

Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=131

Sign up for the **CHARIS HUMANITARIAN FORUM & FAIR (HFF) PRE-EVENT: LISTENING TO THE CRY OF THE EARTH AND THE POOR** a fulfilling workshop that explores environmental climate change and how it affects vulnerable communities and discuss how, together, we can make a positive difference on Sat, 11 Feb 2017 from 2:30to 5:30pm at CANA, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre, Level 2, Singapore 187954. Admission is Free. To register email Gabriel Lee at gabriel@charis-singapore.org or call 63374119

A TIMELESS and ENDLESS LOVE Gala dinner - The Church of the Transfiguration is organizing Gala Dinner in aid of their building fund. Featuring a musical showcase with well know personalities accompanied by Chinese dinner, it promises to be a magical evening to remember. Place: Orchard Hotel Grand

Ballroom. Date: Sun 19 Feb '17 at 7.00pm Please support them generously. For more information, Telephone: 6341 9718. Email: secretary@transfiguration.sg

Calling all involved and interested in Catholic schools. Sign-up for the **2017 CATHOLIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE**, 13 Mar '17 (Mon) hosted by CHIJ Sec (Toa Payoh) with the theme (Heart of a Catholic School". \$30 contribution. Register by 20 Jan '17 at accs.sg/cec2017.

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE SINGAPORE presents 14 weeks of exploring. St Paul & the letters to the Corinthians - conducted by Msgr Ambrose Vaz. at Catholic Archdiocesan education centre 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102. St. Peter auditorium on: 14 Feb to 16 May '17 (every Tue) Time: 9.30am to 11.30am. Cost: \$120/- for more information/registration: email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg website: <https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com> tel: 62800354 (office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 494

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 30 January - **SAT** 4 February 2016

MON: HEB 11:32-40, MK 5:1-20 **TUE:** HEB 12:1-4, MK 5:21-43 **WED:** HEB 12:4-7, 11-15, MK 6:1-6 **THU:** Feast of the Presentation of the Lord **FRI:** HEB13:1-8, MK 6:14-29 **SAT:** HEB 13:15-17, 20-21, MK 6:30-34

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Matthew's Gospel gives us the essence of Jesus teaching in the Beatitudes. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint John Bosco, priest. Thursday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord with its own special readings.

The first reading this week continues with the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus is priest and we should not be discouraged.

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus but he tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to cure her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the synagogue official he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals his daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to

perform miracles there, because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his apostles, in twos, to share the good news. After publicly promising a dancer anything she wants, Herod reluctantly gives the girl her wish and orders John the Baptist to be beheaded. When Jesus' disciples return from their journeys, he encourages them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

On the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus encourages his disciples to let their light shine: "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Daily Prayer This Week

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments

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
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)

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

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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this week when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don’t ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others,

Taken from *Praying Ordinary Time*, on Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/OrdinaryTime/>

PARISH NEWS

CHINESE NEW YEAR EVE (Fri 27 Jan) - Mass at 7.20am. **NO EVENING MASS.**
CHINESE NEW YEAR DAY (Sat 28 Jan) - Mass at 8.30am (Mandarin), 10.30am (English), 5.30pm (Sunset mass) **MASSES ON SUNDAY**
29 Jan - 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am, 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm

SPP CNY LUNCH - 12 Feb '17 from 12.15pm - 3.00pm at Grand Banquet (at Hotel Royal Queens Level 2). Price: \$40 per pax

MINISTRY DAY (18 & 19 FEB 2017) - Ministries of the parish of the Church of Sts Peter & Paul will be showcasing their individual ministry at all masses. Do take this opportunity to visit them at the tentage in the car park for better understanding of their function and

rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

This is the Prayer the Church uses this week of Ordinary Time for the Liturgy of the Hours and the Opening Prayer for the Masses of this week.

We can reflect upon it, pray it ourselves, with our family, or adapt it for our concrete desires this week.

The Collect for Week 4

*Grant us, Lord our God,
that we may honour you with all our mind,
and love everyone in truth of heart.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

approach the members present if you have any question. On **18 Feb** there will be Holy Hour with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for all ministry members at 3.00pm and with banner procession and blessings at the 5.30pm mass. On **19 Feb** the canteen will be open for sale of finger food at all masses. Beverages are complimentary. There will also be special performances by some ministries after each mass at the praise and worship room. All are welcomed. The car park will be partially closed on both days for this event. Please follow the instructions of the hospitality ministers.

ALTAR SERVERS MINISTRY - We are in a very urgent need for Altar Servers as the number is decreasing at a rapid pace. Altar Servers are urgently needed for all masses. We will be very glad if Primary and Secondary School students are willing to help out at the masses. To sign up

as a member of the Altar Servers Ministry, please go to sppaltarservers.tumblr.com/SignUp. We will greatly appreciate your service to our church.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - 4 Feb '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Main Church. 2.00 PM - Praise and Worship. 2.25PM to 4.00 PM - Mass followed by prayers for healing. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call Kristyn at 9817 0152. Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

SPP UKULELE CLASS is open for registration. As one of the action items to our last Parish Assembly feedback, we have established the Ukulele group in 2016 as our evangelization and fellowship platform. The group completed two outreach events in 2016. You are invited to be part of us in the 2017 outreach activities. The new ukulele class started on 9 Jan '17 in room 8 at 7:30pm. Please contact our church office at 63870530 for registration, or contact Michael Cheuk 94763277 for more details

WORLD CONSECRATED DAY OF RELIGIOUS - Archbishop William Goh, DD, will celebrate mass on Thurs, 2 Feb '17 at 11.00am in our Church of Sts Peter & Paul. All Religious will assemble at SPP. The Archbishop will celebrate the mass with the Religious serving all over Singapore. All are welcome!

SPP is planning to embark on the **Emergency Preparedness Programme** and is seeking volunteers who have experience and knowledge in the following areas: security agencies, medical professionals, first aid, emergency planning and management to form a Taskforce. Please leave your name, contact details, your expertise/knowledge area, the Mass/es you usually attend in SPP with the Parish Office. We thank you for stepping forward to help the Parish, for the safety of all our parishioners!

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

DEDICATION MASS - The Mother Church invites you to the Dedication Mass on Tue, 14 Feb '17 at 6.45pm. You are also warmly encouraged to attend the following 12 days of celebrations

at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Refer to www.cathedral.catholic.sg for details.

UNDERSTANDING RELATIONSHIPS - Organised by Cenacle Sisters. 10 Feb (8.00pm) to 12 Feb (1.00pm) @ Choice Retreat House. Looking at ways to make your Valentine’s Day more meaningful? Come and spend time, together as a couple or as an individual, to understand aspects of human sexuality from a developmental perspective, how sexuality helps us grow in self-intimacy, intimacy with others, God and all creation. Call or SMS: 9722-3148; E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; W: www.cenaclemission.com

AT HOME RETREAT - by Cenacle Sisters & team. Beginning Feb 13 – Apr 17 (every Monday) from 7.15pm to 9.30pm @ Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, 225A Queen Street. A ten-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which enables one to know Jesus Christ more intimately in the midst of the daily routine of life. It includes a weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer using Scripture, and spiritual direction. As the At Home Retreat period falls within Lent, the retreat theme of “Journeying from Ashes to Easter” is a timely opportunity for us to deepen our Lenten pilgrimage. Call: 9722-3148; E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; W: www.cenaclemission.com

PRAYING OUR LIFE’S QUESTIONS : A VOCATION RECOLLECTION by Cenacle Sisters. 25 Feb (9.00am) - 26 Feb (1.00pm) @ Choice Retreat House. This retreat will help young women pray and discern some common questions: What will I do with my life? Is this all there is to life? Does God have a plan for me? It offers you a glimpse into one’s life option - religious life in the Cenacle, by providing you information and experiences about the Sisters. Open only to single women, 21-35 years. To register: www.cenaclemission.com E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com;

CHOICE WEEKEND - It takes that 1 weekend to 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: 24 - 26 Feb 2017 (Friday evening to