

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 17 JANUARY 2016 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 62: 1-5 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)
1 Cor 12: 4-11 Jn 2: 1-11

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!”

They have no wine. (John 2:3) This is one of those stories that appears only in the Gospel of John. No one is sure why John included it, but one thing is certain. It tells us about the faith of a very special woman, the Virgin Mary.

We can't assume that Mary had first received Jesus' permission before she told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). If anything, you might expect Mary to have been intimidated by her son's stern response: "How does your concern affect me?" (2:4). Jesus told her that it was not the right time for him to get involved.

But John makes it clear that Mary is special. She could actually get Jesus to change his mind. Mary's close relationship with Jesus is the primary reason why she is such a powerful intercessor. It's why the Church invites us to go to her with all of our needs and ask her to "pray for us sinners." You can just imagine the scene in heaven described by a popular legend: if Mary is talking to Jesus about the different prayer requests that people have entrusted to her, all the other saints have to wait until she is done before they bring their prayers to him. Mary always gets Jesus' undivided attention!

Like the ascending and descending ladder in Jacob's dream, Mary is a link between heaven and earth. She loves to take our intercessions and our petitions to Jesus. At the same time, she delights in receiving grace and blessings from heaven and planting them in our hearts.

So bring your needs to the one who is full of grace. And try your best to listen when she says, "Do whatever Jesus tells you."

Daily Readings

Jan 18 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 15: 16-23 Ps 50: 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2: 18-22

Jan 19 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Sm 16: 1-13 Ps 89: 20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2: 23-28

Jan 20 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Fabian, pope, martyr/ Sebastian, martyr

1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3: 1-6

Jan 21 Thu: Agnes, virgin, martyr

1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7 Ps 56: 2-3, 9-13 Mk 3: 7-12

Jan 22 Fri: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

1 Sm 24: 3-21 Ps 57: 2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3: 13-19

Jan 23 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/ Marianne Cope, virgin/ Vincent of Saragossa, d, martyr

2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80 Mk 3: 20-21

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



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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

The Wedding Feast at Cana



“Do whatever He tells you.” - John 2:5

What can we learn about Mary's role in the wedding feast at Cana? We can be comforted to know that Mary intercedes to gain us what we need, often times without us even knowing our own needs!

Read more on page 4 about this wonderful reflection of our Lord's first miracle.

Mercy - The Greatest of All Virtues

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that, as far as external works are concerned, mercy is the greatest of all the virtues: "In itself mercy is the greatest of the virtues, since all the others revolve around it and, more than this, it makes up for their deficiencies."

Reflection: The First Letter of Peter tells us, 'Above all hold unfailing your love for one another, since love covers a multitude of sins' (1 Peter 4:8). We can all think of the many deficiencies that we have that hold us back in our relationships with God and others. Respond to others with love and mercy as a way to overcome these.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Saints in Mercy Banners



We have 8 banners of the Saints in Mercy in our main Church. These Saints of the Church have been disciples of God's mercy: Mary (Mother of Mercy)

- St. Faustina Kowalska (The Joy of Announcing Mercy)
- St. Martin de Porres (Mercy for the Marginalized)
- St. Terese of Lisieux (Gratitude for the Just & Merciful God)
- St. Vincent de Paul (Mercy for the Least)
- St. Damien (Mercy for the Outcast)
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Wealth at the Service of Poverty)
- St. John Bosco (Mercy for the Little ones)

Watch this space as we feature each Saint in the coming weeks.

Monthly Year of Mercy Mass - Celebrating Mercy



Last Friday, there was a good crowd who attended Fr. John Paul's mercy-themed Mass and sharing. He said that we should celebrate God's Mercy because it is always right and just. Fr. John Paul reminded us that to show mercy requires a choice on our part, much like the father of the Prodigal son. Join us for our next YoM Mass on Friday, 12 February, 7:30pm for the chaplet followed by Mass at 8pm celebrated by Fr. Eugene Lee.

Infant Baptism Congratulations!

Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend. Photographs are available on our website <http://divinemersey.sg/services/index.html>



+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Cheryl Arroyo

Dates 18 - 24 January 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 158 Mariam Way #08-02 Ballota Park

For more info, contact Susan Tan at 9119 5909

or visit the Ministry's webpage.

Canteen Reopens • 17 January



We now have gourmet coffee at only \$1.50!

The Canteen operates from 8.00am to

11.00am

Give Glory to God!

The best way to thank and glorify the Lord is through sharing and speaking out of the wonderful deeds HE has done for you. Share in a night of glorifying God in HIS presence.

When 21 Jan 2016, 8pm

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 Thursdays from Jan 28 to Mar 31 2016
7.30 to 9.30 pm

Where St. Peter and Paul

Contribution \$150.00

For more info, contact 6565-2895/9722-3148, email cenaclesing@gmail.com or visit www.catholicsg.info/cenacle

Infant Baptism

Infant baptism for February 2016 is brought forward to 7 February during the 11.30am Mass. (Reason for change of Mass time is in due consideration of the eve of Lunar New Year family reunion dinner that evening). Preparation for parents and godparents will be on 31 January @ 3.30pm in St Faustina Room (on level 4). For details, please contact Francis Ang @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg.

What to do with last year's Blessed Palms?



Holy Palms that have been blessed by a priest should not be disposed of in the regular fashion. Once an object is blessed, it is considered to be in the service of God and should be treated with respect. Please drop your last year's blessed palms in the boxes provided at entrance to B1 car park and main church foyer. These will be collected and burnt on Friday, 5 Feb, before Ash Wednesday to make the ritual ash.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

10 February

Mass Times: 6.30am, 1pm, 6.30pm, 8pm

Blessing of Expectant Parents

As this is the 3rd weekend, there will be prayer and blessing of expectant parents during Mass.