

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

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)

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.

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.

Church of Saints Peter & Paul: 225-A Queen Street, Singapore 188551
Tel: +65 6337 2585 Fax: +65 6334 5414 email: sts_peternpaul@singnet.com.sg www.sppchurch.org.sg



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 223 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 225
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 14 September - SAT 19 September 2015
MON: R1: Nm 21:4b-9, R2: Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17 **TUE:** 1 Tm 3:1-13, Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 **WED:** 1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35 **THU:** 1 Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50 **FRI:** 1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3 **SAT:** 1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13 September 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: In today's reading, Isaiah describes the servant of God as one who is willing to undergo torment. The servant expresses nothing but gratitude and recognises God as the one who opens his ears, who keeps him from disgrace and from being proven wrong.

Responsorial Psalm 116 follows the song of the servant in beautiful harmony. Whereas the servant proclaimed that God ha opened his ear, we are invited to join the psalmist in singing the praise of the God who gives ear to our cries.

Second Reading: James insists that genuine faith in Christ is more than intellectual. Real faith is demonstrated through Christ-like actions, such as caring for the needy.

Gospel: Jesus' retort to Peter's rebuke underlined the problem the disciples had to deal with. Peter had pulled Jesus aside to plead against the fate he predicted. When Jesus called Peter "Satan", the

effect was not to say he was a devil, but rather a tempter. The phrase "get behind me", pointed out that Jesus, not Peter, was the teacher. The place for a disciple was following the Master's lead, not vice versa.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross – 14 September

About this Feast

God sent his son into the world so that we might receive life and salvation. Today on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we proclaim the Good News that God transforms suffering and death into new life. Out God is a God of victory who reigns victorious, even over the evil of death. As Christians, today we rejoice in the mystery of the Cross, which brings about our freedom, salvation and life.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The Israelites do not overtly rebel against Moses; their behavior is far more insidious: a constant murmuring and complaining. God punishes them; serpents are sent among them. The serpent, the instrument of death,

Information is correct at time of publication.

is mounted on a pole and then serves as a source of life – evocative of the Cross of Christ when read typologically, as it has been over the centuries.

Responsorial Psalm 78 recounts, in its many verses, the story of Exodus. Although the ancestors were quick to forget the gracious deeds of God, current generations can remember what God has done. Even in the face of their infidelity, God shows mercy to Israel.

Gospel: Here, Jesus himself draws the parallel between the episode of the serpent and the Exodus as he compares the lifting up of the pole to the cross that will come. This Gospel contains the text of the Scripture citation most found in popular culture: John 3:16, seen at ballgames and elsewhere. This periscope is expressive of the magnitude of God’s profligate and unreasonable love. Nicodemus, a Pharisee, opens his heart to Jesus who shares this vision of life eternal. (did you wonder why John 3:16 is associated with ballgames?)

Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrow – 15 September

Today’s Memorial

This is a relatively modern celebration, included on the universal calendar on in 1814. The sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary begin with the prophecy of

Simeon at the Presentation at the Temple, when he tells her, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:34-35). In art, Our Lady of Sorrows has her heart pierced by seven swords, representing the seven sorrows of tradition and prophecy of Simeon.

Some Saints of the Week

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

St. Cornelius (†253) and St. Cyprian (†258) lived during the persecution by the Emperor Decius. St. Cornelius, the Pope, faced the issue of whether or not Christians who renounced their faith during the persecutions should be welcomed back into the Church. With great compassion he publicly declared that these individuals may return to the Church after a period of penance. St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, spent much of his life in hiding due to the persecutions, but this did not stop him from offering pastoral guidance and dispensing wisdom to the people of his diocese. Through letters he urged the people to remain faithful to their Christian call. Both Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian shared the same fate – a martyr’s death.

Reprinted from Sourcebook for Sundays, Seasons, and Weekdays 2015 © 2014 Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications. 1-800-933-1800. www.LTP.org. All rights reserved.

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 Fri 25 Sep ‘15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC) - At their Biennial Election held on 2 Sep ‘15, the Office Bearers of 2016 - 2017 are: Francis Wong (Chairman), Francis Leow (Secretary), Cicilia Bahar (Treasurer).

INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 26

Sep ‘15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). 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 Saturday 19 Sep ‘15.

UKULELE CLASS - Want to learn how to play ukulele and give back to the church is a fun way? Ukulele class is available every Monday 8:00pm, guaranteed to be able to learn the ukulele within a week from the professionals who will be teaching how to play various hymns and pop songs! Students will then be performing and bringing fun to many homes and hospitals! Join the troupe today! Please contact SPP Secretariat to sign up. Place: Room 7, 2nd level, SPP Parish Building every Monday, 8:00pm to 9:30pm (except public holiday). Training is Free of charge; training materials will be provided.

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

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.

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 relationship with each other. Limited