

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 3 JANUARY 2016 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2: 1-12

“Holy Spirit, direct my attitude today. Help me to sense your guidance, and fill my heart with your joy.”

In the days of King Herod, magi from the east arrived. (Matthew 2:1). Today's Gospel gives us a striking example of how powerful our predispositions can be.

First, we meet King Herod, who is “greatly troubled” by news of Jesus’ birth (Matthew 2:3). Then, we meet the magi, who are “overjoyed” by the exact same event (2:10). Both grasp that a new king has been born, and both are eager to see him—but for different reasons.

Herod, insecure about his grasp on power, sees Jesus as a threat and uses deception to try to destroy him. The magi, seekers of wisdom, are excited by the news and hurry to offer royal gifts to the child.

We all can point to ways that fear, envy, or some other negative emotion has coloured the way we approach a situation. Instead of remembering that Jesus is always seeking to do us good, we think that he has forgotten us or, worse, that he is punishing us. But if we can face each situation with an open heart, ready to find God's presence, fear and doubt will begin to melt away. We'll find Jesus in unexpected, unlikely places—just as the magi found almighty God in the modest home of Mary and Joseph. So when you are in a moment of fear or doubt, pause, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you find God's presence. As you do, you'll discover the kind of joy and even awe that the magi felt.

Daily Readings

Jan 4 Mon: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3: 22 — 4: 6 Ps 2: 7bc-8, 10-12a Matt 4: 12-17, 23-25

Jan 5 Tue: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4: 7-10 Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6: 34-44

Jan 6 Wed: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4: 11-18 Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6: 45-52

Jan 7 Thu: Christmas Weekday/ Raymond of Peñafort, priest
1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4 Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17 Lk 4: 14-22

Jan 8 Fri: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5: 5-13 Ps 147: 12-15, 19-20 Lk 5: 12-16

Jan 9 Sat: Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5: 14-21 Ps 149: 1- 5, 6a, 9b Jn 3: 22-30

A GENTLE REMINDER

Petitions to Divine Mercy

All petitions to the Divine Mercy will be offered up on the last Saturday of every month during the 5pm Divine Mercy devotion. Please place your petitions in the Petition Box at the Divine Mercy mosaic inside the main church.

Helping Hands Needed

We need more hands to clean the church. Just come by every Saturday from 8:00am to 10am at the main Church. All are welcome!

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Parish Bulletin

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The Jubilee Year of Mercy Holy Door will be open from 7am to 9pm daily.

Mass & Prayer Times

Weekday
6:30am, 6:15pm

Saturday
6:30am, 5:30pm

Every 1st Saturday of the month
7:30pm Syro-Malaba Mass (Chapel)

Every 3rd Saturday of the month
7:30pm Tagalog Mass

Sunday
7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5.30pm
Confessions 15 min before Mass.

Public Holidays 8am only

Divine Mercy Devotion
Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)
Saturday at 5.00pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests
Every Thurs 5.15pm followed by 6.15pm mass

Community & Pastoral Care

Divine Mercy Apostolate
Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC)
Prayer for the Sick & Dying
Funeral and Wake Services
Please contact the Parish Office or email secretariat@divinemercury.sg

60 Golden Years! Their Secret?



Margaret and Michael are still very much in love!

“Through tolerance, faith, trust and also with prayers. Our trust in God gives us the wisdom to handle challenges in our love and relationship. We have weathered many storms together and it has been a great consolation that in this journey of 60 years, we have been able to share our burdens and support each other emotionally.”

Read more on page 3 about another couple's secret to a lasting marriage.

Feast of the Epiphany

Wishing all parishioners a blessed new year and may we too experience the joy of the revelation of God in the person of Jesus on this holy feast of the Epiphany.

“Being holy is not a privilege for the few, as if someone had a large inheritance; in baptism we all have an inheritance to be able to become saints. Holiness is a vocation for everyone. Thus we are all called to walk on the path of holiness, and this path has a name and a face: the face of Jesus Christ. He teaches us to become saints.”

- Pope Francis

Reflection: Holiness is not about what we can do; it's about what God can do through us. Turn to the face of Jesus. He wants to give you the mercy and grace to become a saint. Trust him and not yourself

+ PARISH BUZZ

Christmas 2015 @ CDM

As always, Christmas @ CDM is chock full of celebrations to prepare our hearts to celebrate the coming of our Lord. Our celebrations started early with the "Simbang Gabi", a 9 day Novena, followed by our annual Children's Christmas pageant, then culminating with the midnight Mass and on Sunday, a thanksgiving dinner with Ministry members who have worked tirelessly through the year in the service of God. Photos of our Christmas celebrations will be available on our website in the following week.



Our Level 9 teens' adaptation of the Nativity scene on Christmas eve, a timely reminder that Jesus is the reason for the season, and we have to make rooms in our hearts to welcome Him!

Thank you Fr. Kristoffer for celebrating the Simbang Gabi for 9 nights at our parish!



Ministry Appreciation Dinner on 28 December. Thank you for your generosity in time and talent in serving the Lord!

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating Significant Wedding Anniversaries

On Feast of the Holy Family

Last Sunday, 27 December, our parish celebrated Significant Wedding Anniversaries on the Feast of Holy Family during the 11.30am mass. Our two most "significant" couples shared that "Trust in God" kept them spiritually close and is their secret to their long-lasting marriage.



"Trust in God and trust in the Holy Mother's blessings form the foundation in our family" - Teresa and Christopher celebrated 59 years of marriage.

Infant Baptism & Preparation Class

Infant Baptism will be on Sunday, Jan 10, Mass. Preparation session for parents and godparents will be on Jan 3 at St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Contact Francis Ang (96852537) after 6pm.

Home Rosary Session

Host Elsie Lim

Dates 4 - 10 January 2016

Rosary days with community:

Mon, Tues and Wed at 8:15pm; Sunday at 3pm

Venue Blk 580 Pasir Ris St 53 #11-07

For more info, contact Susan Tan at 9119 5909 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

Growing Strong in the Season of Life

Keep the Christmas spirit of Life burning in our hearts through Praise and Worship. Come in the presence of our Lord and let Him stir the fire of His love within us. See you there!

When 7 January 2016, 8pm sharp

Where Parish Hall, Level 2

Cenacle at Home Retreat

Journey Towards New Life

10 week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture, spiritual direction.

When Ten Thursdays from 28 Jan to 31 Mar
7.30pm - 9.30pm

Where Church of St. Peter and Paul

Contribution \$150.00

For more info, contact 65652895/97223148, email cenaclesing@gmail.com or visit www.catholicsg.info/cenacle



Monthly Year of Mercy Mass

Our Church will be having a monthly celebration of the Year of Mercy Mass cum faith formation talks (during homily) on the theme of Mercy. This is to help us reflect more deeply on Our Lord's loving mercy. Our hope is to invite priests from various religious orders to celebrate Mass on the **second Friday** of each month at 8pm beginning on **8 January 2016**:

Topic

Celebrating Mercy

Celebrant/speaker

Fr John Paul Tan

The Devotion of the Chaplet will begin 7:30pm, followed by mass at 8pm.