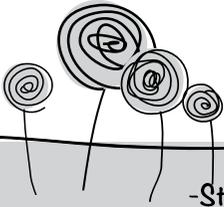


@ Choice Retreat House “How do I feel about Mondays?” This weekend of prayer invites you to reflect on work from seeing how God works and labours in all creation, and how we are invited to participate in God’s passion for giving life in this manner. You will also be encouraged to regard work in light of Romans 8:22, as “one great act of giving birth.” Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. For details, please contact the Cenacle Sisters at 9722-3148; email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com.

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: 30 Sep - 02 Oct 2016 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

To undertake the journey to God the heart must be burned and purified of all creatures with the fire of divine love.



Quoteworthy
- St. John of the Cross

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.

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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 998

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 3 October - SAT 8 October 2016

MON: GAL 1:6-12, LK 10:25-37 **TUE:** GAL 1:13-24, LK 10:38-42 **WED:** JGAL 2:1-2, 7-14, LK 11:1-4 **THU:** GAL 3:1-5, LK 11:5-13 **FRI:** GAL 3:7-14, LK 11:15-26 **SAT:** GAL 3:22-29, LK 11:27-28

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2 October 2016

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: This passage is in two parts. The first is the cry of the prophet who believes that God does not listen or intervene in his misery. The second part is God’s response. God’s response is not so much an answer but a vision which the prophet is to write down so all can know it. The content of the vision is not stated but it has the purpose of stating that the events of life are in the mind of God and his plan will not disappoint.

Responsorial Psalm 95 is a hymn of joyful thanksgiving for the actions of the Lord. Three times the psalmist invites the people to acknowledge the Lord: “Come, let us sing”; “Let us come into his presence”; and “Come, let us bow down.” The image of a shepherd is attributed to God and the psalmist pleads with the people to hear the voice of the shepherd.

Second Reading: Paul encourages his disciple Timothy to be courageous and faithful in bearing witness to the Gospel. Perhaps Timothy has been timid in his “testimony to our Lord”. So Paul reminds

him of his own struggles, including being imprisoned and exhorts Timothy to be mindful of the strength that comes from God and from the help of the Holy Spirit that “dwells within us”.

Gospel: The Apostles are concerned with their lack of faith, which they assume has to do with a certain quantity that needs to be increased. Jesus tells them that even if their faith is the size of a mustard seed they will be able to do what they have been asked to do. Jesus’ image of the mustard seed speaks of the quality of a commitment to their ministry and rather than a concern for how much or how great the results they accomplish.

October – Month of the Holy Rosary

On October 7, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Blessed John Paul II wrote in 2002, “the Rosary Is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn

of this third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness.... With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer” (Rosarium Virgins Mariae, 1).

Some Saints of the Week

St. Francis of Assisi – 4 October

As the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, St. Francis (1182 – 1226) was destined for grand homes, exquisite clothing and fine food. After a conversion experience he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and preach to the spiritually hungry. His home was the earth; his clothing, humility; and his identity, that of an impoverished beggar seeking God. Many young men joined St. Francis in this new way of life, leading to the foundation

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PARISH NEWS

MASS FOR THE DEAF & THE HEARING IMPAIRED - Commencing Sunday 9 October 2016, Fr Rowland Yeo will celebrate mass in sign language in our chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building) at 11.00am 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 Thursday 27 October 2016 at 7.20 am and 5.30pm.

WEEKLY INTERCESSORY PRAYERS - held every Thursday evening at 7.00pm to 8.30pm, Room 5, 2nd level.

of the frati minori (“lesser brothers”), which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. He is perhaps one of the most popular saints in Church history, due to his love of creation as exemplified in his famous “Canticle of the Sun”. Pope Pius XI described St. Francis as alter Christus, meaning “another Christ”.

St. Bruno, Priest – 6 October

St. Bruno (1035 – 1101) longed for a deeper relationship with God, nourished by solitude and austerity; thus, he and six companions built and oratory surrounded by several small hermitages, or cells, in a remote area in the French Alps known as La Chartreuse. This marks the beginning of the Carthusian order whose motto is Stat crux dum volvitur orbis, Latin for “The Cross is steady while the world is turning”. Following the Rule of St. Benedict in a strict manner, Carthusian monks live an eremitical (reclusive) life, solely seeking the will of God through prayer and manual labour.

All are welcome to intercede.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING 15 October 2016 (Saturday) Church of Sts. Peter and Paul, Main Church. 2.30pm - Praise and Worship, 3.00pm to 4.30pm - Mass followed by prayers for healing. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran For enquiries, please contact Marilyn at marilyn8sep@yahoo.com Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work

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

CLARITY’S INTRODUCTORY

GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY WORKSHOP. 22 Oct, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Overwhelmed by Anxiety? Do you suffer from panic attacks? Clarity is introducing a new workshop on understanding anxiety through a series of interactive activities. Fees: FOC. Blk 854 Yishun Ring Road #01-3511 S(760854). Seats are limited. To Register, T: 6757 7990 or E:registration@clarity-singapore.org.

APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND - CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support overseas humanitarian work. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to “Humanitarian Aid Fund” with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Sylvester Singh at 6337-4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

FINDING GOD IN DANCE Let dance be your prayer. Discover what moves you, and how to move together with God in a one-day dance workshop using Ignatian themes. Dancing skills not essential. Presented by Bro Nicholas Lye and Anthony Siow. 29 October, 9.00am - 6.00pm at CANA The Catholic Centre. \$50 including lunch. Register at canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or seek.anthony@gmail.com

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH would like to publicize the two forthcoming talks in your bulletin for the benefit of your parishioners: **1) Explaining Purgatory, Marian Devotion, Statues, etc to Non Catholics** by Kelvin Chia, LLB (7 Oct ‘16) **2) The Truth of the Crusades, the Inquisition, Galileo, etc.** by Nick Chui,

MTS (14 Oct ‘16) Time: Fridays. 7.45pm to 9.30pm. Venue: St Joseph’s Church Conference Room, Victoria Street, FOC, All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>. More details: www.catholic.sg/act

SANCTUARY CARE IS A NEW FOSTERING SERVICE BY BOYS’ TOWN. We assist low-income families who need short-term childcare help, such as those who are ill or facing a family or pregnancy crisis. We are currently recruiting foster parents to provide a loving home on a short-term voluntary basis for children in need. Contact us today at sanctuarycare@boystown.org.sg or call 6221 0588 to find out how you can help. We will look forward to hearing from you.

FAMILY MISSION TRIP TO TAGAYTAY (The Philippines) Dates: 4 - 10 Dec ‘16. Trip cost: \$750 (for flight, accommodation, food and transport) Minimum age for children to be part of this mission trip is 7 years old. Closing date for registration is 30 Sept ‘16. Organised by the Verbum Dei Missionaries. For more information or to register: Call 62740251 or email: verbumdeispore@yahoo.com.sg

CHARIS - acts29 Mission Trip (23-30 Oct ‘16) - Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems with the local community in Romblon, Philippines. Slots for 9 participants only. \$670 per pax. Closing date to register: 28 Sept ‘16. T&C apply. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), victoria@charis-singapore.org or T: 6337-4119

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WORK: LABOUR, TOIL AND/OR PASSION? 7 Oct, Fri, 8.00pm to 9 Oct, Sun, 1.00pm