

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 24 JANUARY 2016 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Neh 8: 2-4a,5-6. 8-10

Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 15

1 Cor 12: 12-30

Lk 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21

**“Thank you, Jesus, for your deliverance! Lord, I believe in you and celebrate your love today.”**

In today's first reading, the Israelites were reaffirming their covenant with the Lord as they listened to Ezra the priest reading and interpreting the Scriptures. Having had their city overrun, having been sent into exile, and now having returned as a ragtag group to try to rebuild their lives, the people had endured one humiliating event after the other. But now, they saw a light at the end of the tunnel. They were beginning to come together again. Ezra gave the people three short messages.

First, he told them, “Today is holy to your LORD.” Then, he urged them to celebrate their deliverance with “rich foods” and “drink.” Then, he told them, “Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!” (Nehemiah 8:9-10). This reading also describes the people's response. They gathered for the entire morning, from daybreak until midday, to pray.

Now, let's shift our minds to today. Each Sunday, we come to Mass to celebrate what God has done for us. As the day of the resurrection, every Sunday is holy. Like the Israelites, we celebrate our deliverance from death. And like them, we look forward to our final homecoming—heaven. We have much to celebrate! So let's be sure to come to Mass today ready to express our gratitude.

But there is more. If you come with a listening heart, the word of God will come to life for you. Jesus' sacramental presence will fill your heart with his love and his grace to live a holy life. If you come with the right disposition, as the Israelites did, God will surely fill you up!

### Daily Readings

#### Jan 25 Mon : Conversion of Paul, FEAST

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Ps 117: 1bc. 2 Mk 16: 15-18

#### Jan 26 Tue : Timothy and Titus, bishops

2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5 Ps 96: 1-3. 7-8a. 10 Mk 3: 31-35

#### Jan 27 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Angela Merici, virgin, religious founder

2 Sm 7: 4-17 Ps 89: 4-5. 27-30 Mk 4: 21-25

#### Jan 28 Thu: Thomas Aquinas, priest, religious, dr

2 Sm 7: 18-19. 24-29 Ps 132: 1-5. 11-14 Mk 4: 21-25

#### Jan 29 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

2 Sm 11: 1-10a. 13-17 Ps 51: 3-7. 10-11 Mk 4: 26-34

#### Jan 30 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

2 Sm 12: 1-7a. 10-17 Ps 51: 12-17 Mk 4: 35-41

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

Raymond Tan/Luke Teo/Maria Lim/Teresa Tan

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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

### Staying Connected

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### Parish Census

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



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

#### Fr Johnson Fernandez

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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](mailto:secretariat@divinemercury.sg)

## Mary, Mother of Mercy



We start our Saints in Mercy series with Mary, our Mother of Mercy. God's mercy is unconditional, intimate and nurturing. He chose Mary, through her Immaculate Conception, to reveal this merciful love to us. The first reason we can rightfully call Mary our “Mother of Mercy” is that by God's special grace, He created her soul to be a symbol of His Mercy in the world. This special gift of grace within her was the foundation of His work of mercy in the world through Christ. Everything about Mary was fashioned by Divine Mercy and for the work of Divine Mercy.

## Reflections of Pope Francis

**On Mercy** – Misericordia (Mercy in English), is a Latin word meaning to “give the heart to the wretched,” those in need, those who are suffering. That is what Jesus did. He opened His heart to the wretchedness of man. The Gospel has a wealth of episodes which present the Misericordia of Jesus, His love freely given for the suffering and the weak – Address on June 14, 2014

### On the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Catholics, Protestants, and Orthodox celebrated this event at the same time from January 18th to 25th. The Pope proposed that “beginning from the baptism we all share in common,” Christians should move beyond divisions toward finding a way to work together to bring the Mercy of God to the Earth – Pope's general audience on catechesis

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Prayer to Our Lady



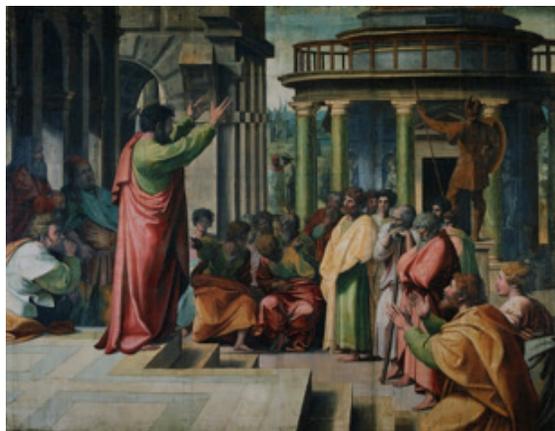
Blessed Virgin Mary, how can we repay your generous kindness? Receive our gratitude through our prayers, and let us obtain pardon for our sins.

Holy Mary, Mother of Mercy, help the miserable, strengthen the discouraged, comfort the sorrowful, pray for your people, plead for the clergy, intercede for all women consecrated to God.

May all who venerate you feel your help and protection, your warmth and love. Please bring back to us the answers to our prayers. Look out for the people of God, for you were blessed by Him, who lives and reigns forever. Amen.- [Adapted from catholic.org]



### Conversions of St Paul, The Apostle • 25 Jan



Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus. From having a hatred of all Jesus stood for, St. Paul was converted in an instant to serving Him in the ministry of reconciliation, as an instrument to help others experience the Saviour.

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out the message of the Cross. This is Paul's great message to the world - **You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do.**

#### Prayer

O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to You through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Gregory & Margaret D'Cruz

**Dates** 25 – 31 Jan 2016

**Rosary days with community:**

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

**Venue** 540 Pasir Ris St 51 #05-22 S(510540)

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

### Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC) Prayer Night and Potluck

**When** 29 Jan, Friday @ 8pm

**Venue** Blk 575 Pasir Ris St 53, #09-10

**Host** Edmund & Linda

**Contact** Monica - 91520062

All are welcome!

### Everyone Needs Prayers!

Join the Children of Praise for a night of prayers for anyone and everyone who needs prayers.

From babies to the pioneers we all need prayers. Join us and together let us pray as a family of God to Mother Mary to intercede for us. We pray and ask for the Holy Spirit to touch, comfort, strengthen, return and heal each and everyone lifted in prayer by us.

**When** 28 Jan 2016, 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall Level 2

### Collection of Holy Palms

A reminder to 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. 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.

### Malayalee Community Retreat

The Malayalee community of our archdiocese will be having their annual retreat from 6 - 9 Feb 2016. The retreat will be in Holy Innocents High School, 1191 Upper Serangoon Road.

### 2016 Catechism Sessions

Catechism sessions for all levels will start on the weekend of 20/21 February 2016. Sessions are as follows:

**Levels 1 - 6 (Primary)**

Saturdays: 4.15pm - 5.15pm OR

Sundays: 10.15am - 11.15am

**Levels 7 - 9 (Secondary)**

Sundays: 8.30am - 10am

### 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.

### Lenten Parish Retreat - Let's Prepare Ourselves!

Fr Thomas Bobby Emprayil, a Vincentian Priest from the Potta Team will give the parish retreat to help us prepare for Lent.

**Date** 13 February, Saturday (Full-Day)

**Time** 8.30am till 4.30 pm ending with the DMA Chaplet and Sunset Mass. All participants must register. Registration will be after Mass at the foyer this weekend

### Bible Study @ CDM

We will begin the Bible Timeline Study with Jeff Cavins (Video series) with Fr Johnson Fernandez as the facilitator, starting on Tuesday 23 Feb, and every Tuesday henceforth.

**Time** 9.30 am- 11.00 am

Home makers, retirees, seniors and all who are free are most welcome to study the history of our Salvation - the entire bible in 22 sessions. Registration after Mass at the foyer this weekend.

### Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule 10 February

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