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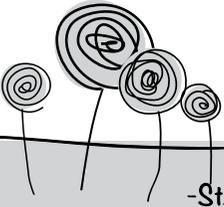
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Come find out at our **DIOCESAN VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT**. We'll guide you and help you discern. Theme: OPEN WIDE THE DOORS TO CHRIST Date: 19-21 Aug '16 Venue: Immaculate Heart of Mary Retreat

House 46 Kovan Road Eligibility: Single male, aged 21-35 years old Registration: Parish office OR email: [seminariansonline@gmail.com](mailto:seminariansonline@gmail.com) OR [diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg](mailto:diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg) Closing date is 12 Aug '16

Well and Good  
if all things  
change, Lord God,  
provided we are  
rooted in You.



Quoteworthy  
-St. John of the Cross

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Interspersory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 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 at the makeshift confessional at the baptistery (back of Church) 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: [hkchuajohn@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 969  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 8 August - SAT 13 August 2016  
**MON:** EZ 1:2-5, 24-28C, MT 17:22-27 **TUE:** EZ 2:8 - 3:4,, MT 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 **WED:** 2 COR 9:6-10, JN 12:24-26 **THU:** EZ 12:1-12, MT 18:21–19:1 **FRI:** EZ 16:1-15, 60, 63, MT 19:3-12 **SAT:** EZ 18:1-10, 13B, 30-32, MT 19:13-15

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7 August 2016**

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** The context for this passage from Wisdom is the tenth plague in Egypt, the killing of the firstborn as the Israelites celebrated their first Passover and the angel of death passed over the houses marked with the blood of the lamb. Trust in God's covenant promises and attunement to God's ways lead the Israelites to wait on the Lord with certain knowledge that God would act on their behalf, liberating them from Egyptian slavery. By routing their enemies, God remembered the people, heard their cries and responded with love and compassion, thus glorifying them as God's special people. Yearly "the divine institution" of Passover is celebrated to remember God's covenant fidelity to the people and their constant need to trust in and be attuned to God's ways.

**Responsorial Psalm 33:** The psalm praises the Lord for the special blessing bestowed on them as people chosen by God. God's initiative in establishing a relationship with the people brings assurance that "the eyes of the Lord

are upon" the people "to deliver them from death." Twice "kindness" or hesed, God's age-old, enduring covenant love, is mentioned as the motivating factor for their hope and trust in the Lord as their "help and shield." Like the Israelites, we too are called to wait upon the Lord, trusting and hoping in that rich covenant love, and always assured that God is attentive to our needs, does hear, has compassion and ultimately liberates, saves and redeems.

**Second Reading:** In this passage from the Letter of the Hebrews, faith is defined as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen." Abraham and Sarah are presented as ideal example of people who hoped and trusted in God, not knowing where it would lead, or how it would turn out. They trusted when asked to leave home for a new promised land. They trusted when told that their descendants would be countless, even though they were both old and had no children. They even trusted when God asked them to sacrifice Isaac, their only hope for future progeny. They trusted because they had faith in God beyond this time and place, assured that God knows better than we limited human beings, and that faith in God would eventually lead to

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eternal dwelling with God.

**Gospel:** Luke's Jesus counsels us to trust and not be afraid for "the Father is pleased to give you the kingdom." However, we are warned to be ever ready and vigilant, for we do not know the time or day when the master will return to hold us accountable. A simple life style, unattached to the goods of this world and striving always for heavenly treasure, is the best form of readiness, for "where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Jesus relates two parables that stress the need for vigilance in waiting upon the master's return. All are to be ready but disciples will be held to greater standards of accountability, since they have been entrusted with much. Any abuse will be punished while loving attention to and service of others will be greatly rewarded.

### Some Saints of the Week

#### St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr – 9 August

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein at Breslau in 1891 into an observant Jewish family, but by the time she reached her teens, she had become an atheist. She went on to study philosophy and received her doctorate at Freiburg under the philosopher Edmund Husserl but left her university career to teach at a girls' school when Husserl did not support her further studies. Influenced by her study of Thomism and spirituality, she became a Catholic in 1922. In 1932, she became a lecturer at Munster, but anti-Semitic laws passed by the Nazis forced her to resign, and she entered the Carmel of Cologne in 1933. In an attempt to protect her from the Nazis, she was transferred to a Carmel in the Netherlands, but when the Dutch bishops condemned Nazi racism, the Nazis

retaliated by arresting Jewish converts. Edith, along with her sister Rosa, who had also become a Catholic, was deported to Auschwitz and died in the gas chamber on August 9, 1942. She was canonised by Pope John Paul II in 1998.

#### St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr – 10 August

St. Lawrence († 258), one of the seven deacons of the Roman Church, fell victim to the anti-Christian persecutions launched by emperor Valerian. Although little is known about the events leading up to his death, legend claims that he was martyred by being roasted on a gridiron. However, most historians believe he was beheaded several days after Pope Sixtus II was.

According to tradition, his death brought an end to idolatry and led to the conversation of Rome. His life has been the subject of many artistic masterpieces, including the paintings of Fra Angelico.

#### St. Clare – 11 August

Inspired by the Lenten sermons of her close friend St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare of Assisi (1193/4 – 1253) renounced her wealth to found the Poor Clares, or Minorenes, a community of nuns devoted to a simple, austere life of prayer. She is the patron saint of television, due to a vision she had while lying sick in bed on Christmas Eve, in which she saw the crib and heard the singing just as if she was present in the church. In art, she is often depicted holding a monstrance because she protected Assisi from attackers with the Blessed Sacrament. Her sister, St. Agnes eventually joined the Poor Clares.

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### PARISH NEWS

**SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT** We are in dire need of 6 Primary and 5 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development for the children and teenagers of SPP. Anyone who wishes to help out these children, please call/SMS Moses at 9009 2226 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.

**RCIA 2016/2017** – Starting on 5 Jul '16, every Tue at 7.30pm. This is a year's journey for those seeking to know more about the Catholic faith. It prepares newcomers to encounter Jesus and his Church, and discern towards receiving the sacraments of Christian initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Sessions are led by priest or religious and will be held in the Chapel (3rd level, Parish Building). Please invite your non-Catholic friends, colleagues and spouse to attend and learn more about the faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors. Registration forms are available from the Parish office; or contact our coordinator, Jonathan Chan at 9685 7290 or email [2kumleong@gmail.com](mailto:2kumleong@gmail.com) for more information.

**3 DAYS 2 NIGHTS JOHOR/MALACCA PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a three days pilgrimage to Johor and Malacca from Sat/ Mon 10 - 12 Sep '16. This is a project in aid of

Church of Sts Peter & Paul Maintenance Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at the Secretariat Office. Registration closes on 8 Aug '16.

**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

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**COUPLE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (CEP) 2016** Have you ever felt like you were coping with your married life rather than living it? Would you like to experience the fullness of marital joy? CEP is a program for married couples who wish to discover more about building strong marriages, and to raise emotionally well-balanced children. Come and learn the latest Catholic Church teachings on family life and life skills to build a more emotionally intelligent marriage. Come for the introduction session to find out what our upcoming sessions & topics. Date: Sun, 14 Aug '16 Time: 1.00pm to 5.30pm. Venue: St Anne's Church, 66 Sengkang East Way S(548593) \*A dedicated team will be available to take care of your kids including infants! Register NOW and make God the cornerstone of your marriage! Please contact Victor & Annabelle at 9105 9921 or Andrea at 9857 9075. Visit [www.cep-sg.org](http://www.cep-sg.org) or [facebook.com/CoupleEmpowermentProgram](https://www.facebook.com/CoupleEmpowermentProgram) to find out more.

**CARITAS SINGAPORE SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2016** is less than a month away! Sat 13 Aug 16 @ Performing Arts Centre, Catholic Junior College. Theme: Witness to Mercy, Bearer of Compassion. Interested to understand the real issues and challenges of the poor in Singapore? Want to discover the opportunities available for lay Catholics to play a part to help? . Be inspired by and meet leaders working in this space; including keynote speaker, Cardinal Luis Tagle, President of Caritas Internationalis.. You are invited to register for this