

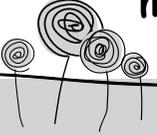
course, catechists will discover the fundamental principles that undergird and animate the great themes of Sacred Scripture. The objective of this specially designed Scripture course for catechists is that they understand how to craft catechetical sessions that truly become encounters with the Living Word. **SPEAKER:** Fr Erbin Fernandez, Catechetical Director. **Date(s):** Tuesday, 12 Jan - 16 Feb. **Time:** 7:30pm-10.00pm. **Venue:** Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102. To register, <http://goo.gl/forms/p5AH7Z6Tze>, before 5 Jan '16

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb '16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: Peter+Rita @ 93673411 or email: mpcsingapore@gmail.com

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2016 - By Fr David Garcia, OP.

This is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology. It is a course for all Catholics and non-Catholics interested in their formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is also recommended for those involved in guiding and forming others and those involved in related work or ministry. The course will start on 6 Jan '16 and it takes place on Wednesday nights, 7:30pm. to 9:30pm in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. For more information and registration, go to: www.caritas-singapore.org OR email: formation@caritas-singapore.org

Suffering for GOD is better than working miracles.



Quoteworthy
-St. John of the Cross

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.

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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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Epiphany of the Lord

3 January 2016 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 74 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 77

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 4 January - SAT 9 January 2016

MON: 1 JN 3:22-4:6, MT 4:12-17, 23-25 **TUE:** 1 JN 4:7-10, MK 6:34-44 **WED:** 1 JN 4:11-18, MK 6:45-52 **THU:** 1 JN 4:19-5:4, LK 4:14-22 **FRI:** 1 JN 5:5-13, LK 5:12-16 **SAT:** 1 JN 5:14-21, JN 3:22-30

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – 27 December 2015

About this Feast

This liturgical feast has been on the Church calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a “devotional” or “idea” feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read over the three years. It celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Joseph, Mary and Jesus.

The Lectionary at Mass

First Reading: Today’s First Reading is perhaps best understood by reading the first chapter of 1 Samuel in its entirety. Prior to the birth of her child, Hannah was a woman of deep suffering and shame. She had promised the Lord that she would dedicate her child to him (“nazirite”, see Numbers 6:1-2) if he answered her prayer. We have the beautiful and tender scene of his dedication to the Lord in the second part of the reading. Samuel had an important role in the history of salvation: he was the prophet who anointed David to be king of Israel (1 Samuel 16).

Responsorial Psalm 84: The beauty of God’s dwelling place and the joy of those who dwell there is the focus of today’s Psalm 84. The psalm describes the Temple in Jerusalem. The Lord’s dwelling place spoken of in the First Reading was the shrine of the Lord at Shiloh.

Second Reading: John’s words bring home to us the reality of the family of God to which we belong through the loving gift of our Heavenly Father. We have life from the Father and share in the divine life through his love. John says that the world does not recognise us. Do we recognise this reality in ourselves? Note the importance given to keeping his commandments if we are to “remain”, dwells within us, through the gift of his Spirit.

Gospel: Today’s Gospel gives us a beautiful image of the Holy Family faithfully keeping the traditional practices and observances of Judaism. Today it is the pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the time of Passover. The mention of Jesus’ twelve years also calls to mind the customary Bar Mitzvah that we know today. We witness Jesus’ deep interest in the Scriptures and his desire to know and understand them. Note how themes of his Passion are previewed in today’s reading: the Passover, the three days, the business of

the Father which he must be about.

Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs – 28 December

About this Feast/Saints

Herod the Great, fearing for his throne after the Magi told him about the birth of Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among those killed (see Matthew 2:16-18). According to Matthew, this fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15): “In Ramah is heard the sound of sobbing, / bitter weeping! / Rachel mourns for her children.” The haunting “Coventry Carol” refers to this episode as it asks, “O sisters too, how may we do, / For to preserve this day / This poor youngling for whom we sing.”

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God – 1 January

About this Solemnity

We are still the midst of Christmas Time, and today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Mary is her willingness

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PARISH NEWS

CATECHISM CLASS FOR 2016 -

Catechism classes for 2016 will commence on Sun 17 Jan '16 at 9.30am. The classroom allocation for all levels and catechism calendar for 2016 can be found at the information board outside the secretariat office nearer the commencement date.

CATECHISM FOR PRIMARY 1 IN 2016

is open for registration. Closing date: 16 Jan '16. Application forms are available at the Secretariat. For enquires, please contact Alycia at email: alylum@gmail.com or Jeremy at email:jeremy_freely@yahoo.com.sg. Parents and students will be required to attend a short briefing by the Catechist on the

to know and do God's will. While we would like to follow her example, we wonder how she was so sure of it. Today's Gospel gives a clue. She reflected on events that happened and were happening. She mediated. In our busy lives today, we often overlook meditation as a prayer.

Some saints of the Week

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church – 2 January

Today's Saints

Sts. Basil and Gregory became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy, which denied the full divinity of Christ. Their writings also aided the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity. With Basil's brothers, Gregory of Nyssa and Peter of Sebaste, they are among the Capadocian Fathers. Gregory is known as “the Theologian” by the Eastern Churches. Basil is known as the father of Eastern monasticism and had a great influence on the develop of liturgy, East and West.

first session of Catechism in 2016.

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

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

is raising funds for the needs of the archdiocese. Please pick up an appeal flyer to understand the needs if you have not received one. Your completed flyers with crossed cheques or cash can be placed in the parish donation boxes. Alternatively, please mail the envelopes to the Catholic

Foundation (please do not mail cash). For further information, please contact Shalyn Lim at 63380348 or cf@catholic.org.sg

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC

TRUTH is organising talks on

1. Theology of the Body, 8 Jan '16

2. The Bible Alone?, 22 Jan '16

3. Science vs Religion, 29 Jan '16

Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room Victoria Street, Fridays 7.45pm. For details and registration: www.catholic.sg/act or HP: 96493893 (Andrew) FOC. All are welcome.

BIBLE COURSE ON WISDOM BOOKS:

ECCLESIASTES & DANIEL by Msgr

Ambrose Vaz At Catholic Archdiocesan

Education Centre, 2 Highland Road S549102,

16 Feb - 17 May '16, 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost

\$100.00. For more information/Registration

email: bibleapostolate.catholic.org.sg. website:

bibleapostolate.wordpress.com

BCC LEVEL 1 - SCRIPTURE. In this basic

Workshop

SELF-WORTH

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DATE Saturday (23, 30 Jan, 13, 20 Feb 2016)
TIME 10 AM - 12 Noon (4 sessions)
VENUE Block 854
#0-3511 Yishun Ring Road
Singapore 760854
FEES \$10 per participant (Payment at the 1st session) - Limited to 20 pax per workshop.

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