

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST 2016 • 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Sir 3: 19-21. 30-31 Ps 67: 4-5ac. 6-7ab. 10-11  
Heb 12: 18-19. 22-24a Lk 14: 1. 7-14

### “Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Come and reign in me.”

In the second century AD, the scientist/ astronomer Claudius Ptolemy presented a model of the solar system that stated that the Earth was the center of the universe. About 1,400 years later, another astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus, overturned Ptolemy's model and taught that Earth revolved around the sun and not the other way around.

Just as Copernicus upended Ptolemy's teaching, Jesus upends our assumptions. Every day he asks us, “Who is the center of your life? Are you living under my rule or under yours?”

Using the Ptolemaic system as a model, we might say, “I choose to be the center of my universe.” Living under that model tends to make us self-centered, even if we appear to be good and upright. It can move us to ignore our weaknesses, take all the credit for our goodness, and never submit to Jesus' rule.

Using the Copernican model, we might say, “Jesus is at the center of my universe.” We place him at the center when we realize that he became a man and died to rescue us from sin. We place him at the center when we realize that he has been raised up and is now Lord of heaven and earth (Philippians 2:6-11).

Of course, it's humbling to say, “Jesus, I want you to be at the center of my life.” These words are opposed to our fallen nature. Yet the more we begin each day by praying these words, the more we will find ourselves filled with an incredible peace. We will also find a grace-filled determination to place our lives—every thought and every action—under Jesus' rule so that we can give him glory.

### Daily Readings

#### August 29 Mon: The Passion of St John the Baptist

Jer 1: 17-19 Ps 70: 1-6. 15. 17 Mk 6: 17-29

#### August 30 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 2: 10b-16 Ps 144: 8-14 Lk 4: 31-37

#### August 31 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 3: 1-9 Ps 32: 12-13. 14-15. 20-21 Lk 4: 38-44

#### September 1 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 3: 18-23 Ps 23: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6 Lk 5: 1-11

#### September 2 Fri: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 4: 1-5 Ps 36: 3-6. 27-28. 39-40 Lk 5: 33-39

#### September 3 Sat: St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor

1 Cor 4: 6b-15 Ps 144: 17-18. 19-20. 21 Lk 6: 1-5

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

Tel | 6583 3378 • Fax | 6583 1694  
Email | secretariat@divinemercury.sg

#### 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

#### To offer feedback, email us at

stayingconnected@divinemercury.sg

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Church of Divine Mercy

### 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**

Tel | 6583 6393

**Fr Terence Kesavan**

Tel | 6583 8789



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

## A Confirmation Journey

L9 teens Aaron and Jed have been tirelessly working away cleaning up and serving food at the canteen every Sunday. Read more on their Confirmation Journey being attached to the Canteen Ministry on page 2.



## The Work of His Mercy

The salvation that God offers us is the work of his mercy. No human efforts, however good they may be, can enable us to merit so great a gift. God, by his sheer grace, draws us to himself and makes us one with him. He sends his Spirit into our hearts to make us his children, transforming us, and enabling us to respond to his love by our lives.

- Pope Francis in Evangelii Gaudium, The Joy of the Gospel

**Reflection: God draws near to us with his mercy First, before we can do anything. And his Holy Spirit enables us to respond to his love. Have you invited his Spirit into your life? Open your heart and allow his Spirit to transform you.**

## + PARISH BUZZ

### Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

#### OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

This week Aaron and Jed, who are attached with the Canteen Ministry, told us more about their experiences.

#### What do you hope to learn?

**A:** I hope to create ties with the fellow parishioners, and learn entrepreneurship skills.

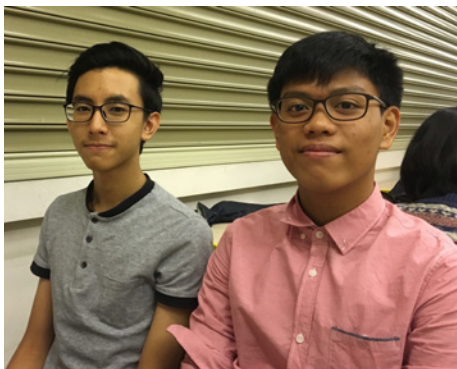
**J:** I am able to get used to people and have more social interactions.

#### Have you faced any challenges as you serve the Parish community every Sunday?

**A:** There are a lot of people to serve and it can get overwhelming.

**J:** It can be difficult trying to clear and clean all the pots and pans!

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



L9 teens Aaron Lim and Jed Escanilla attached to the Canteen Ministry

### YOM Outreach • 20 August

Our Level 8 teens were involved in an outreach at St. Joseph's Home and Gift of Love Home. The teens spent time conversing with the elderly and had some fun playing games with them too!

**"While conversing with the elderly I was attached to I could see the joy in her eyes sharing her experiences. It made me realise that we do not have to do much to make someone happy, a meaningful conversation can bring joy too."** - Jessica Liong



### RCIA Day of Recollection for Inquirers

Last Saturday, our Inquirers had a Day of Recollection at the Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary to prepare them for the Rite of Acceptance this weekend. Let us keep them in prayer as they embark on the next phase of their RCIA journey.



## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** George Teo

**Dates** 29 Aug - 4 Sep 2016

#### Rosary days with community:

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

**Venue** 12 Pasir Ris Link #08-50 Ripple Bay

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

### The Children of Praise

From 1 to 29 September 2016, Gerard Francisco, the Chairman of SACCRE will be in our parish giving a talk on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

Join us as together we learn and understand how believers were empowered by the Holy Spirit, worked to spread the Gospel of Christ and are a model for the future church.

#### Week 1: Introduction to Acts

**When** Thursday, 1 September @ 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall Level 2

### Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 11 September, during the 5:30pm Mass. The Infant Baptism Preparation Session will be on 4 September at 3.30pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Please register at the Parish Office or contact Francis Ang at 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg for more information.

### 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

### 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

### Bible Apostolate Movie Night

#### St John Paul II

**When** Part 1 - Wed, 31 Aug at 8pm

Part 2 - Wed, 7 Sep at 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall (Level 2)

All are welcome!

### CANA Film Festival

We need you! Help raise \$150,000 for two Catholic charities (Agape Village & Cenacle Mission) by supporting the Charity Film Premiere featuring a movie on Pope Francis never before shown in Singapore.

#### Join us for the feature film premiere of FRANCISCO: EL PADRE JORGE

(Spanish with English subtitles)

**When** 7 Sep 2016 @ 7pm

**Where** GV Max Theatre @ VivoCity

**Price** \$100 per ticket

For enquiries, please contact canafilmfestfr@gmail.com or 6338 4080

**Engage in a visual extravaganza** as 23 local and international feature and short films take centre stage at this year's CANA Film Festival. After each screening, experts in relevant fields will be invited to engage in a discussion with the audience.

**When** 7-13 September 2016

**Where** Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street  
For more info, please visit [www.canafilmfest.com](http://www.canafilmfest.com)