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RETROUVAILLE - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages. If you are serious about making your marriage work, this program could be worthwhile for you. Weekend date: 26 - 28 Feb '16. For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774 Online registration: www.helpourmarriage.sg

CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD (CLG) Pro Bono Legal Clinics @ AGAPE Village. Are you: Facing a legal issue on a *personal matter and do not have legal advice or representation? Facing a legal dispute that you wish to have mediated and resolved? Unable to afford a lawyer? *CLG clinics do not cover legal issues on business or professional matters and are intended for the poor, disadvantaged and sandwiched classes. If so, you may wish to seek free basic legal advice and information at the CLG Pro Bono Legal Clinics. Please visit our website at <http://www.clgsingapore.com>.

com for more information on clinic dates and registration.

LOVE AND CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY 12 - 14 Feb '16, Fri, 8.00pm to Sun. 1.00pm. Facilitated by Sr. Linda Lizada, rc. A retreat to help you understand the different aspects of human sexuality from a developmental perspective, how sexuality helps us grow in self-intimacy, intimacy with others, God and all of creation. Highly recommended for young dating couples. Organised by the Cenacle Sisters; Contact: Tel.: 6565-2895; 9722-3148; Email: cenaclesing@gmail.com. Venue: Choice Retreat House

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

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
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, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call 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 C) Pg 90 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 93

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 15 February - SAT 20 February 2016

MON: LV 19:1-2, 11-18, MT 25:31-46 **TUE:** IS 55:10-11, MT 6:7-15 **WED:** JON 3:1-10, LK 11:29-32 **THU:** EST C:12, 14-16, 23-25, MT 7:7-12 **FRI:** EZ 18:21-28, MT 5:20-26 **SAT:** DT 26:16-19, MT 5:43-48

The Lectionary For Mass

First Reading: Moses speaks to the people and tells them of the deep memory they are to retain. The wandering in the desert does not erase memory; it burns it into each heart the truth that God hears our cry and responds with abundance. Our job is to return those gifts generously.

Responsorial Psalm 91: The psalmist sings of the goodness and shelter of God. Our God is protector and saviour. The vivid image of being borne upon the wings of angels and guarded is a source of comfort and hope. The reference to "shelter" is, in the psalms, a reference to the Temple precincts.

Second Reading: Following Jesus requires the same assent of heart and mind that was asked of Israel in the original covenant. Here, Paul reminds us that the boundaries of culture, location and faith tradition are transcended in Christ, who is accessible to all.

Gospel: The story of the temptations

of Jesus is a pointed reminder of the mystery of the Incarnation. Like us, Jesus was human. Like us, he could be tempted to indulge his appetites, find satisfaction in the material, act in grandiose ways and abuse power. All of these Jesus resists. He has nothing to prove. His unwillingness to be seduced thwarts Satan. How might this example be translated into our own human lives?

Lent and Holy Week

The Lectionary for Mass

The Lenten texts will inspire us to live the exhortation of Ash Wednesday: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel!" The First Readings, drawn from the prophetic books of the Old Testament, will find the great prophets Ezekiel, Jonah, Isaiah, Joel and other major figures like Esther speaking to the importance of returning to God and abandoning the sinful ways that distance us from him. We will also hear of the great fidelity of God, his love, mercy and forgiveness.

This season is an excellent time to dismantle the common misunderstanding of the God of Israel as exclusively a God of wrath and punishment. As Catholics, we are called to recognise the unique place of the Jews in salvation history and God's unbroken covenant with them. We will encounter many passages drawn from a variety of books and psalms that evoke the central story of God's covenant fulfilled: the Exodus. These will come from the book of Exodus, but also from Numbers, Joshua and more. This is a season in which we can embrace the Jewishness of Jesus fully, recognising that it is as the children of Abraham that they awakened to the gift of the Messiah in their presence.

We will also hear of the value of the law and of the goodness of God in the psalms. God is kind, merciful, forgiving, attentive, faithful, strong,

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PARISH NEWS

WAY OF THE CROSS - held every Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm except Friday 4 Mar '16. Evening mass will follow after prayers.

ST PIO DEVOTION - It started in our church on Saturday, 23 January '16 at 4.00pm. It will be held every 23rd of the month. "Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer." For more information, call: 9642 7823(Loradel) 9694 5443(Philip)

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 27 Feb '16 at 2.30 pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the

trustworthy and praiseworthy. These beautiful selections can draw us more deeply into a sense of how ready God is to receive us if only we are willing.

The powerful Gospel accounts of this season will include any of the parables found only in the Gospel according to Luke. In them, we see Jesus' life and teaching illuminating what the fulfillment of the covenant with Israel should look like. Passages from John will denote the genuine confusion that existed among the community about who he is – there are those who believe, those who don't. There are those who are caught in wonder and those who are caught in fear. This was true at the time of Jesus, in the life of the early Church and even to this day. Our prayer can centre, in this season, on where we chose to situate ourselves on that spectrum.

Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Sat 20 Feb '16.

TICKET SALE for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner - 2 Jul '16 at Raffles City Convention Centre Members of SPP Ministries can purchase the tables for the Dedication Thanksgiving Dinner from the Church Office from 1 January 2016. Public Sale will start in Feb '16. Tickets are priced at \$1500 per table of 10 persons. Please check with your Ministry Leader or the Church Office for more information.

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

CHARITIES WEEK 2016 - Please support and donate generously towards Charities Week 2016, an Archdiocesan annual fundraising project. Proceeds will enable Agape Village, a project of Caritas Singapore and many Catholic organisations under its umbrella to continue their work in reaching out to those in need. These include the poor, families, youth and children, prisoners, migrant workers, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with physical and mental challenges, and overseas humanitarian aid. Pick up a Charities Week appeal envelope this weekend and contribute generously. You can mail your donation directly to Caritas Singapore (for cheques only) or drop them at your parish. For walk-in donations, please visit us at Caritas Singapore, 55 Waterloo Street #08-01, Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those in need. For more

information, please contact us at 6338 3448 or visit our website at www.caritas-singapore.org.

THE MEANING OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND MODERN DAY MARTYRDOM.

The attacks on Christians in the middle east and elsewhere cannot help but stir questions on the meaning of martyrdom, human suffering and God's apparent silence. Join us as we examine these issues in the light of the Gospel. Speaker: Mr Simon Cheong (President, Catholic Theology Network) Date: 17 Feb '16, Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm, Venue: St Joseph's Church Victoria Street-Conference Room (inside canteen) To register, contact Nick @ 97843682 or email theology.sg@gmail.com

PRAISE@WORK CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING Praise and Worship and talk on the Year of Mercy by Michelle Voo. 18 Feb '16, Thur, 8.00pm. Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8 All are welcome!. For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com. Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

CLARITY together with The World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) jointly present an introductory programme to Christian meditation on three Saturdays (19 March, 2 and 9 April 2016) from 8.45 am - 9.45 am. Register early as spaces are limited. To register, call 6757 7990 or email to registration@clarity-singapore.org.

"WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MISSION?" talks by CHARIS – Join us on 20 & 27 Feb, 12 Mar and 2 & 9 Apr to learn and share about the Trinitarian nature of mission – the thrust of the very heart of Christian life – and how we can do so in a dynamic way. All sessions held @ Catholic Centre, 10.00am - 12.00pm. For more information, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief