

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 10 JANUARY 2016 • THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Is 40: 1-5, 9-11 Ps 104: 1b-4, 24-25, 27-30  
Ti 2: 11-14; 3: 4-7 Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### “Thank you, Jesus, for being baptized for me. Now come and fill me with your Spirit!”

When we think about the baptism of Jesus, 3 different baptisms come to mind: his baptism in the Jordan River, his baptism on the cross, and his desire to baptize us in his Holy Spirit.

First, when he was baptized by John, Jesus showed how deeply he wanted to be joined with all of us, sinners though we are. As St. Paul explained, Jesus became sin for us so that in him “we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). Through his baptism, he took on our sin and carried it with him until the day of his death on the cross. Second, there is Jesus’ baptism on the cross. He once told his disciples, “There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!” (Luke 12:50). When James and John wanted Jesus to guarantee them a special place in heaven, he replied: “Can you . . . be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” (Mark 10:38). He knew that his cross was the culmination of everything that his baptism in water began. All the sin that he accepted was put to death, and we were redeemed!

But it doesn’t end at the cross. Third, Scripture tells us that Jesus now wants to baptize all of us “with the Holy Spirit” (Luke 3:16). He wants to share the fruit of his baptism with us by immersing us in his Holy Spirit—just as he baptized the First apostles on Pentecost.

Today’s feast is an invitation for us to ask, “Do I know the freedom from sin that Jesus’ baptism won for me?” It’s also an invitation to ask, “How well do I know the Holy Spirit?” Just as the Spirit came upon him when he was baptized, this same Spirit wants to come upon us and empower us to live a godly life.

### Daily Readings

#### Jan 11 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 1: 1-8 Ps 116; 12-19 Mk 1: 14-20

#### Jan 12 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 1: 9-20 1 Sm 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8 Mk 1: 21-28

#### Jan 13 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Hilary, bishop, dr

1 Sm 3: 1-10, 19-20 Ps 40: 2, 5, 7-10 Mk 1: 29-39

#### Jan 14 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 4: 1-11 Ps 44: 10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1: 40-45

#### Jan 15 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 8: 4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-19 Mk 2: 1-12

#### Jan 16 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, 10:1 Ps 21:2-7 Mk 2: 13-17

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!

### Parish Secretariat

#### General Office

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#### Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm  
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm  
Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm  
Sun | 9am - 1pm  
Closed on public holidays

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### Parish Census

For those who have not yet registered as parishioners of CDM, please do so at the Parish Office.



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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

#### Fr Johnson Fernandez

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#### Fr Terence Kesavan

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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@divinemeracy.sg

## The Feast of the Baptism of Jesus



**“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” - Mk 1: 7-8**

Today marks the end of the Christmas season. Why did the Son of God need to be baptised by another human being? Find out in Buzz!

## A Year of Merch with Pope Francis

### A City on a Hill

We Christians must do this: replace malice with innocence, replace power with love, replace pride with humility, replace status with service. Being disciples of the Lamb means not living like a “besieged citadel,” but like a city placed on a hill, open, welcoming, and supportive. It means not assuming closed attitudes but rather proposing the Gospel to everyone, bearing witness by our lives that following Jesus makes us freer and more joyous. - Pope Francis

**Reflection:** How can you replace malice with innocence, power with love, pride with humility, and status with service in your life? How could these acts of mercy make you more joyous?

## + PARISH BUZZ

### The Baptism of Jesus

St Justin Martyr wrote that the Son had no need to be baptized—just as He had no need to be born, to suffer, or die—but did so in order to reveal Himself to mankind; The baptism, in other words, was the messianic manifestation, a sign for the Church first, and then the world. When Jesus came to the waters, St. Justin wrote, “He was deemed a carpenter,” but the proclamation of the Father and the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove showed Him to be far more than a mere worker of wood.

Jesus has shown us in His public life the true way to live, and He has shown that it is humanly possible. Let this be a reminder to us that sainthood is achievable and it is for all of us.



### Year of Mercy Feature

#### St Teresa of Kolkata - Mercy for the Least



Blessed Mother Teresa outside our Chapel at Basement 1.

**“Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin.”**

- Blessed Mother Teresa

The news of the canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa comes at a time when the world needs a messenger of Mercy. She had been a huge influence for thousand if not millions around the world. A modern saint for our time of secularism and wastage. Fittingly, Mother Teresa’s canonization will fall during the Jubilee of Mercy. It almost appears that our Holy Father wants to signal that “as we receive mercy, we must practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Many have come to faith after witnessing the work she has done in the slums, establishing hospices, centres for the blind and disabled. More importantly, many are inspired by the humility and love a human being can be capable of. Today, there are more than 4000 Missionaries of Charity with 610 foundations in over 100 countries over all seven continents.

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Marian Pilgrimage

#### Spain – Portugal – France

We will be organizing this pilgrimage with Fr Terence as the Spiritual Director from 25th May to 9th June 2016. Priority to Divine Mercy parishioners. Limited spaces and first-come-first-serve. For more details, contact Raymond at 91807887 and raymond@divinemeracy.sg or Julia at 91474938 and julia.yip29@gmail.com

### Catholic Nurses’ New Year Party

**When** 23 January 2016, Saturday  
Sunset Mass @ 5.30pm  
Party Time @ 7pm

**Where** Church of Divine Mercy

**Fee** \$10 per person

For more information, contact Laura (9767-0579), Theresa (9236-1047), Doreen (9109-3391) or Janet (9321-0031)

### Thank You!

Last weekend, the second collection for the poor and needy was \$ 15,834.05. Thank you very much for your generous contributions.

### Canteen Re-opening

The canteen is closed for spring cleaning and will resume on 17 January. See you soon!

### Our Christmas Celebrations Photos are Ready!

Photos for the following events are ready and may be found on our website: [www.divinemeracy.sg/events/event\\_photos](http://www.divinemeracy.sg/events/event_photos)

- Significant wedding anniversaries:
- Christmas Masses
- Christmas Eve Children’s Concert
- Christmas Children’s Choir



### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Allen Jansen & Jenny Quek

**Dates** 11 - 17 January 2016

#### Rosary days with community:

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

**Venue** Blk 5 Changi Village Road #04-2019

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

### Growing Strong in the Spirit of Christ

Feel the Holy Spirit’s empowerment in you. Come in HIS presence and experience our awesome God.

**When** 14 January 2016, 8pm sharp

**Where** Parish Hall, Level 2

### Congratulations!

Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants are receiving the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 10 January 2016, 5:30pm. May the blessing of our Lord be upon the parents and godparents in nurturing their child in the light of faith. Photos are available on [www.divinemeracy.sg/services](http://www.divinemeracy.sg/services)