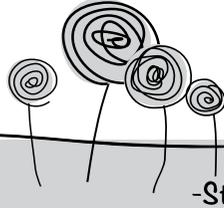


help to fill out the broader picture of the Franciscan tradition of Spirituality. Some attention will be given to 16th century writers in Spain as well: Francisco de Osuna, Bernadino de Laredo and Pedro de Alcantara. The relevance of Franciscan Spirituality today will be suggested by comparisons with the recent documents of Pope Francis, "Evangelii Gaudium" and "Laudato Si." Talks will be by Friar William Short OFM. Date: 5 and 6 June 2017, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Time: 7.30 pm, Contribution: Love Offering. Registration: singaporeofs@gmail.com

**BUILDING THE KINGDOM WORKSHOP** – The Spirituality of Work (for working young adults) This workshop allows working young adults to come together to reflect on being a Christian in the workplace. The content draws on the principles of the Catholic Social Teaching

The speaker is Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. This workshop will be held on 27 May 2017; 5p.m. to 9:00p.m., level 3 in Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

**The Soul that walks  
in Love neither  
Rests nor Grows  
Tired.**



Quoteworthy  
-St. John of the Cross

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (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>Intercessory 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)
<b>Adoration Chapel</b>	: 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 baptistry (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

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**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 440

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 15 May - SAT 13 May 2016

**MON:** ACTS 14:5-18, JN 14:21-26 **TUE:** ACTS 14:19-28, JN 14:27-31A **WED:** ACTS 15:1-6, JN 15:1-8 **THU:** ACTS 15:7-21, JN 15:9-11 **FRI:** ACTS 15:22-31, JN 15:12-17 **SAT:** ACTS 16:1-10, JN 15:18-21

**Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled**

had been buried for a long time.

In his farewell to his disciples, his consoling words to them and to us are beautiful:

Often these troubling feelings challenge our faith as well. At the very least, our sadness can make it difficult for us to hear the Good News Jesus' resurrection brings us.

Do not let your hearts be troubled.

You have faith in God; have faith also in me.

In my Father's house there are many dwelling places.

Jesus invites us to have faith in God and in him. He doesn't say that lightly. He knows. He understands what we are facing. Because he knows and understands, he knows that we need what he has won for us. I might be tempted to fight it off or to resist it in some way. My sadness can become my home, and, at times, it can become my identity. We can even diminish our ability to perceive the gift by saying, "He's offering me nothing in this world; only future happiness. I'm overwhelmed now!"

If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself,

so that where I am you also may be. [John 14:1]

It is beautiful that Jesus anticipates that what we will face in this life, as his believers, will likely be troubling. Each and every one of us can name a lot of things that are weighing on our hearts these days. Small things and really big things tend to pile up and deeply affect us and the choices we make. These troubling challenges can disturb our relationships. Since all grief is connected, they can shake loose other grief and sadnesses in our lives - some of which

Jesus is offering us a peace nothing else can offer us. One of the Lent prayers says that God's graces allow us to live in this passing world with our hearts set on the world that will never end.

How does eternal life offer us a peace and strength now? It offers us a vision of the rest of the story - the whole story. When

we believe that death - in all its forms - is just a scarecrow, then we grow in courage. We are offered the courage, not only to face huge challenges and tremendous losses in this life, but we can embrace a courage which offers us the ability to love boldly, to give our lives away in service for and with others. We can, as Pope Francis urged the youth at World Youth day, "row against the current" of our culture. We can be unafraid to be advocates for those who are not very popular in our world. Our world becomes bigger, our concerns move much more outside of ourselves. We appreciate the meaning of Jesus' promise: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." [Matthew 16:25] The joy of finding our life, finding who we are, finding out clearly what the outcome is, and where we are going, is tremendously freeing.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-Hearts-Untroubled.html>

## PARISH NEWS

**ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Day of Obligation).** Anticipated Mass - 24 May '17 (Wed), 5.30pm. 25 May '17 (Thu), 7.20am, 5.30pm, 7.30pm (Mandarin)

**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 LUNCHEON** - 25 Jun '17 (Sun) at 12:30pm. Venue: Le Danz (just beside SPP) Cost: \$10 per person. Come let's celebrate our Parish Feast Day together! Join in the fun with performances from

Our problems don't go away. The pain of those we love is still there. The discouraging reality we must face is still a reality. What changes is the meaning it all has. It can all be touched by the healing transformation that comes from his death and resurrection. And the picture, the context of it all, becomes so much bigger. We have hope. Death can be redeemed. All deaths. All losses. All disappointments. All sin.

Jesus has prepared a place for us to celebrate together for all eternity. We can ask for the grace these days to let our hearts be open to the Good News, to be transformed by its joy, and to share this faith with the world. At that point, we can begin to feel and look like resurrection people, who know the meaning and the outcome of our life in Jesus. Alleluia!

various ministries and lots of joy and laughter! Tickets available at the Church Office. Get it now!

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 27 May '17 at 2.00pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.00pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Tuesday 23 May '17.

**SPP FORMATION SERIES** - Who Is My Neighbour Session 2. Learn about Taoism and understand our Taoist friends better with a visit to San Qing Gong Taoist Temple. 21 May '17 (Sun), 1.30pm - 4.30pm Gathering Venue: Level 3 Chapel, SPP Parish Building. Cost:

\$5/ person (for bus transport - no self-drive). Limited capacity available. Please register with 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 July, every Tuesday at 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 the Chapel (3rd level, 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/>

**ST PIO'S 130TH ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY MASS** - Date: Tue 23 May '17. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. 6.30pm - Devotion & Intercessory Prayers to St Pio of Pietrelcina, 7.00pm - Mass, 8.00pm - Veneration of St Pio Relic (Holy Mitten) Come and pray with them. All are welcome!

**3-DAYS SANTACRUZ 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

**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. Visit the CHARIS booth after Mass on 6 & 7 May '17, else call 63374119 or email [hff@charis-singapore.org](mailto:hff@charis-singapore.org) for details.

**RETURNED!** - a testimony event by LANDINGS on 2 Jun '17 (Fri), 7.30pm at the Cathedral. For every account of someone who has left the Catholic Church, there is an inspiring personal tale of another's return. Come check out these testimonies of faith. Or better yet, bring a friend or loved one who might benefit from these homecoming stories. We invite anyone interested either as a returning Catholic or as a welcoming participant. Please RSVP for this event at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or Facebook: Landings-Returned! or with Edris at 9722-4023 / Marcus at 9181-1502. All inquiries welcome.

The Franciscan Family invites you to: **INTRODUCTION TO FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY** - The basic insights of Sts Francis and Clare of Assisi will be explored in relation to the themes of: Incarnation, Church, Eucharist, Care for Creation, Peace-making and Care for the Emarginated. The theological developments of these topics from other Franciscan authors, notably St Bonaventure and Bl John Duns Scotus,