

Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. This will be from Ashes to Easter - a retreat in preparation for Easter. **MORNINGS:** Date: 5 Feb - 9 Apr, Mondays Time: 9.30am - 11.30am (Morning Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS** Date: 5 Feb - 9 April, Mondays, Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Evening), Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St, Contribution: \$250.00. To register, Tel: 65652895/97223148, Website: www.cenaclemission.com, Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

CALLING FOR ARTISTS! The Angelico Art Award 2018 invites artists to submit paintings to be considered for the \$10,000 (open) and \$5,000 (youth) acquisitive awards. The competition invites artists to contemplate and interpret the quote "Prepare the way of the Lord" (Mark 1:3). The Award is organised by Heartspace in support of the Catholic Foundation.

Submissions close on 31 Aug '18. More information see www.angelicoart.com.

GIFT 2018 - Next weekend, 20/21 January, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Please remember to bring your envelopes. Find out more at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE SINGAPORE PRESENTS 2 COURSES: (1) INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE on: 16 & 23 Jan '18. (Tuesdays) TIME: 9.30am - 11.30am. COST: \$20 (2) **"BOOK OF JEREMIAH"** on: 30 Jan - 22 May '18 - Tue only (Except 13 Mar and 1 May - 15 Sessions) Time: 9.30am to 11.30am Cost: \$120 at: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102. For more information/registration: Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg Tel: 6280 0354 (Office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

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
Interspersory 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
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm (Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

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 EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM, OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA, 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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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 707

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 15 January - SAT 20 January 2018

MON: 1 SM 15:16-23, MK 2:18-22 **TUE:** 1 SM 16:1-13, MK 2:23-28 **WED:** 1 SM 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, MK 3:1-6 **THU:** 1 SM 18:6-9; 19:1-7, MK 3:7-12 **FRI:** 1 SM 24:3-21, MK 3:13-19 **SAT:** 2 SM 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, MK 3:20-21

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 January 2018

On the Second Week of Ordinary Time, John's Gospel offers us the story of the calling of the first two disciples. He asks them what they are looking for and when they ask where he lives, he invites them, "Come, and you will see."

Wednesday is the Memorial of Saint Anthony, Abbott.

During the week we continue with the First Book of Samuel. We hear God's rejection of Saul as king. Then Samuel anoints the youngest of Jesse's sons, the shepherd boy David, as king. David kills the Philistine, winning victory for the people, in the name of the Lord. Saul becomes jealous of David and plans to kill him but Saul's son, Jonathan, changes his mind. David does not kill Saul when he finds him alone in a cave but lets him go. Saul is killed in a battle and David grieves.

As we begin Mark's Gospel Jesus is asked why his disciples don't fast. He challenges the religious leaders to have a completely open mind and heart to his teaching because "new wine is poured into fresh wineskins." Jesus is the Lord of the Sabbath, bringing a new freedom. It is only chapter three in the gospel, but because Jesus heals a withered hand on the Sabbath, the Pharisees already seek to kill

him. Jesus withdraws and people from the surrounding regions come to him, and even the demons know who he is. Jesus names twelve Apostles to be with him, to preach and to drive out demons. Jesus' relatives think he's "out of his mind" because so many people are coming to him that he can't even eat.

Sunday is the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. The readings include the wonderful story from Mark's Gospel repeated from last week's weekday readings: Jesus calls Simon, Andrew, James and John. "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. This year we have seven or eight weeks of Ordinary Time before Lent begins. These weeks between the Christmas season and Lent are an important time to continue to work on our habits of focusing our desires early in the day and talking with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "contemplatives in action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of our real lives.

How do we do that with the hectic pace of our lives? We hear people say "I don't have time to pray." It isn't about finding more time but more focus in our day with God. With this

type of focusing and active consciousness, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, re-playing the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the “to do” list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments in the shower or getting dressed, let’s tell the Lord that what we desire today is to be more conscious of how what we do this day is responding to his call to me to be his disciple. Then, during the day, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific in this or that set of events.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day’s momentary conversations, recognising the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection

As we settle into the new year, the gratitude I experienced over the Christmas holiday stays with me. One of my abundant blessings in my life is the presence of mentors. My life is better because of spiritual mentors, career mentors, parenting mentors and others who have guided, supported, taught and challenged me throughout my life.

A source of wisdom, a mentor takes the long view and offers encouragement and challenge

at key times in life. The term comes from Homer’s Odyssey in which Odysseus entrusts the care of his kingdom, Ithaca, and his son, Telemachus, to the wise Mentor. The readings today feature many powerful mentors.

The first reading from Samuel tells of the Lord calling out to Samuel but Samuel does not understand who was calling to him. Each time the Lord calls out, Samuel runs to Eli to answer. Eli finally pieces everything together and as a mentor to Samuel he helps Samuel understand how he should answer by instructing Samuel to say, “Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.” Eli’s encouragement helped the young Samuel to be open to the word of God that guided Samuel throughout his life.

Another spiritual mentor, Paul, speaks to the Corinthians in the second reading. Paul says: “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.” Hearing these words through a lens of mentorship brings new meaning to the phrase “your body is a temple” which sadly has become a bit of a cliché. Excuses to not eat certain foods or to exercise a particular way can be framed in the “my body is a temple” phrase, but somehow the call to glorify God gets lost in the translation. Paul is challenging the Corinthians to consider their attitudes and practices about sexuality. Hearing Paul challenge the Corinthians breathes new life into this phrase and invites me to explore what attitudes about my life I need to pray about.

John the Baptist is a model of a spiritual mentor into today’s Gospel from John. Just as a mentor can help someone find a life changing path, he declares to two of his disciples to “Behold the Lamb of God” when he sees Jesus. Trust is essential to a relationship between a mentor and the person being mentored and it is obvious John’s disciples had great trust in him as they were

open to his guidance and willingly followed Jesus as the Messiah they had been waiting for. The trust also extended among family as Andrew brings his brother to follow Jesus. The Gospel response says it so clearly, “We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.”

Today I am inspired to look for opportunities

PARISH NEWS

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on 11 Feb ‘18 (Sun) at 11.00am. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on Saturday, 10 Feb 2018 at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by 15 Jan ‘18.

THANK YOU - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the months of Oct ‘17 and Nov ‘17 amounted to \$6,250.45 and \$7,031.70 respectively and Donations amounted to \$1,110/- and \$190/- respectively. Expenditures were \$7,946.40 and \$9,065.30. We support 89 Friends-In-Need (FINs), comprising elderly poor and needy families with young children living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road and Queen Street areas. If you know of families in need in our parish, please email us with details to ssvp.spp@gmail.com. We appeal to your generosity in caring for the poor and needy families through our SSVP, St Peter’s Conference.

CATECHISM CLASS 2018 - Commences on 21 Jan ‘18 (Sun) at 9.30am.

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 11 Feb ‘18 at 4.00pm (Sun). For the sick who wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. Deadline: Sun 4 Feb ‘18.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN

to be a spiritual mentor to others. When can I invite someone to hear God’s call? How can I challenge someone who might be making a choice that does not glorify God? What are some ways I can support those who appreciate the truth and grace of our Messiah? And how can I be open to the mentors in my life who urge me to behold the Lamb of God?

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/011418.html>

UNITY 2018 - Bring along Christian friends for prayer, reflections, songs and fellowship to promote unity. All prayer services are from 8.00pm - 9.00pm. **18 Jan** - Covenant Community Methodist Church (11 Blackmore Drive, S599986), **19 Jan** - Mar Thoma Syrian Church (29 Jalan Keli, S577933), **23 Jan** - St Andrew’s Cathedral (Nave) (11 St Andrew’s Rd S178959), **24 Jan** - The Salvation Army Balestier Corps (126 Balestier Rd, S329681) **25 Jan** - Church of the Transfiguration (51 Punggol Central S828725). Organiser: Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) & Host Churches

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS – FAITH ON FILM. Join us for an evening of film, food and fellowship as we watch Freedom Writers together - a film where a young teacher inspires a group of at-risk students and makes a transformation in their lives. Reflections and sharings will be led by the team from the Kingsmead Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling. This event will be on 27 Jan ‘18 (Sat); 5.00pm - 9.00pm; in Agape Village (7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh). For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

AT HOME RETREAT (2 choices) - 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life’s daily routine. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with