

relationship with each other. Limited spaces are still available for coming 4-6 September weekend. To register, please call 9670 5390 or go to our website at www.MESingapore.org. Coming Weekends: 2-4 Oct, 6-8 Nov and 4-6 Dec 2015.

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY (FLS) - Do Parents Know Best? A public forum for dads and mums who want the best for their children. Join us on Sat, 26 Sept at IRAS from 9.00am - 1.00pm Be the first 100 participants to register for free seats by 31 Aug '15. Call 6488 0278 or SMS 8167 8170 with name/s.

It takes that 1 weekend that will 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: 25 - 27 Sep '15 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537, Jacqueline 9424 2606 Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email MPCSingapore@gmail.com

STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY? CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: ask@clarity-singapore.org; Website: www.clarity-singapore.org



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 215 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 218
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, who shall be admitted to your tent?
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 31 August - SAT 5 September 2015
MON: 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30 **TUE:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11, Lk 4:31-37 **WED:** Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44 **THU:** Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11 **FRI:** Col 1:15-20, Lk 5:33-39 **SAT:** Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30 August 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: As Moses presents God's law, he insists that obedience will make the people famous and assure a good life. Most of all, he underlines the fact that they are uniquely privileged in the way God is present to them and has taught them. This reading invites us to look at our religious experience and tradition and appreciate our faith heritage in the same way that Moses encouraged his people to do.

Responsorial Psalm 15: When we pray "those who do justice will live in the presence of God", we are not saying that God is absent from the unjust. Rather, doing justice is our way of choosing to be conscious of and responsive to his presence. That includes an attitude of heartfelt truth expressed that comes to light in service of others.

Second Reading: In today's language we might say that the Epistle of James

is the epistle of transparency. James insists that our faith must be expressed in action for the good of others. If we are saved, then we will act like people who have nothing to worry about and who therefore can share with abandon. He goes so far as to equate work for justice with worship. In the light of that, he would ask us how we live and worship outside of the church building.

Gospel: If we want to summarise today's Gospel with a key question, it would be "Where is your heart?" The "law" that the religious leaders were quoting to Jesus was actually scholarly commentary on God's law developed over centuries. Certainly, it was good and healthful practice to eat with clean hands, but scrupulous attention to detail was not part of Jesus' vision of God's reign. According to Jesus, those who religiosity focuses more on legal detail than on the needs of others block the way to God for themselves as well as for others.

September – Month of Our Lady of Sorrows

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| <p>Sunset Mass 5.30pm Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday) Sunday Masses 8.30am (Mandarin) 11.00am (English) 2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor 4.20pm (English) Weekday Masses 7.20am 5.30pm Intercessory Prayer 7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)</p> | <p>Infant Jesus Devotions 5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass) 4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass) Divine Mercy Devotions Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin) Sion Adorers - Holy Hour 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel) Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel) 3.00pm (Daily) Counselling @ SPP Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP Church Secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment.</p> |
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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.

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.

Information is correct at time of publication.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a “Feast of the Sorrows of Mary” in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Due to her feast day on September 15, the month of September has traditionally been set aside to honor Our Lady of Sorrows. All the sorrows of Mary are merged in the supreme suffering at the Passion. In the Passion, Mary suffered a martyrdom of the heart because of Our Lord’s torments and the greatness of her love for Him. “She it was,” says Pope Pius XII, “who immune from all sin, personal or inherited, and ever more closely united with her Son, offered Him on Golgotha to the Eternal Father together with the holocaust of her maternal rights and motherly love. As a new Eve, she made this offering for all the children of Adam contaminated through his unhappy fall. Thus she, who was the

mother of our Head according to the flesh, became by a new title of sorrow and glory the spiritual mother of all His members.”

The Seven Sorrows:
 The prophecy of Simeon
 The flight into Egypt
 The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
 The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross
 The Crucifixion
 The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross
 The burial of Jesus

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 writer. 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.

PARISH NEWS

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.

SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT

- We are looking for 8 Primary and 4 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers at SPP. No prior experience is needed. Guidance and training will be provided. Please call/SMS Jeremy at 96843475 or Alycia at 91773461 for more information.

15 DAYS 12 NIGHTS PILGRIMAGE

to St Teresa’s Carmelite in Spain from 3 - 17 Oct ‘15 to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Birth of St Teresa of Avila. Spiritual Director is Fr Kenneth Gopal, OCD. If you are interested, please pick up a registration form from Parish Office. For more information, please contact Lawrence Seet at Hp: 97992488.

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

ANGELICO ART AWARD - the first art competition of its kind in Singapore. It is a platform for Catholic artists – both aspiring beginners as well as experienced practitioners – to experience and express their faith through art as a medium. Jointly organized by Heartspace and Catholic Business Network (CBN), it aims to encourage artists to explore and experience the integration of faith and artistic endeavour through painting. The Angelico Art Award aspires promote local and Christian art expressions both within the faith community and beyond.

FEAST OF ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA

- 22 Sep ‘15, 7.00pm Mass at OLPS Church. 8.00pm procession of St Pio statur with rosary recitation, 8.30pm veneration of St Pio relic. Celebrant & preacher: Archbishop William Goh, D.D., STL. All are welcome.

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: 25 – 27 Sep ‘15. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774 Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME)

invites married couples to sign up for a special weekend with your spouse. Invest in this most beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and a closer

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