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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.

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 Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), Victoria at victoria@charis-singapore.org or Tel: 6337-4119. Website www.charis-singapore.org

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (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 99 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 103

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is compassion and love.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 29 February - SAT 5 March 2016

MON: 2 KGS 5:1-15AB, LK 4:24-30 **TUE:** DN 3:25, 34-43, MT 18:21-35 **WED:** DT 4:1, 5-9, MT 5:17-19 **THU:** JER 7:23-28, LK 11:14-23 **FRI:** HOS 14:2-10, MK 12:28-34 **SAT:** HOS 6:1-6, LK 18:9-14

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This familiar yet powerful passage offers us a glimpse of the commission given to Moses by God. God emphasises that he is the God of continuity; this experience is not separated from what has come before, although this is the first moment that the people receive the name of God.

Responsorial Psalm 103: The psalm underlines the reading from Exodus. God is faithful, just, mercy, kind and always attentive. Those who believe in him need to practice both praise and remembrance. Forgetfulness is a chronic human issue, and the psalm presents a litany of the qualities of God that must be remembered.

Second Reading: Here, Paul recounts the wondrous deliverance of the Exodus. Notice the language of Baptism that is used. Paul is inspired to look at these wonders through the lens of Christian Baptism and the Holy Spirit. He also warns that the story bears lessons for those who would follow Christ.

Gospel: The stories of cruelty and devastation found in this Gospel are exclusive to Luke; they appear in no other Gospel or, for that matter, historical narrative of the time. They

are, however, in keeping with what we know of the considerable persecution that the Jews and others experienced under Pilate. These stories, including that of the fig tree, serve to underline the theme of the need for repentance now, not at some time in the future.

March – Month of St. Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of the Lord. St. Joseph was the favourite Saint of St. Teresa of Avila, and of many popes, including St. Pius X and St. John XXIII, who wrote: “O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons [and daughters], especially entrusted to you. You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God” (Prayer for Workers). Joseph is the patron saints of fathers, of workers, and of the universal Church. St. Joseph, pray for us!

24 Hours for the Lord

(extract from Misericordiae Vultus, Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy by Pope Francis)

“17. The season of Lent during this Jubilee Year should also be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God’s mercy. How many pages of Sacred Scripture are appropriate for meditation during the weeks of Lent to help us rediscover the merciful face of the Father! We can repeat the words of the prophet Micah and make them our own: You, O Lord, are a God who takes away iniquity and pardons sin, who does not hold your anger forever, but are pleased to show mercy. You, Lord, will return to us and have pity on your people. You will trample down our sins and toss them into the depths of the sea (cf. 7:18-19).

The pages of the prophet Isaiah can also be meditated upon concretely during this season of prayer, fasting, and works of charity: “Is not this the fast that I choose: to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday. And the Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your desire with good things, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters fail not” (58:6-11).

The initiative of “24 Hours for the Lord,” to be celebrated on the Friday and Saturday preceding the Fourth Week of Lent, should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through this experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the centre once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God’s mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace.....”

Source: <http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html>

SPP is organising an abridged version of “24 Hours for the Lord” on 4 March 2016. Please refer to the Parish News section for more details.

PARISH NEWS

In conjunction with the “**24 HOURS FOR THE LORD**” happening in St. Peter’s Basilica, Vatican, for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, SPP will be organising “An Evening for the Lord” on 4 Mar ‘16 (Fri). Programme as follows:

5:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Divine Mercy Litany

5:30pm Holy Mass

6:30pm Vespers & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament led by Fr. Edward Lim, OCD

7:00pm Holy Hour (Mandarin) led by Fr. Thomas Lim, OCD

8:00pm Holy Hour (Cantonese)

9:00pm Holy Hour (English)

10:15pm Taize Prayer Service led by Fr. John Chua, OCD

11:00pm Compline & Benediction led by Fr. Edward Lim, OCD

Confession will be available the whole evening. All are welcomed.

[SPP FORMATION SERIES]

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: A Two-Part Series on St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

11 Mar ‘6 (Fri): An Introduction to the Saint

18 Mar ‘16 (Fri): Merciful Love

Time: 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Venue: SPP Chapel Level 3. Speaker: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD. Attendance by Registration only. Please register with the Church Office or email SPP happenings@gmail.com

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

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

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH would like to publicize these talks in March 2016 in your bulletin for the benefit of your parishioners:

1. Theology of the Body, 4 Mar ‘16;
 2. The Mystery of Suffering, 11 Mar ‘16;
 3. Walking Through the Passion, 18 Mar ‘16
- Venue: St Joseph’s Church Conference Room, Vistoria Street, Fridays 7.45pm to 9.30pm. For details and registration, please go to: www.catholic.sg/act Enquiries:

To obtain an answer to the requests we bear in our hearts, there is no better means than to concentrate the strength of our prayer upon what is more pleasing to GOD.

Quoteworthy
-St. John of the Cross