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3-DAYS SANTA CRUZ PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a three-day pilgrimage to Malacca Santa Cruz from Fri/Sun 1 - 3 Sep '17. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at Sts Peter & Paul Secretariat Office.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

Entering university this year? It's the season for the Freshmen Orientation Camps, and the Office for Young People invites you to join in the university catholic FOCs or to get in touch with the university catholic communities, to Kickstart your University Life with a solid foundation, Christ our Lord! We pray that you may be rooted in him and build up on him, held firm in faith, and overflowing with thanksgiving (cf. Col 2:7). We pray for a full and purposeful University Life for you! NUS 26-29 Jun. NTU 24-27 Jul. SIM 4-6 Aug. SMU 25-27 Aug. Calling also JCU, SIT, SUTD and Yale-NUS students! To register or find out more, go to www.oyp.org.sg/UniFOC

ACT talks on the Holy Face, The Bible Alone Theory, and Explaining Purgatory, Statutes, etc to Non Catholics. 1. The Miraculous Image of the Holy Face, 16 Jun '17 (by Andrew Kong) 2. The Bible Alone Theory, 23 June '17 (by Kelvin Chia) 3. Explaining Purgatory, Statutes, etc to Non Catholics, 30 June '17 (by Kelvin Chia) Date / Time: 16, 23, 30 June 2017, Fridays. 7.45 pm to 9.30 pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street. FOC, All are Welcome. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup> or SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). More details: www.catholic.sg/act

ART & SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART by Cenacle Sisters & team. Date: 21 July (8.00pm) to 23 July (1.00pm) Venue: Montfort Spirituality Centre Contribution: \$350/person (includes materials). See how art, life & creativity can lead to "finding God in all things". This is not an art workshop, but a time for prayer & reflection, non-artists are most welcome. Register at www.cenaclemission.com/register; T: 65652895; E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

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
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)

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 baptistry (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

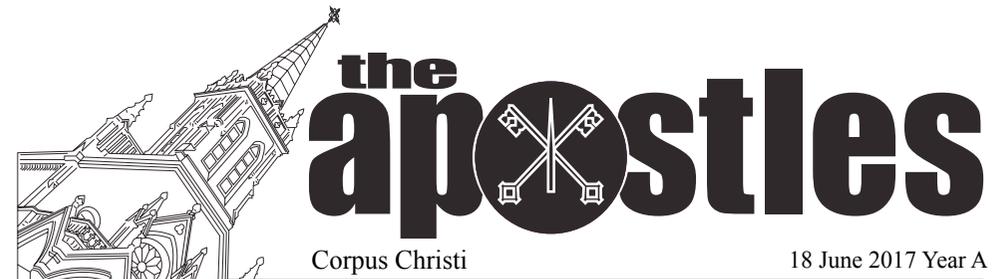
Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD, **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD, **Parish Secretary:** Ms Martha Loh, **Parish Clerk:** Ms Jannie Lui, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) 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 A) Pg 477

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: O Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 19 June - **SAT** 24 June 2016

MON: 2 COR 6:1-10, MT 5:38-42 **TUE:** 2 COR 8:1-9, MT 5:43-48 **WED:** 2 COR 9:6-11, MT 6:1-6, 16-18 **THU:** 2 COR 11:1-11, MT 6:7-15 **FRI:** DT 7:6-11, MT 11:25-30 **SAT:** IS 49:1-6, LK 1:57-66, 80

Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This week is a great preparation for our journey with Jesus more deeply into the mystery of self-giving love. "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

We celebrate the Memorial of the Jesuit Saint Aloysius Gonzaga this week. Friday is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist.

The first reading this week is from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. Paul is defending himself. He tells the people of Corinth and us not to receive the grace of God in vain. Paul reminds them about generosity and cheerful giving. He begs the community not to dismiss him because of his poor speaking abilities saying, "Even if I am untrained in speaking, I am not so in knowledge." He boasts about his weakness, which he had at first begged to be freed from by the Lord, who said to him, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

We have ended our readings from Mark for this Liturgical Year and take up the Gospel of Matthew, which will be part of our readings

for the rest of the year. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls us beyond simply being moral. His message is not an "eye for an eye," but turning the other cheek, loving our enemies and praying for them. Jesus warns us about performing good deeds for others to see. He teaches us to pray simply, because our Father knows what we need. "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal... For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." Focus on God, not the world: "No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.

Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time. Jesus tells us not to be afraid and to trust in his love and care for us.

Daily Prayer This Week

There is nothing like the Sermon on the Mount to help us hear the message of Jesus, and to let ourselves be addressed by those words. All of us can ask for these graces with real specificity, that is, with real people and real daily circumstances in mind. We know with whom we need to "turn the other cheek" and to love more. We know the circumstances in which we are tempted to "be religious" in the right circumstances only.

Upon reflection, each of us can take the time

to “locate” our hearts, by discovering what we tend to treasure. We can check ourselves out by making a list of the “five most important things” to me. Then we can make a list of the five things I spend most of my time on. Comparing the lists will help us get concrete about asking the Lord for the grace we need to put our lives back in balance, if we aren’t. All of us can name what we worry about. And so we can all ask for the graces to “seek first” the Kingdom of God.

All of this reflection can happen throughout the week in the background of our daily life, if we get into the habit of focusing for a few moments each morning. If we take just 30 seconds, at the edge of our bed each morning, it will begin to establish a habit of living more reflectively.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site:<http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection - The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Today is a very special day in the Church and I am humbled to reflect on these readings and the sacred meanings of this day. While the Feast of Corpus Christi was not celebrated in the Church until 13th Century, the reason for the celebration is certainly much earlier -- this “feast” really started on Holy Thursday, when at the Last Supper, Jesus gave His body and blood to the disciples. His sacred body and blood were freely given up for all of us on Good Friday. Sometimes the sorrow of that time may overshadow the beautiful gift that was given on Holy Thursday. A lasting gift and one that we are privileged to have available to us. The idea of our Father providing life-giving nutrient to us is mentioned in other places in the Bible as we see in our readings. A unique part of today’s reading is the Sequence written by St. Thomas Aquinas as a special prayer of celebration for this important feast.

Our first reading, Moses reminds the people that God directed the journey throughout the desert and when they thought they

Thank you for this day, Lord. Help me to be focused today on not getting so hooked by Ann’s ways or Bob’s harsh words. I need your grace to place my trust in you. Help me especially before I have to talk with Ann on the phone and let me stay focused before Bill comes home from work.

Our version of a brief moment with the Lord - friend to friend - can be repeated and made more specific, while we are going about our day. Some days, we might have 20 such moments of prayerful conversation with our Lord - guided by the Word, the desires that are surfacing, and the events of our daily lives. And, each night, we can give thanks for this deeper relationship with the Lord that is developing in my heart.

would die of starvation provided manna. Manna was something they had never had before, it was unknown to them – a heavenly substance that nourished the body and renewed the soul. Yet, they did not fully grasp the depth of that gift and of the gift that was to come.

The very short second reading is so beautiful in its simplicity: Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. One of our parish priests says a similar statement when he holds up the host and the chalice as we are invited to the Supper and humbly proclaim our unworthiness at Jesus even entering under our roof yet faithfully acknowledging that our soul will be saved. Every time he says that, I am moved with the thought of partaking of the body of Christ. I know that every priest states This is the Body of Christ but the words from this reading always strike to the depth of my heart. The other aspect of this reading is the concept of being one body. The lovely St Louis Jesuit song of One

Bread, One Body echoes this notion. From my background reading on this feast day, I think it is safe to say that another aspect of this celebration is the idea that the Church is one body. As part of that body, we have an obligation of service to the rest of the body. We are connected to each other through Christ. Here in this temporary place called earth, we are challenged to live as a member of that body, a part of a whole, incomplete on our own.

In the gospel, Jesus is explaining to the people the new “manna” for them – that which will nourish and sustain them – not their physical being this time but their spiritual being. It is His body and blood that will save us – first as He sacrifices himself for us but also each time we receive His body and blood. Today’s Solemnity allows us to embrace this gift. It is a time

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PARISH NEWS

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 24 June 2017 at 2.30 pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Tuesday 20 June 2017.

SPP PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS - 25 Jun ‘17 (Sun) Mass: 11:00am (Main Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh). Lunch: 12:30pm. Venue: SPP compound All are welcomed to celebrate our Parish Feast Day together! Join in the fun with activities and performances from various ministries!

SILVER SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION of Fr. Joseph Koh, OCD. 5 Aug ‘17 (Sat). Mass at 5:30pm. Dinner: 7:00pm at Carlton Hotel. Tickets are available at \$1,000 per table in the Church Office from 27 May ‘17 onwards. Do join in the celebrations of Fr. Joseph’s vocation, marking 25 years as a priest.

for us to give great thought not only to the blessings that we have received but also to the expectations of being given eternal life. How do we live this gift? How do we fully embrace it in all its meanings? In the USA this year, this Solemnity falls on Fathers’ Day. While that is not the case through the world, I find it comforting to think of our Father and how He provides for us in every way. Some of us no longer have our earthly fathers with us, some may not have the father that they needed, and, of course, many have caring, nurturing father – yet all of us, share the same loving Father who gave us his only Son, that we would be saved. Our brother, our Christ, who gives us His body and blood that whoever eats this bread will live forever. The enduring presence of Christ strengthens and sustains us. The body of the Church unites us not only with Christ but with each other.

SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - There will be Five First Saturday Devotion Sessions until 7 Oct ‘17 led by various SPP Ministries: 1 July - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, 5 August - Sion Adorers, 2 September - Legion of Mary and 7 October - English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers. For more information please refer to the article in Bulletin or obtain a copy of the booklet “FATIMA AND ITS MESSAGE” from the Church Office.

RCIA 2017/2018 - Starting on 4 Jul (Every Tue), 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 lvl, 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 register