

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 26 JUNE 2016 • 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
1 Kgs 19:16b.19-21 Ps 16: 1-2. 5. 7-11
Galatians 5: 1. 13-18 Luke 9: 51-62

“Jesus, help me with the battle for my mind. Give me the strength to say no to sin and yes to you.”

Did you know that a battle is going on in your mind right now? That's what today's second reading tells us. When Paul speaks of the “freedom” that Jesus won for us, he is telling us that we can win this battle and be free from the attacks of sin and temptation.

What is the battle for the mind? Simply stated, we all have an incredible number of virtues and gifts. We strive to be kind, generous, selfless, loving, patient, imaginative, and so on. At the same time, we can also be selfish, prideful, angry, moody, greedy, deceptive, lustful, lazy, jealous, and so on.

We all have sinful habits that need to be “put away” and virtuous impulses that we need to “put on” more and more. Every one of our decisions is influenced, in some way or other, by a combination of good and bad voices: the Holy Spirit, the devil, our family and friends, our memories, and our imaginations.

These voices all offer us different ways to approach how we live and the choices we make. The question we face in every situation is “Whom will I listen to? How will I decide?”

If you don't want to be controlled by the negative influences, you're going to need to do two things: let the Holy Spirit speak to you, and try your best to “take every thought captive” so that you can emphasize the upright thoughts and reject the negative ones. This means holding fast to everything you experience in prayer, the Eucharist, and Scripture.

Guard your mind as if you are carrying a valuable diamond in your pocket. Stay close to Jesus, and you'll find yourself winning this battle for your mind.

Daily Readings

June 27 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, dr

Am 2: 6-10. 13-16 Ps 50: 16-23 Matt 8: 18-22

June 28 Tue: Irenaeus, bishop, martyr

Am 3: 1-8; 4: 11-12 Ps 5: 4-8 Matt 8: 23-27

June 29 Wed: PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES S

Acts 12: 1-11 Ps 34: 2-9 2 Tm 4: 6-8. 17-18 Matt 16: 13-19

June 30 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

Am 7: 10-17 Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11 Matt 9: 1-8

July 1 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Blessed Junipero Serra, priest, religious, missionary

Am 8: 4-6. 9-12 Ps 119: 2. 10. 20. 30. 40. 131 Matt 9: 9-13

July 2 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Am 9: 11-15 Ps 85: 9-14 Matt 9: 14-17

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

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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

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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

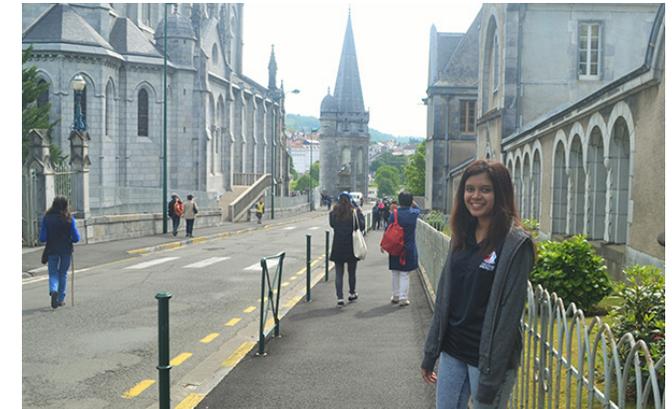
Neighbourhood Christian Community (NCC)

Prayer for the Sick & Dying

Funeral and Wake Services

Please contact the Parish Office or email secretariat@divinemercury.sg

Celebrating Youth!



With World Youth Day just around the corner (25 - 31 July), it is timely that Archbishop William Goh will also be celebrating Singapore's Catholic Youth Day (CYD) with our young people as a sign of solidarity and being a visible expression of the Church.

We also celebrate the joyful sharing of our youth, Letitia Nonis (above) about her recent Marian pilgrimage with other CDM parishioners. Read more on Buzz (page 2)

Two Years, Twenty Years, Forty Years?

I would like to ask you - but don't say it aloud, everyone respond in his heart: When was the last time you made your confession? Everyone think about it two days, two weeks, two years, twenty years, forty years? Everyone count, everyone say, “When was the last time I went to confession?” And if much time has passed, do not lose another day.

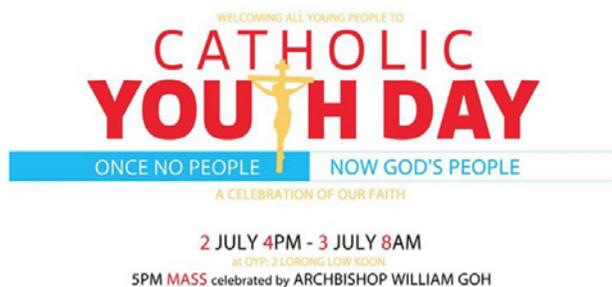
Go, the priest will be good. Jesus is there, and Jesus is more benevolent than priests. Jesus receives you; he receives you with so much love. Be courageous and go to confession!

- Pope Francis, at the General Audience, February 19, 2014

Reflection: When is the last time that you went to confession? Count the weeks or years. Don't be afraid to encounter the mercy of the Lord through this great sacrament.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Celebrating Youth!



Join in Singapore's Catholic Youth Day (CYD), an overnight celebration from 2 July, 4pm to 3 July, 8am. Mass on 2 July will be celebrated by Archbishop William Goh at 5pm.

The CYD is open to all young people up to age 35. It aims to celebrate the Christian life and faith in Singapore, and what it means to be part of the Church. This event is an opportunity to experience in first person the universality of the Church; to share with the whole world the hope of many young people who want to commit themselves to Christ and others.

Share this event with your family and friends! Help invite as many young people as possible!

More details at oyp.org.sg/catholic-youth-day-2016

Letitia's Story

She was 20 when she decided to go on the Marian Pilgrimage with her family. What was so memorable to Letitia Nonis was taking the time to "fully devote myself to communicate with God" during Mass and processions in locations where Mother Mary made her apparitions.

"I grew closer to Him especially during the Way of the Cross, washing myself in the bath at Lourdes and crossing the sanctuary on my knees at Fatima."

Her experience is what pilgrims hope to achieve – one that is "inspiring, deep and meaningful." She acknowledged that not many youth have the chance to go on a pilgrimage. That being said, Letitia feels that it is never too early to go on a pilgrimage and that it is something one must experience if given a chance.

"I believe youths should go to explore their faith, to find deeper meanings in being closer to Him."

SINGAPORE CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

When

2 - 4 July

Where

Office for Young People
2 Lorong Low Koon

Fee & Registration

Entry is free. No registration is required.

OYP encourages attendees to purchase tickets at \$10 to redeem a tee shirt and a meal. Contact Sharon at sharon.oyp@catholic.org.sg or 62852571 for ticket purchase.

For more information, please e-mail oyp@catholic.org.sg or call 62852571 /62860341.



Letitia (centre) during her pilgrimage

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year of Mercy Mass

When Friday, 8 July, 8pm
Divine Mercy chaplet at 7:30pm

Celebrant Msgr Ambrose Vaz
Topic Parable of Mercy

Home Rosary Session

Host Mayette Cubic
Dates 27 June - 3 July 2016

Rosary days with community:
Mon, Tues and Wed at 8:15pm; Sunday at 3pm
Venue Blk 155 Pasir Ris St 13 #02-49

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

The Children of Praise

"God meets us where we are" - Luke 7:11-17
Join us for another enjoyable session with Fr Charlie Oasan from OLPS Church as he shares with us on how God meets us where we are.

When 30 June, Thursday @ 8pm
Where Parish Hall Level 2

Catechism Resumes

Sessions for all levels will resume on 2/3 July.

Peter's Pence Collection This Weekend!

All collections taken this weekend (25-26 June) will be for Peter's Pence. For additional donations, please make your cheques payable to "TRCAS" and send them to: **Finance Department, 31 Victoria Street S187997**
Please indicate "Peter's Pence" at the back of the cheque and send it to us **by Friday 15 July 2016**, as we would have to remit the collections to Rome.

Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 10 July during the 5:30pm Mass. The preparation session will be on 3 July @ 3.30pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Register at the Parish Office or contact Francis @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg for more information.

Priests on Annual Retreat

All diocesan priests will be on retreat from Monday July 4 - Friday July 8. Please note that there will be no Masses during these days except on Monday morning 6.30 am and Friday evening 6.15 pm. On all other days there will only be the Proclamation of the Word and Communion Service. **On Wednesday, 6 July, this will be at 8am as it is a public holiday.** Your Mass intentions will be fulfilled by the priests at the seminary. Please pray for the priests retreat.

Huaken (Mandarin ME) 30th Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass

When Saturday, 1 Oct 2016
Mass 10am at Church of St Bernadette
Lunch 1pm at Ban Heng Restaurant (HarbourFront)

Presiding priest Archbishop William Goh
Ticket \$45/pax

Couples who register for the thanksgiving mass by 31 August will be presented with an exclusive anniversary certificate.

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NTU Catholic Freshmen Camp

Calling all Catholic freshmen who will be entering NTU this year! Join us at our Freshmen Welcome Camp for fun-filled activities and sessions and get to know your Catholic peers!

When 10 to 13 July
Where Office for Young People
Fee \$40

For more details on the camp, please visit www.facebook.com/ntucatholicfoc2016 and register at tinyurl.com/ntucatholicfoc2016