

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

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YOUNG ADULTS WORKSHOPS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING Inviting young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) to join us in this 2-part Catholic Social Teaching Workshop. The first workshop - 'Catholic Social Teaching: Historical Origins and Relevance in today's world' will be on 12 November 2016 (Sat); The second workshop - 'My good, greater good, common good: Which to pursue?' is on 26 November. Both workshops will be from 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Venue: level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street. For more

information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together and strive to keep the flame burning strong. There are still slots for the next ME Weekend from Nov 4 to Nov 6 (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

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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
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)

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 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 1008

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: his poor man called; the Lord heard him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 24 October - SAT 29 October 2016

MON: EPH 4:32-5:8, LK 13:10-17 **TUE:** EPH 5:21-33, LK 13:18-21 **WED:** EPH 6:1-9, LK 13:22-30 **THU:** EPH 6:10-20, LK 13:31-35 **FRI:** EPH 2:19-22, LK 6:12-16 **SAT:** PHIL 1:18B-26, LK 14:1, 7-11

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Sirach is part of the Wisdom literature of ancient Israel. The author affirms that the "Lord is a God of justice" and hears the cry of the oppressed and the lowly. The widows and orphans were especially vulnerable in society and their pleas do not go unheeded by God. But the Lord has no favourites and hears the cry of all who willingly serve God.

Responsorial Psalm 34: The words of the refrain echo the tone of the reading from Sirach. The text is a hymn of praise to God; the actions of God on behalf of those who cry out are named. The saving action of the Lord is the reason "to bless the Lord at all times."

Second Reading: As he nears the end of his journey Paul recalls his ministry and proclaims that the Lord will welcome him to the heavenly Kingdom. His "apologia" is both a testament to the commitment and energy he gave to his mission and a profession of faith in the Lord who has sustained him. But the glory, Paul states, belongs to the Lord.

Gospel: The parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector has overtones that are easily connected to the First Reading and the Responsorial Psalm of today. Both the prayer of the tax collector and the Pharisee are heard by God; the lesson of the parable lies in the disposition of the ones who pray. The honesty and sincerity of the former and the lack of

humility by the latter set them apart. The fact that the Pharisee was a religious leader and the tax collector a confessed sinner is not lost on Jesus' listeners. What each of them confesses may be true; what's in their hearts makes all the difference.

Saints of the Week

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles – 28 October

Two of the Twelve we remember today: Simon, who was called a Zealot, and Judas, also called Thaddeus. That is the end of the historical record. But the memory of the Church, which might not meet all the requirements of modern historians, does have a deeper record of these two saints. Sometime after Pentecost the two of them went off to spread the Gospel in Persia. There they freed people from the oppression that comes with worshipping idols and confronting magicians and pagan priests. The magicians of the false gods demanded a showdown with the holy Apostles, challenging them like the Egyptian priests challenged Moses and Aaron in the courts of Pharaoh. Many were amazed and came to know the truth of Christ, but the magicians and pagan priests rushed upon the Apostles and killed them.

The Rosary and Sacred Scripture

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.

Luke 1:28 "And coming to her, he said, "Hail,

full of grace, the Lord is with you.”

The Greek kecharitome means favored by grace, graced. Its tense suggests a permanent state of being “highly favored,” thus full of grace. Charity, the divine love within us, comes from the same root. God is infinite Goodness, infinite Love. Mary is perfect created goodness, filled to the limit of her finite being with grace or charity.

Blessed art thou among women

Luke 1:41-42a “When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, “Most blessed are you among women...”

Luke 1:48 “For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed.”

Among all women is a way to say the highest/greatest etc. of a group in Semitic languages (these words would likely have been spoken in Aramaic). Mary is being called the greatest of all women, greater than Ruth, greater than Sarah, greater than EVE! Since Eve was created immaculate (without original sin), Mary must have been conceived immaculate. And, although Eve fell into sin by her own free will, Mary must have corresponded to God’s grace and remained sinless. She could not otherwise be greater than Eve. Thus, as the Fathers of the Church unanimously assert, Mary is the New Eve who restores womanhood to God’s original intention and cooperates with the New Adam, her Son, for the Redemption of the world.

Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus

Luke 1:42b “and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Jesus is Mary’s fruit. Good fruit does not come from anything but a good tree (Mt. 7:17-18)! The all-holy Son of God could not be the fruit of any other tree than the Immaculate Virgin.

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Luke 1:43 “And how does this happen to me,

that the mother of my Lord should come to me?

Kyrios is the Greek word used by the Jews in the Septuagint Bible (Greek translation) for Yhwh, the Divine Name of God. In her greeting of Mary, Elizabeth is saying: “How is it that the mother of my God should come to me.” Against the heresies of the 4th and 5th centuries which tried to split the Person of Jesus into two, divine and human, denying one or the other, the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD proclaimed Mary Theotokos (God-bearer, i.e. mother of God). Jesus is a single Person, a Divine Person, the 2nd Person of the Most Holy Trinity. To be mother of the Person Jesus is to be mother of a Person who is God. Mary’s title protects this truth against errors which emphasize or deny, either the divinity or humanity of the Lord.

Pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Luke 2:35 “...and you yourself a sword will pierce so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”

John 2:5 “His mother said to the servers, “Do whatever he tells you.”

Mary sees a need and appeals to Her Son to satisfy it. He does. We turn to Mary to ask her to intercede with her Son in our daily spiritual and material needs, but especially at the hour of our death. At that moment our salvation hangs in the balance as the devil makes his final foray to deter us from the path to God (Rev. 2:10). It is not surprising, therefore, that both the Hail Mary and the Our Father conclude with an appeal to be delivered from the evil one.

Is the rosary mindless babbling?

The purpose of the different beads on the rosary is to count the various prayers as they are said. Unlike the Moslem prayer beads and the mantras of Buddhism, the prayers of the rosary are meant to occupy our whole being, body and soul, while meditating on the truths of the Faith. Any prayer is vain, however, if said mechanically without devotion. Simply to repeat prayers is not the vain repetition condemned by Christ (Mt 6:7), since He Himself repeats His prayer in the Garden

three times (Mt 26:39, 42, 44) and the Psalms (inspired by the Holy Spirit) are often very repetitive (Ps 119 has 176 verses and Ps. 136 repeats the same phrase 26 times).

Matthew 6:7 In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.

Psalm 136:1-26

Praise the LORD, who is so good; God’s love endures forever; Praise the God of gods; God’s love endures forever; . . . Praise the God of heaven, God’s love endures forever.

Matthew 26:39 He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”

Matthew 26:42 Withdrawing a second

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PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS’ DAY (Day of Obligation) Mon, 31 Oct 16: 5.30pm, English Anticipated Mass. Tuesday, 1 Nov ‘16: Mass at 7.20am, 5.30pm (English), 7.30pm (Mandarin)

ALL SOULS’ DAY - Wed, 2 Nov ‘16: Mass at 7.20am, 5.30pm (English) followed by blessing of niches, 7.30pm (Mandarin) followed by blessing of niches

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 doctrines 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.

MASS FOR THE DEAF & THE HEARING IMPAIRED - Fr Rowland Yeo celebrates mass in sign language in our chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building) at 11.00am every Sunday.

time, he prayed again, “My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!”

Matthew 26:44 He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again.

The Church believes that it is necessary for a Christian to meditate (prayerfully think about) the will of God, the life and teachings of Jesus, the price He paid for our salvation, and so on. Unless we do this we will begin to take these great gifts for granted and ultimately fall away from the Lord. Every Christian must meditate in some way in order to preserve the gift of salvation (James 1:22-25). Many Catholic and non-Catholic Christians prayerfully read and apply Scripture to their lives, that is, meditate on them. With the rosary this can be done virtually anywhere and anytime.

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.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 10 - 11 Dec ‘16 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

[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 5 Nov ‘16.** 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*