

(ASD) Symposium 2015 Organised by Church of the Holy Spirit, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore Date: 14 Nov 2015 (Sat). Time: 8.30am – 1.00pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Registration: <http://bit.ly/livingwithautism2015> (deadline: 10 Nov) Contact: Teresa 93200640 / autism.symposium.2015@gmail.com. All are welcome! Free admission. Registration required.

A WEEKEND RETREAT for Catholic working adults (facilitated by Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling) Praise@Work will be organizing a weekend retreat for Catholic working adults from Sat, 21 November 8.45am to Sun, 22 November 4.30pm at the FMM House of Prayer and Formation at Holland Road. With the theme ‘Whose Am I?’, the retreat reflects on this question to examine this longing in us and how it affects our lives. Individual spiritual direction (one-to-one) will be available during the retreat to explore

where God is in our lives and how He may be speaking to us. Participants need only pay \$70, inclusive of overnight accommodation and meals. Please register at praiseatwork.wordpress.com. For queries, please contact Ms Abigail Arabit at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or 9018 7914.

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

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)

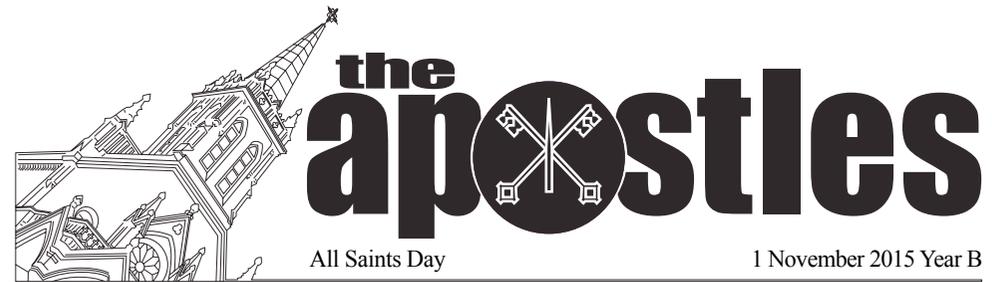
Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling @ SPP
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call 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.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 304 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 307
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 2 November - SAT 7 November 2015
MON: All Souls Day **TUE:** ROM 12:5-16AB, LK 14:15-24 **WED:** ROM 13:8-10, LK 14:25-33 **THU:** ROM 14:7-12, LK 15:1-10 **FRI:** ROM 15:14-21, LK 16:1-8 **SAT:** ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, LK 16:9-15

Solemnity of All Saints – 1 Nov ‘15

About this Solemnity

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, remembering all the saints known and unknown to us who enjoy the glory of heaven. In today’s Gospel account, we hear the Beatitudes, which are guidelines for true joy and the attainment of sanctity in our Christian lives. We hear how we live lives of holiness so that we may attain happiness in this life, but even more happiness in the next life as we strive to likewise be numbered among all the saints in heaven.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: John recounts a vision of those who will be delivered in the end times. The group is described as a great multitude representing every people and nation on the earth. In response to the question who these people are, the answer is the cryptic “they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.” Because their clothing is symbolic of who one is, the author wants us to know that while sharing in the sufferings of Christ, these are the ones who remained faithful, even to the shedding of their own blood.

They now rejoice in the presence of God.

Responsorial Psalm 24: This psalm is considered a processional psalm. It begins by declaring that all creation belongs to the creator. In order to truly enter into the presence of the God, one must have pure hands and heart. In other words, one’s actions and attitudes must be rooted in love of God and neighbor, not in the vanities of the world. Like the multitudes described in Revelation, these people who long to see the face of God will have a blessed ending to their search.

Second Reading: Our passage opens with an exclamation: “See what love.....” The greatness of God’s love is not just an esoteric idea. It becomes palpable in its effects. It actually makes us children of God. Those who believe in Jesus’ name are children begotten by God (John 1:12-13), reborn from the above (John 3:3). This is more than simply being God’s creatures, or even a Chosen People. According to John, this is the most profound relation to God possible in this life. And yet, there is no more. John goes on to say that what we will be has not been revealed. Now, as believers, we submit our lives to him, imitating the earthly Jesus to the best of our ability. But, the day is coming when we will not simply remember

Jesus, nor merely experience what it means to be children of God. In the future, when we see Christ as he is in the glory of the Father, that vision will transform us. Now we strive to imitate him, then we will “be like him”. Now, as Paul says, we see dimly, as in a mirror. Then, when we see the glorified Christ face to face, we will be transformed in ways we cannot imagine (see 1 Corinthians 13:12 and 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Gospel: The people who are the objects of divine favour, the blessed, are those who recognise that they have nothing to bring to God but are dependent on grace for everything. Injustice causes them to mourn, while their desire for right is as strong as hunger and thirst. Hearts fully devoted to God lead them to act with mercy and to sow peace. Their way of living, like that of Jesus himself, will be an affront to powers of domination and thus, like the Master, they, too, will suffer. But even as they have grown in his image, they cannot imagine what awaits them in the end.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day) – 2 November

All Souls’ Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity nor a feast, this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinary Time (should this commemoration fall on a Sunday). Prayer for the dead reaches deep into our human history, and it has been our custom from the earliest days of the Church. The belief that our prayers can be of assistance to the dead is a treasured tenet of our Catholic faith. We profess it every time we recite the Nicene Creed: “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”

Some Saints of the Week

St. Martin de Porres – 3 November

St. Martin de Porres (1579 – 1639) had a special love for the marginalized in society; he knew what it was like to feel unaccepted. As the son of an unwed couple (a Spanish King and a freed slave from Panama), he hardly fit the norm. His father essentially disowned him because he inherited his mother’s features, primarily her skin colour. Instead of wallowing in his own pain, he chose to become a Dominican brother, focusing on ministry to the “forgotten” in society. St. Martin, called the “father of charity”, cared for the sick people in the monastery, fed the needy with food from the monastery, and began a home for abandoned children. He had a close friendship with St. Rose of Lima and is considered the patron saint of racial justice.

St. Charles Borromeo – 4 November

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 – 1584), a doctor of civil and canon law, was a great champion of the Church redefining itself in light of the Protestant Reformation. As Archbishop of Milan, he promulgated the reforms of the Council of Trent, giving special attention to liturgical and clerical renewal. Other significant contributions he made to the Church include the establishment of new seminaries for the education of the clergy, defining a code of moral conduct for clergy, and founding the Oblates of St. Ambrose, a society of diocesan priests to enforce the reforms of Trent. St. Charles adopted a simple lifestyle in which he responded to the needs of the poor and sick by providing monetary and spiritual support.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SOULS DAY – 2 NOV ’15 This year, All Souls Day falls on Monday. There will be two masses celebrated in Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed at 5.30 pm (English) and 7.30 pm (Mandarin) in the temporary church (the Tentage). The rite for the Solemn Commemoration of the Faithful Departed will be carried out after 5.30 pm (English) mass and after 7.30 pm (Mandarin) mass in the Tentage. The Presider (the Priest) will proceed down to the columbarium during the Litany of the Saints to bless the niches i.e. to incense and sprinkle holy water on the niches and return to the Tentage to continue with the rest of the rite. The congregation stays in the Tentage while the Presider (the Priest) is at the columbarium. We invite you to participate in this special Mass at 5.30 pm (English) or 7.30 pm (Mandarin) dedicated to the souls of all the faithful departed and especially those whose remains are placed in the columbarium of our church. Our carpark will be closed on that day. Please park in the vicinity.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE -

We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec ‘15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

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

ACMI is Hiring - ACMI invites applications for the post of Executive Director. If you have what it takes, good management skills, financial acumen, established networks in the Catholic church, and a passion in working with migrants, send your CV to timothy@acmi.org.sg. Details in www.acmi.org.sg and www.catholic.org.sg/

CHOICE WEEKEND - 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: 27 - 29 Nov 2015 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

CTIS Info Nite on Friday 6 Nov 2015 at 55 Waterloo Street Level 3. Want to know more about Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore’s Certificate and Diploma courses in 2016? We invite you to attend our Info Nite. Registration not required for the Info Nite. Please bring your friends too. For further info, please visit www.ctis.sg or call 64348000.

Living With Autism Spectrum Disorder