

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST 2016 • 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 66: 18-21 Ps 117: 1-2
Heb 12: 5-7 Lk 13: 22-30

“Father, thank you for calling me your child. I don’t want anything to come between us. Help me to accept your loving discipline.”

“Relationship”. The dictionary defines this word as “the way in which two or more people talk to, behave toward, and deal with each other.” Relationships can be formal, as in a business relationship, or they can be personal and intimate, as in a father’s relationship with his children. While we often think of our relationship with God in the first way, he wants it to be more like the second.

Do you know that you are cherished by God? Do you know that he enjoys spending time with you, showing you his love, and providing for you? This is who God is; he loves treating you as his child—so much so that he makes it a point to try to teach you and form you so that you can “grow up” to be just like him. As with any other parent, part of God’s parenting involves discipline. It only makes sense that he would want to correct us when we stray—he loves us too much to ignore us. So often, when we think of discipline, we think of punishment and pain. But God’s discipline is life-giving. It brings the promise of greater peace and contentment because it helps us become more of the person God has created us to be.

How does our Father discipline us? He may prompt us to ask a friend for forgiveness. He may give us a conscience twinge when we consider watching an inappropriate movie or wasting time surfing the Internet. He may allow difficult circumstances that cause us to look to him for grace instead of relying on our own strength. He may also allow us to suffer the consequences of our sin as a way of teaching us and forming us. In all these ways, our heavenly Father seeks to love us and teach us.

Daily Readings

August 22 Mon: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Is 9, 1-6 Ps 112: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Lk 1:26-38

August 23 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Rose of Lima, virgin

2 Thes 2: 1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96: 10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23: 23-26

August 24 Wed: Bartholomew, FEAST

Rv 21: 9b-14 Ps 145: 10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1: 45-51

August 25 Thu: Ordinary Weekday/ Louis of France, mm/ Joseph Calasanz, priest, religious founder

1 Cor 1: 1-9 Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24: 42-51

August 26 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 1: 17-25 Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25: 1-13

August 27 Sat: Monica, martyr, wife

1 Cor 1: 26-31 Ps 33: 12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 25: 14-30

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!

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

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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 the Feast of the Assumption

Last weekend, we celebrated the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Photo courtesy of KP Tan. See more photos at CDM’s Events webpage.

He Opens Hearts

This is what the Holy Spirit does through the gift of fear of the Lord: He opens hearts. The heart opens so that forgiveness, mercy, goodness, and the caress of the Father may come to us, for as children we are infinitely loved.

- Pope Francis, General Audience, June 11, 2014

Reflection: One of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit is fear of the Lord.

We don’t fear God because he might punish us. Rather, we fear that we will disappoint God as a child disappoints his father. Pray for this gift of the Spirit. It allows us as sons and daughters to ask for his help and to readily accept his love and mercy.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

This week, we caught up with Chloe from the Audio and Visual Ministry to share her thoughts about serving in this ministry. Chloe joined the ministry because she enjoys working with the program PowerPoint and wants to learn more about Audio and Visual equipment.

So far, what are the challenges you've faced?

C: We need to focus during mass to ensure the slides are displayed correctly. When a slide is wrong, we have to blank the screen to find and switch to the correct slide quickly. Another challenge would be to know the functions of the many buttons and switches. Also we only have a short notice of hymn arrangements and arrange them under time constraint.

How has joining this ministry helped you grow in your faith?

C: We get the slides in advance and have to read through them to ensure that they are correct as well as to see how the mass goes. This has allowed me to have a better understanding of the order of the mass.

We've heard that you plan to stay in this ministry permanently or at least extend your attachment. What has driven you to do so?

C: Uncle Mike said that there are many other aspects in this ministry that we may not be able to learn in our attachment. For example, how the camera recordings work during infant baptism. I wish to explore these aspects and learn more about this ministry.

This weekly series is put together by Tanya Lim, Maisey Kim and Nicolas Cheong, who are attached with the Communications Ministry.

Infant Baptism Congrats!

Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants received the Sacrament of Baptism on Sunday 14 August 2016.



Photo courtesy of Con 3 intern Kimberly Mission



L9 teen Chloe Elizabeth Tang attached to the Audio and Visual Ministry

Pilgrims Visit CDM

On 13 August, 30 Pilgrims visited CDM from St Francis of Assisi and 50 from CSC Intercessory Group (below).



+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Out of Office

Father Johnson will be taking a short break from parish work. Please keep him in your prayers.

Blessing of Expectant Parents

There will be a special prayer and blessing for expectant parents this weekend before the final blessing. We invite you to sit in the front pews.

Home Rosary Session

Host Thomas & Anne Lee

Dates 22 - 28 Aug 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 776 Pasir Ris st 71 #05-414

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

Children's Liturgy - Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to begin children's Liturgy of the Word for Saturday Sunset Mass @ 5.30pm. Those interested to form a group to facilitate the children, please register or call the parish office. We will contact you for training.

The Children of Praise

"On that day you will ask in my name"

Please read and reflect on: John 16:26-27

Join us for a night of intercession and praying over as we lift it all up to our Lord. Let us approach Him with trust and faith. All are welcome.

When Thursday, 25 Aug @ 8pm

Where Parish Hall Level 2

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our Level 2 children will be receiving their Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 26th of August. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

Catechetical Ministry Recruitment

The Catechetical Ministry is looking for a volunteer administrator to help on Sunday mornings. Please contact Allyson or Johanna at catechism@divinemeracy.sg

Year of Mercy Mass • September

Topic "Giving Mercy That Has Been Received"

When 9 September, Friday @ 8:00pm

Chaplet Devotion @ 7:30pm

Where CDM main church

Celebrant Fr Jude David

Teacher's Day Mass

Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools invites all teachers to a sunset mass dedicated to them, which will be followed by a reception.

Theme Jesus, the Merciful Teacher

When Sat, 10 Sep, 4pm

Where CHIJ St Theresa's Convent

For inquiries, contact accs@catholic.org.sg

Biblical Apostolate Bible Studies

The Book of Prophets - Messengers of God's Mercy by Thomas Smith & Sarah Christmyer of The Great Adventure series.

Duration 14 Sep - 23 Nov 2016 (10 sessions)

Time Wednesdays 7.45 - 9.45pm

Venue Parish Hall, Level 2

Cost of study material \$32.00

Registration: At the foyer on Sundays mornings

Contact: Jenny Krishnamoorthy 9679-2415 or

email jennykrishnamoorthy15@gmail.com

Bible Apostolate Movie Night

St Clare and St Francis

2 greatest saints of the 13th century -

Together they changed the World

When Part 2 - Wed, 24 Aug at 8pm

Where Parish Hall (Level 2)

Clarity Singapore's Workshops

Clarity is hosting 3 session introductory workshops to understand self-worth, its importance, and ways of loving ourselves and how to change by building anew.

When Saturdays (3, 17 and 24 Sept).

Fee \$10

Limited to 20 participants. To register, call 67577990 or email registration@clarity-singapore.org