

the Chapel (3rd lvl, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office or register your interest via <http://sppchurch.org.sg/contact-us/>

3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Malacca Santa Cruz from Fri/Sun 1 - 3 Sep '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

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: 23 - 25 Jun '17. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

CONSIDER THE SPECIAL GIFT OF A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND Next English weekend will be held from 2 Jun (Fri) to 4 Jun (Sun). Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong.

HUMANITARIAN FORUM & FAIR 2017 ROADSHOW - Have you ever wanted to do overseas volunteer work but never knew where to start? Or thought about going on a mission trip but never found the time? Come learn more about overseas humanitarian work at the CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair on 10 Jun '17.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 452
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I am sure I shall see the Lord's Goodness in the land of the living.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 May - SAT 3 June 2016
MON: ACTS 19:1-8, JN 16:29-33 **TUE:** ACTS 20:17-27, JN 17:1-11A **WED:** ZEP 3:14-18A, LK 1:39-56 **THU:** ACTS 22:30; 23:6-11, JN 17:20-26 **FRI:** ACTS 25:13B-21, JN 21:15-19 **SAT:** ACTS 28:16-20, 30-31, JN 21:20-25

The Seventh Sunday of Easter sets the tone for next week's Pentecost Sunday as we read in Acts of the Apostles of Mary, the Apostles and other followers waiting in the upper room after the Ascension. In John's Gospel, Jesus prays to the Father, claiming us as his own: "I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me."

I wish that where I am they also may be with me." Jesus challenges Peter three times to "feed my sheep" and the Easter season comes to a close as John's gospel concludes on Saturday. These poetic readings end: "There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."

Wednesday is the Feast of the Visitation of Mary.

The first reading continues from the Acts of the Apostles. We are following the preaching and ministry of Paul. We can feel his intensity as he urges the Ephesians to follow his example in living the faith "I served the Lord with all humility and with the tears and trials that came to me..." He returns to Jerusalem to face persecution but remains under house arrest, teaching and meeting with followers.

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, as the readings and the whole Church celebrate the coming and ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit among us. Jesus breathes on his jittery followers and tells them, "Peace be with you" and fills them with courage.

Daily Prayer This Week

We can hardly believe the message from this week's gospel. It is one of complete invitation to us. Jesus tells us of his intimate bond with the Father and invites us into the same kind of close relationship with Jesus himself.

The gospels continue from John's Gospel. Jesus warns his disciples that they will be scattered and says they will find trouble in the world but assures them he has conquered the world. Jesus' prayer reflects the passionate, inseparable nature between him and his Father. "I glorified you on earth by accomplishing the work that you gave me to do." "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely." "Father, they are your gift to me.

He does not promise us a trouble-free life, and is clear about the challenges we will face as his followers. He cautions us that the world will want to make us one of "its own" and Jesus lovingly protests that we are his, not the world's. He prays to the Father of us, "they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me..."

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| Sunset Mass | : 5.30pm |
| Rosary | : 4.30pm (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) |
| Adoration Chapel | : 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun) |
| 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 General Operations & Maintenance of the Church; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) 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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This kind of loving dialogue with the Father is what Jesus wants with us. It does not mean our lives will be trouble-free but we are offered the peace in our hearts that Jesus longs to give us.

Some days we may feel anything but peace in our hearts. That is the time to pause and open our hands and our hearts to the Lord. Just the simple physical act of opening our hands can send a signal to our hearts. We can stop thinking and start feeling the love that Jesus has for us.

We can begin each morning at the side of our beds, aware of the sacredness of the day ahead of us, and ask for peace, courage and guidance. On our way to work or while taking care of our family, cooking or running errands, we can stop for the briefest moment and ask again: "Lord, help me to feel how much you love me. Help me to accept that love and carry it to all those you send into my life today."

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Easter-Joy-Everyday.html>

Fatima Centennial - FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

What Are The Five First Saturdays?

Our Lady requested for the Five First Saturdays devotion to Sr. Lucia dos Santos (one of the Fatima visionaries) on 10 December 1925:

'See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary.'

Why Five First Saturdays In Particular?

And at the end of the day, we can pause again at the side of our bed, reflect for a moment on our day and offer thanks for the moments where we felt in our hearts the love of Jesus. And, we can ask that tomorrow we can feel the Lord's own love and compassion for us - and beg that we can pass that along.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by "being close to those crushed by life's troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast."

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus' love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

Jesus explained this to Sr. Lucia on 29/30 May 1930:

'Daughter, the motive is simple: There are five kinds of offenses and blasphemies spoken against the Immaculate Heart of Mary:

- 1) Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception
- 2) Blasphemies against her Virginity
- 3) Blasphemies against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind
- 4) Those who seek publicly to implant, in the hearts of children, indifference, disrespect, and even hate for this Immaculate Mother
- 5) Those who revile her directly in her sacred images

Here, dear daughter, is the motive that led the Immaculate Heart of Mary to petition Me to ask for this small act of reparation. And, out of regard for her, to move my mercy to pardon those souls who have had the misfortune to offend her. As for

you, seek endlessly, with your prayers and sacrifices, to move me to mercy in regard to these poor souls.'

How To Perform The Five First Saturdays Devotion

Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary includes the following elements, performed with the intention of reparation

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PARISH NEWS



PENTECOST PRAYER SERVICE - 3 Jun '17 (Sat), 7.45pm - 9.15pm at Church of Sts Peter & Paul. An evening of reflection on the Holy Spirit with Sacred Music led by Frs. Edward Lim, OCD, Ferdinand Purnomo, OCD & Bernard Wee, OCD, the Carmelite Brothers in Formation and the Choirs of the Parish.

SPP PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS - 25 Jun '17 (Sun) Mass: 11:00am (Main Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh). Lunch: 12:30pm. Venue: SPP compound All are welcomed to celebrate our Parish Feast Day together! Join in the fun with activities and performances from various ministries!

SILVER SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of Fr. Joseph Koh, OCD.

for blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart, for at least five consecutive months:

- 1) Confession (within 8 days before or after the First Saturday)
- 2) Holy Communion received on the First Saturday of each month
- 3) The Holy Rosary, five decades recited sometime during the day
- 4) Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary (one or more)

5 Aug '17 (Sat). Mass at 5:30pm. Dinner: 7:00pm at Carlton Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1,000 per table in the Church Office from 27 May '17 onwards. Do join in the celebrations of Fr. Joseph's vocation, marking 25 years as a priest.

SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - First Saturdays Devotions. There will be Five First Saturday Devotion Sessions starting from 3 Jun '17 to 7 Oct '17 led by various SPP Ministries: 3 June - RCIA, 1 July - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 5 August - Sion Adorers, 2 September - Legion of Mary and 7 October - English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers. For more information on the Five First Saturday Devotions, please refer to the article in Bulletin or obtain a copy of the booklet "FATIMA AND ITS MESSAGE" from the Church Office.

MANDARIN FAITH JOURNEY (CHINESE RCIA) will commence on 12 May '17 (Every Fri), 7:30pm. We welcome brothers and sisters to invite your friends to join us. For more information please contact Corina Cheong at 9177 5689. Alternatively please get a form from the office for registration

RCIA 2017/2018 - Starting on 4 Jul (Every Tue), 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in