

2.00pm-5.00pm Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102
*Registration fee is by love offering. To register, go to www.cmg.org.sg/events

APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND - CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support overseas humanitarian work. Grab the latest copy of the CHARIS Connect to find out more about the work of CHARIS. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Please contact Sylvester Singh at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

“Divinization, called to share in the life of the Trinity” Session outline: What is the meaning of divinization (theosis) in reference to our relationship with the Trinity? How is the doctrine of divinization explained in the Catholic Church and the Orthodox Church? Exploring the idea of divinization in the celebration of the liturgies of the Church. Date: 19 Oct '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
Speaker: Mike Arents.



On 2 October after the 8.00pm mass, the China Mass participants had a National Day celebration. There was buffet, Ukulele performance, gift bag (consists of a prayer book, rosary and some food stuff) and a big birthday cake with their country's National flag on it.

A picture tells a thousand words. You can see the joy and smiles on them.

We will like to thank the donors who have made this possible. Your generosity have really warmed their hearts and they are really thankful to you. Let's continue to do this for those in need too.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (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)

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

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 1004

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 17 October - SAT 22 October 2016

MON: EPH 2:1-10, LK 12:13-21 **TUE:** 2 TM 4:10-17B, LK 10:1-9 **WED:** EPH 3:2-12, LK 12:39-48 **THU:** EPH 3:14-21, LK 12:49-53 **FRI:** EPH 4:1-6, LK 12:54-59 **SAT:** EPH 4:7-16, LK 13:1-9

Solemnity of St. Teresa of Jesus – 15/16 October 2016

Wisdom 7:7-14; Psalm 83; Romans 8:14-17, 26-27; John 7:14-18, 37-39a or John 4:5-15

The reading from the Book of Wisdom speaks about praying for and receiving understanding and about the importance of wisdom more than anything else, and about the goodness which wisdom brings. The text from the letter to the Romans talks about the Holy Spirit being there to help us in our weakness, a Spirit which has been given to each of us by God. In the Gospel (John 7), Jesus tells us that the words which he speaks and uses to teach are not his words as a human but come from God in heaven. They are the words which we must listen to as St Teresa did in her lifetime and which brought her such great union with God while she lived.

Source: <http://www.carmelites.ie/readingsreflect.html>

On the Gospel of John 4:5-15, from “The Life of St. Teresa of Jesus” chapter 30, s24: “I call to remembrance—oh, how often!—that living water of which our Lord spoke to the Samaritan woman. That Gospel had a great attraction for me; and, indeed, so it had even when I was a little child, though I did not understand it then as I do now. I used to pray much to our Lord for that living water; and I had always a picture of it, representing our Lord at the well, with this inscription, “Domine, da mihi aquam.”460

Footnote 460: “Lord, give me this water” (St. John iv. 15). See ch. i. § 6; and Way of Perfection, ch. xxix. § 5; ch. xix. § 5 of the earlier editions.

Source: <http://www.catholicspiritualdirection.org/lifeofteresa.pdf>

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16 October 2016

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: The militaristic tone of this passage should not detract from the underlying meaning of the text. Moses, Joshua, Aaron and Hur all play prominent roles in the life of God's people. Although God is not mentioned in this passage, the author's perspective is that God intends to protect the chosen people. When Moses raises his hands the Israelites prevail, but it is the power of the Lord god who acts through Moses.

Responsorial Psalm 121: The psalmist proclaims the all-encompassing providence of God. God, “the guardian of Israel” never sleeps; there is no time when God is not present to take care of the one who prays. Every journey, “your coming and your going” is under the protection of the Lord who “has made heaven and earth.”

Second Reading: Paul continues to instruct and encourage Timothy in preaching the Word of God. Paul reminds Timothy that all of Scripture is inspired by God; here Paul is referring to the

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writings of the Old Testament. Paul understood that Jesus came to fulfill the Scriptures and that persistence in proclaiming the Word of God was his primary responsibility. He urges Timothy to make it his as well.

Gospel: The reader of today's story is easily caught up in the plea of the widow for a just hearing from the judge. Her persistence is admirable and Jesus turns the encounter into a lesson on prayer. The actions of the dishonest and unwilling judge are contrasted with the just and speedy response by God to the pleas of the "chosen ones". Jesus states that such prayer comes from faith.

Some Saints of the Week

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr – 17 October

St. Ignatius was born in the year 50 and died somewhere between 98 and 117 in Rome. An Apostolic Father and possible disciple of John the Evangelist, he served the Community of Antioch as bishop. Living during the anti-Christian reign of the Roman emperor Trajan, he was sentenced to be fed to animals in the Roman Colosseum because he refused to engage in idol worship. His journey to Rome was marked by extensive writing in which he composed seven letters. These letters, directed to various churches, emphasized the humanity and divinity of Christ, the centrality of Eucharist, and the importance of Church unity.

St. Luke, Evangelist – 18 October

Today, we celebrate the Feast of St. Luke, the evangelist and disciple of the Lord. His account of the Gospel is unique to the other Synoptic Gospel accounts, because it contains the most detail for the Infancy Narratives. Luke furthermore wrote the Acts of the Apostles, which narrates the events of the Apostles and St. Paul during the beginning of the early Church after Jesus' Ascension.

St. John Paul II, Pope – 22 October

In the early years, Catholics and non-Catholics alike were attracted to the athletic man who sneaked out of his villa to ski and reached out to the young at World Youth Days. People of many faiths prayed for him when he was shot in St. Peter's Square and were awed with the mercy he granted his assailant. And none escaped the poignancy of

a feeble John Paul II praying at the Western Wall in Israel, leaving a prayer inside the wall. Even a scant follower of the pope knew that the man who forgave his assailant, traveled the world to evangelise and sought healing in relations with the Jewish people looked to the Blessed Virgin as model of faith. To John Paul II, the woman who carried the Saviour in her womb, who first gazed on him at birth, and stayed with him by the Cross is the person who can bring followers closest to Christ. In the apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in America*, he called Mary "the sure path to our meeting with Christ." The pope noted that Our Lady of Guadalupe's meeting with Juan Diego evangelized beyond Mexico and voiced hope that the Mother and Evangeliser of America would guide the Church in America, "so that the new evangelisation may yield a splendid flowering of Christian life." John Paul II was canonised, along with Pope John XXIII, by Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter in 2014, a day that John Paul II established for the Church. St. John Paul II ... pray for us!

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

The Holy Rosary (cont'd)

Why pray the Rosary today? Certainly, to grow in holiness and in one's prayer life. The following are a few others reasons why the rosary should be prayed often, even daily:

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church none has been so favoured by so many miracles as the devotion of the Most Holy Rosary." (Pope Pius IX).

"Say the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world" (Our Lady of Fátima).

"There is no surer means of calling down God's blessings upon the family . . . than the daily recitation of the Rosary" (Pope Pius XII).

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that we put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils of our times." (Pope Pius XII).

"No one can live continually in sin and continue to say the Rosary: either they will give up sin or they will give up the Rosary." (Bishop Hugh Doyle).

"The Rosary is a magnificent and universal

prayer for the needs of the Church, the nations and the entire world." (Pope John XXIII).

"The Rosary is the compendium of the entire Gospel." (Pope Paul VI quoting Pope Pius XII).

"Meditation on the mysteries of the Rosary . . . can be an excellent preparation for the celebration of those same mysteries in the liturgical actions [i.e. the Mass] and can also become a continuing echo thereof." (Pope Paul VI).

"My impression is that the Rosary is of the greatest value not only according to the words of Our Lady at Fátima, but according to the effects of the Rosary one sees throughout history. My

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PARISH NEWS

CANONIZATION OF BL. ELIZABETH OF THE TRINITY - Pope Francis will be canonizing French Carmelite Nun on 16 Oct '16 in the Vatican. In celebration of the canonization, the Carmelite Friars will be holding a Seminar on the Life and Spiritual doctorines of Bl. Elizabeth of the Trinity. This will be held on 29 Oct '16 at the Church of Sts. Peter and Paul. Registration fee of \$20/per head. Lunch and Tea provided. Limited seats available. Please register with the Parish Secretary. A mini exhibition on the life of St. Elizabeth is displayed at the canteen area. Do take some time to get to know her better.

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 22 Oct '16 at 2.30 pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 15 Oct '16.

MASS FOR THE DEAF & THE HEARING IMPAIRED - Fr Rowland Yeo celebrates mass in sign language in our chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building) at 11.15am every Sunday.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Thur 27 Oct '16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

impression is that Our Lady wanted to give ordinary people, who might not know how to pray, this simple method of getting closer to God." (Sister Lucia, one of the seers of Fátima).

"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." (Pope John Paul II).

Pope John Paul II has called the Rosary his "favourite prayer," after the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours.

St. Louis de Montfort warns us against both the ignorant and scholars who regard the Rosary as something of little importance... "the Rosary is a priceless treasure inspired by God."

[SPP YEAR OF MERCY SERIES] MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - The

Parish is organising a Mass with Anointing of the Sick on 12 November 2016 at 10.00am. We welcome all our infirmed and home bound parishioners to attend the mass and to receive the Sacrament of Anointing. Sacrament of Reconciliation is available 1 hours before Mass and there will be a short fellowship meal after the mass. Interested parties should register with the Parish Secretariat. Applications will close on the 5th of November. Please note the following requirements (From the Code of Canon Law) before registering your interest: *Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness.*

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

The Catholic Medical Guild (CMG) will be organizing a seminar to talk about end-of-life care and the decision making processes that occur when we are faced with such a situation, be it for ourselves or for our loved ones, with a Faith perspective on these issues. This seminar is for you if you wish to know more about when, why and how to discuss end-of-life care with your loved ones from a Catholic perspective. Date: 19 Nov '16 Time: