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**Pauline Treasures** - Discover the treasures of the Pauline Spirituality. Be inspired by Jesus the Divine Master, Way, Truth and Life, Saint Paul, & Mary Queen of the Apostles. The day concludes with a visit to the School of the Divine Master, which is the Pauline hour of Eucharistic adoration. Sat 3 Oct 9.00am-5.00pm, Church of Sts Peter & Paul Chapel (level 3). Free Admission. Register at [paulinesg100years@gmail.com](mailto:paulinesg100years@gmail.com) Inquiries 6560 8003, 63565958 [www.paulines.org.sg](http://www.paulines.org.sg)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME)** invites married couples to sign up for a special weekend with your spouse. Invest in this most beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and a closer relationship with each other. Limited spaces are still available for coming 2-4 October

weekend. To register, please call 9670 5390 or go to our website at [www.MESingapore.org](http://www.MESingapore.org). Coming Weekends: 6-8 Nov and 4-6 Dec '15.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)** For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter is on 4 Oct '15. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be downloaded from our website @ [www.catholic.org.sg/mpc](http://www.catholic.org.sg/mpc). Please refer to our website for further details. For any enquiries, please contact: Peter & Rita @ 93673411 or email [MPCSingapore@gmail.com](mailto:MPCSingapore@gmail.com)

**STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY?** CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: [ask@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:ask@clarity-singapore.org); Website: [www.clarity-singapore.org](http://www.clarity-singapore.org)

Sunset Mass 5.30pm  
Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday)  
Sunday Masses  
8.30am (Mandarin)  
11.00am (English)  
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor  
4.20pm (English)  
Weekday Masses  
7.20am  
5.30pm  
Intercessory Prayer  
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)

Infant Jesus Devotions  
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)  
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)  
Divine Mercy Devotions  
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)  
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour  
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)  
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)  
3.00pm (Daily)  
Counselling @ SPP  
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP 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](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 B) Pg 231 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 233  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.**  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 28 September - SAT 3 October 2015  
**MON:** Zec 8:1-8, Lk 9:46-50 **TUE:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, Jn 1:47-51 **WED:** Neh 2:1-8, Lk 9:57-62 **THU:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12, Lk 10:1-12 **FRI:** Bar 1:15-22, Mt 18:1-5, 10 **SAT:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29, Lk 10:17-24

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 27 September 2015**

**The Lectionary for Mass**

**First Reading:** God bestowed the spirit on the elders, and they prophesied as a result. Only God could choose to give or to withhold the spirit. Moses, more aware than others that the spirit was a free gift, did not cling to status. He not only affirmed the liberty and unpredictability of God's activity, but wished that everyone would be so gifted.

**Responsorial Psalm 19** has three focal points: creation's testimony to God's goodness, the beauty of God's law and the human desire to serve God well. The psalmist admits that no one, no matter how faithful or vigilant, can be perfect. Our only recourse is to turn to God, who will cleanse and guide us.

**Second Reading:** James writes in the context of the impending end of the world. He warns the rich that they have stored up treasures for the last days, but the end times that are coming will reverse all their hopes. That which they could have spent on others will not only

be rusted, but the money and moth-eaten garments will actually testify against them.

**Gospel:** Jesus wastes no time in refocusing the disciples' priorities. If someone performed a mighty deed in Jesus' name, that was a sign of the person's solidarity with Jesus and his ministry. The disciples believe that Jesus is acting with the power of the Spirit of God; therefore, they should recognise that anyone who does the kind of works he does is also graced with power from the same Spirit.

**Feast of Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels -29 September**

About this Feast

We celebrate the feast of the three archangels, Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the great heralds of salvation and defenders against the power of evil. St. Michael is guardian and protector of the Church, from its roots in Israel to the Church of today and beyond. In Hebrew, his name means "who is like God". St. Gabriel, whose name means "hero of God", announces that John the Baptist

will be born to Elizabeth and Zechariah. He is entrusted with the most important task of revealing to Mary that she will bear the Son of God. Then, there is St. Raphael, whose name is Hebrew for “God has healed”. He is named in Tobit 12 as the one standing in the presence of God, and in 1 Enoch (early Jewish writing\_ as the healer of the earth (10:7).

### **Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels - 2 October**

About this Memorial

Today we honour the countless unnamed angels assigned to guide, guard and protect us throughout our lives. The belief in angels is supported by their mention in the Book of Psalms and other books of the Old Testament, as well as the Gospel, as in today’s passage from Matthew 18:10.

### **PRAYER TO OUR GUARDIAN ANGEL**

*Angel of God,  
My guardian dear,  
To whom God’s love  
Commits me here,  
Ever this day,  
Be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide.*

Amen

### **Some Saints of the Week**

#### **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church - 30 September**

St. Jerome (345 - 420) is the patron saint

of scholars and librarians. With a great love of learning and books, as a monk and priest, he developed a passion for the interpretation of Sacred Scripture. With a comprehensive knowledge of classical language, St. Jerome produced a Latin text of the entire Bible eventually known as the Vulgate. He wrote numerous commentaries on several books in the Bible, including the highly reputable work on the Gospel according to Matthew. Along with writing, he provided spiritual guidance to wealthy widows and mentored young monks in monastic discipline. St. Jerome joins three other saints (Ambrose, Augustine and Gregory the Great) as the first Doctors of the Church.

#### **St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church - 1 October**

St. Thérèse of Lisieux of the Child Jesus (1873 – 1897) known as the “Little Flower”, was a spiritual athlete, but not in the same way as her contemporaries. Contrary to the spirituality of her time, which favoured self-mortification and miraculous phenomena, she approached God through the ordinary experiences of everyday life.

As a Carmelite nun, she coined the phrase “the Little Way”, referring to her belief that every act, no matter how small, is an opportunity to meet and praise God. While struggling with the debilitating disease of tuberculosis, she wrote her spiritual autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*. Her autobiography, translated into over fifty languages, has inspired faith in the skeptic and strengthened the soul of the believer. She is patron saint of the missions and a Doctor of the Church.

### **PARISH NEWS**

**THANK YOU** - Church Collection for our SPP Society of St Vincent de Paul for the month of Aug ‘15 amounted to \$3,822.45 and Donations mounted to \$100.00. Expenditure for the month was \$6,510.00. We support 76 Friends-In-Need (FINs). Majority of them are elderly poor living in Chinatown and Beach Road/North Bridge Road areas. Thank you for your continuous support and generosity in caring for the poor and needy through our SSVP, St Peter’s Conference.

**Ministry of the Altar Servers** - The ministry of the Altar Servers is having a recruitment drive on the 19 September to 27 Sep ‘15. We will be having a recruitment booth by the side of the church. Feel free to approach us, especially young boys from aged 8 - 16! We welcome you! Call: 8168 7823 (Ben), Email: benedict92@gmail.com

**2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE** - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec ‘15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

**UKULELE CLASS** - Want to learn how to play ukulele and give back to the church is a fun way? Ukulele class is available every Monday 8:00pm, guaranteed to be able to learn the ukulele within a week from the professionals who will be teaching how to play various hymns and pop songs! Students will then be performing and bringing fun to many homes and hospitals! Join the troupe today! Please contact Michael Cheuk at hp: 94763277 to sign up. Place: Room 7, 2nd level, SPP Parish Building every Monday, 8:00pm to 9:30pm (except public holiday). Training is Free of charge; training materials will be provided.

**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**

**A TERESIAN TRIDUUM** - on the life of St Teresa of Avila “ In The Hands of God” on her writings, her conversations with Christ and her response to God’s mercies. 12 - 14 Oct ‘15, 7.30pm followed by Mass at Carmelite Monastery. Speaker Fr Gregory Hon, OCD. Solemnity of St Teresa, 15 Oct ‘15, Mass at 6.00pm. Celebrant Archbishop William Goh, DD.

**DIY COUNSELLING WORKSHOP** – learn a simple effective skill and process to help you manage life issues or confusions. Date: 27 Sept (Sun) 2-5pm at Lifesprings