three "birthdays" on the liturgical calendar, the other two being the birthdays of Jesus and of John the Baptist (other days recognise a saint's "day of death"). Today we recall the greatness of Mary and her importance in

all of salvation history, as we remember her humble and obedient “yes” to give birth to Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the World. So on this day we honour the life of this young woman, Mary Immaculate, called to be the Mother of God and our mother, queen of heaven and earth.

### Some Saints of the Week

#### St. Peter Claver, Priest – 9 September

St. Peter Claver (1580/1 – 1654), a Spanish Jesuit priest, spent his life tending to the needs of African slaves in Colombia, South America. While serving as a missionary, he ministered to the slaves by providing them with food and medicine, washing their wounds, preparing them for Baptism and witnessing their Marriages. He actively pursued lawyers to plead the cases of imprisoned slaves and prepared criminals for death. Not only did he care for the slaves, but he also preached missions to plantation owners and sailors. The “saint of the slaves”, as St. Peter is often called, died after contracting a plague.

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### WHAT’S ON? - FORMED.ORG

#### Feature for September: Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa will become a saint on September 4th. She was known as the “saint of the gutter” for her tireless work and unconditional love for the poor and abandoned. This month we honour and celebrate her dedication to Catholic Social Teaching and her witness to the gospel of life.

“May we never forget that in the service to the poor we are offered a magnificent

opportunity to do something beautiful for God.” - Blessed Mother Teresa

#### MOVIE: Mother Teresa

Synopsis: In an acclaimed film portrayal, Olivia Hussey illuminates the life story of Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the selfless missionary who brought hope, love and salvation to the poorest of the poor. The movie examines the fundamental moments of Mother Teresa’s life from her childhood in Albania in the 1920s to her first calling as a nun, the decision to leave her order and live with the poorest of the poor, the vicissitudes of founding the Congregation of the Missionaries of Charity, and her great work of service in Calcutta and the rest of the world.

#### BOOK: The Kiss of Jesus

How Mother Teresa and the Saints Helped Me to Discover the Beauty of the Cross  
By Donna-Marie Cooper O’Boyle  
(available for iBooks, Android, Nook, Kindle)

#### AUDIO: The Face of God

Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta is known throughout the world as a woman totally committed to the Gospel. In the first presentation, she explains the infinite value of God’s gift of life; in the second presentation, she emphasises the Eucharist and our call to imitate Christ by loving each other unconditionally. A bonus segment is provided by Dr. Scott Hahn on Understanding the Eucharist.

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If you have any questions, simply email [SPPHappenings@gmail.com](mailto:SPPHappenings@gmail.com).

### 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 2.30 pm 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 SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** - At their recent AGM, the following persons have been elected to serve for the term of July 2016 to June 2018:- President: Karen Chan, Vice-President: Adelaine Ng, Treasurer: Martha Loh, Secretary: Stephen Sim

**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

**FEAST OF ST PIO OF PIETRELICINA** - 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.

**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](mailto:fspvocation@yahoo.com) or HP: 8548 6865

**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](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**“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](mailto: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. RSVP: 68587080 email: [accs@catholic.org.sg](mailto:accs@catholic.org.sg)

**CHARIS** - acts29 Mission Trip (23-30 Oct ‘16) - Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems