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YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 8) The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 20 Nov ‘17 (Mon); 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.; level 2, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Topic: “I was a stranger and you welcomed me (Matthew 25:35)” - Do we have a responsibility towards migrants? For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website:

www.caritas-singapore-org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

THE GOD OF MANY CHANCES - A prayer weekend by Sr. Linda Lizada and Team (Cenacle Sisters). Date: 10-12 Nov '17, Fri 8.00pm to Sun 1.00pm, at Monfort Spirituality Centre. Contribution: \$250 per person. For information, contact 65652895 or 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: 24 - 26 Nov 2017 (Fri evening to Sun 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=8



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 583

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 6 November - SAT 11 November 2017

MON: ROM 11:29-36, LK 14:12-14 **TUE:** ROM 12:5-16AB, LK 14:15-24 **WED:** ROM 13:8-10, LK 14:25-33 **THU:** EZ 47:1-2, 8-9, 12, JN 2:13-22 **FRI:** ROM 15:14-21, LK 16:1-8 **SAT:** ROM 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, LK 16:9-15

Jesus calls us to humility on the **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** as he says in the **Gospel of Matthew**, “Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” He encourages us to turn away from honours and titles and to take the lowest place at the banquet.

We celebrate the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome; the Memorial of Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church, and the Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop.

During the regular readings this week, we conclude a four-week series of first readings from **Paul’s Letter to the Romans**. He reminds us, “Who has known the mind of the Lord?”

In the Gospel according to Luke we see Jesus living out his daily life with challenging honesty. He calls us to extend an invitation out of our hearts, not with an eye on an invitation in return: “invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” Then Jesus tells the parable of the invited guests who made excuses to decline the invitation. He sends his servants to invite everyone. Jesus tells a crowd that they have to renounce their possessions to be his disciple and that to do something really important, we have to prepare and be ready. When the religious leaders complain, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them,” Jesus tells parables of the man who finds his

lost sheep and the woman with the lost coin, both of whom rejoice in finding what was lost. A steward protects himself by pardoning those who owe his master. We end the week with Jesus asking which is more important, God or money? “No servant can serve two masters.”

Being prepared for the coming of the Lord is the nugget in the gospel for the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear in Matthew’s Gospel the story of the foolish maidens who are not ready for their master’s coming, and miss the wedding feast.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week guides us deep into our faith in several ways.

As we go about our very busy lives this week, we can continue to practise focusing our attention on an ongoing conversation with our Lord throughout the day. Our desires - for union with our Lord, to know God’s love for us, to become more aware of our failings, to become more generous with our family and friends, to be more patient and forgiving, to love as we have been loved - can be expressed in these simple expressions. These expressed desires will naturally interact with the real events of our day.

The gospels this week will draw us into desiring to be more merciful and to not let money or pride dominate our behaviour. We

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
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
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat’s Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
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 EDWARD LIM, OCD, Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com	

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won't be "unprepared" if we keep making openings for our Lord to enter the ordinary moments of our days. In repeated moments, we can simply open our hearts and ask God for the desire to have our lives focus on God's desires for us, rather than what our culture wants us to focus on so constantly.

Jesus welcomes us - even as sinners - and eats with us. He is the one who invites us to be like him in seeking out the lost, to growing in compassion. We can reflect all week on that

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Reflection

The greatest among you must be your servant. Matthew 23:11

In today's gospel, Jesus urges us not to be like the scribes and Pharisees because they aren't sincere in their lives. "They preach but they do not practise. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people's shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them." Jesus is telling his followers that the religious leaders of his day worked hard to follow rules and look devout. Their faith was practised for show, with longer prayer tassels than others and making their phylacteries - the prayer boxes they wore - easier for people to notice. Their pious rituals earned them places of honour at banquets and synagogues, and public greetings in other places.

But while the religious leaders preened and looked holy and otherworldly, they didn't bother to connect with their people. Pharisees were strict about rules when work could be done and how laws were enforced, but their hearts held no compassion for those who struggled. They relished their lives of privilege and it blinded them to the suffering of others. Am I relieved when I read this gospel? I don't wear tassels and other public signs of our piety today so do I think I am off the hook? Or is there an echo of another Pharisee in Luke 18 who prays, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity—greedy, dishonest, adulterous...."

When we stop and really open our hearts to Jesus, we can recognise once again that we are

call, in concrete terms in relation to the people in our lives and throughout the world.

Of course, we can prepare for Sunday by reflection on how we are prepared with oil in our lamps - and what that might mean for our "readiness" for the calls we are receiving from the Lord.

Each night, let's look back over the day briefly, and give thanks for a God who listens to our desires.

far from perfect. But the good news for us is that Jesus is not looking for perfection in us but humility and service. Jesus reminds us that we are brothers and sisters, part of the human family. He urges us to be compassionate and not to let our lives get side-tracked by the external rewards offered by our society.

Jesus invites all of us, even the greatest among us, to be a servant. We may chafe at the idea of being a servant. I don't want to be lowly and I want to be in control in a way a servant is not. But what if we alter the way we think about the kind of service Jesus is calling us to? As we consider being a servant, we change the meaning to love.

I am a servant to my husband: I serve my husband by loving him better.

Parents are called to serve their children - to love them.

Many of us are servants for/loving - our elderly parents.

In my life today, I am no longer raising children, but I am serving/loving my husband each day as much as I can. And I have grandchildren to care for, and my adult children to love in new ways.

When I am at my best, Jesus is at the centre of my life and service, and any activity I am involved in, is about serving. I still listen as people share their suffering with me and I grieve for those around the world whose lives are so filled with pain.

Our goal is to be a servant for those who suffer, sharing this pain with Jesus. It is that awareness of others and the compassion I pray for that counteracts what Pope Francis calls the globalisation of indifference.

The first reading from Malachi echoes the gospel with the same challenges to the religious leaders who had grown lazy in their duties. Soon the people followed their example. Malachi reproaches: they "have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter"

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/110117.html>

PARISH NEWS

SPP YEAR-END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS - Date: 31 December '17, Sunday.

A) Special Thanksgiving Mass at 5.30pm with renewal of marriage vows and blessings for all married couples. Please note that there is NO 4pm Mass on this day.

B) A Kampong Nite @ SPP, 7.30pm, SPP Compound. Join in our Parish Dinner after the Thanksgiving Mass at 7.30pm. Lots of fun and laughter awaits with programmes throughout the evening till we welcome 2018 together! Cost: \$300 per table. Sale of tickets will start on 4 November '17 at the Church Office! Come with your family and celebrate as a Parish family!

PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS - Our parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book placed near the Infant Jesus shrine. Souls whose names are in the book will be prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome and no registration is needed), 4 Nov '17 (Sat). Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church). 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.25pm to 4.00pm - Mass celebrated by Fr. Thomas Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For

by their instruction. "Have we not all the one father? Has not the one God created us?"

Loving God, today I pray to ignore the question that is so often in my heart: "What about ME?" I beg you to help open my heart to hear the needs of others in my family, my life and this world. Help me to forget myself and lose myself in service/love. Then I will truly know that my life is in your hands. Then I will feel as loved and protected as a "weaned child on its mother's lap."

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NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

VILLAGEFEST 2017 - Gather as a family for sessions promoting healthy family relations, spiritual inputs, prayers and the consecration of families to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. When: 18 Nov '17, Time: 930am - 4.00pm. Where: St Joseph's Institution Junior. Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation and Archdiocesan Commission for the Family. Free admission. For more info and to register: Visit www.one.org.sg/events

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund - **CHARIS** is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. You can also send a