

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2016 • 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wis 9: 13-18b Ps 90: 3-6, 12-17

Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14: 25-33

“Jesus, I say yes! I will follow you no matter the cost.”

Few of us have needed to build a tower, much less review troops before battle. But we all have plans that require us to assess our resources. Do I have what it takes to get that degree? To care for an elderly relative? To lead that Bible study in my parish?

The woman being canonized today certainly had what it takes. As she made her life “something beautiful for God,” St. Teresa of Calcutta showed the determination that is the hallmark of every disciple. “The first step to becoming holy,” she said, “is to will it.”

This can sound intimidating, especially if you don’t see yourself as a particularly determined person. But Jesus wants to share the secret that Mother Teresa and every other saint discovered: sheer willpower isn’t the whole story. The truly critical factor is God’s desire. If you want your life to be something beautiful for God, know that he wants the same thing. Know also that he has all the grace you need to accomplish it.

He has filled you with his Spirit; he gives you his Body and Blood at Mass; he walks beside you every day, helping you when you stumble and cheering you on when you succeed. He is 100 percent behind your desire to build a “tower” that glorifies him. So whenever you sit down to calculate the cost of following Jesus—especially when that cost seems too high—take comfort from these words from St. Teresa of Calcutta: You belong to him. Nothing can separate you from him. That one sentence is important to remember. He will be your joy, your strength. If you hold onto that sentence, temptations and difficulties will come, but nothing will break you. Answer Jesus’ call to you with the simple word, “Yes.”

Daily Readings

Sep 5 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 5: 1-8 Ps 5: 5-6, 7, 12 Lk 6: 6-11

Sep 6 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 6: 1-11 Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-6a, 9b Lk 6: 12-19

Sep 7 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

1 Cor 7: 25-31 Ps 45: 11-12, 14-17 Lk 6: 20-26

Sep 8 Thu: Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary FEAST

Mt 5: 1-4a or Rom 8: 28-30 Ps 13: 6ab, 6c Mt 1: 1-16, 18-23

Sep 9 Fri: Peter Claver, priest, religious, missionary

1 Cor 9: 16-19, 22b-27 Ps 84: 3-6, 12 Lk 6: 39-42

Sep 10 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

1 Cor 10: 14-22 Ps 116: 12-13, 17-18 Lk 6: 43-49

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

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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@divinemersey.sg

Canonisation of Blessed Teresa of Kalkota



On 4 September, Pope Francis will canonize Mother Teresa as a saint of the Roman Catholic Church at the Vatican. We pray that we continue to be inspired by her many works of mercy so that we too, may offer ourselves to be of service to God and to the poor.

Raise Your Hand

In life we err frequently, we make many mistakes. We all do. Wait, maybe someone here has never made a mistake? Raise your hand if you are that someone, there: a person who has never made a mistake? We all do it! All of us! Perhaps not a day goes by without making some mistake. Let us learn to acknowledge our mistakes and to ask for forgiveness.

- Pope Francis Address to Engaged Couples, Feb 14, 2014

Reflection: St. Thérèse of Lisieux once said, “How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God’s mercy.” It can be difficult to accept our mistakes, but it gives us an opportunity to see God’s mercy and to rely on it more deeply. When you make a mistake today, take the opportunity to pray for a greater reliance on God’s mercy.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY

This week Zacchary Quek and Dillon Lim, who are attached with the De Cleanse Ministry, told us more about their experiences.

Why did you join the De Cleanse Ministry?

Z: I wanted to help them out after hearing they were shorthanded.

D: I knew I could be of help to the ministry.

What have you gained from your attachment so far?

Z: I gain joy from cleaning God's house, helping to make worshippers feel more welcomed.

D: I feel fulfilled knowing that I am providing a cleaner environment for mass and for those who drop by on pilgrimages.

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



L9 teen Dillion hard at work cleaning up our Parish hall

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

35 Inquirers received the Rite of Acceptance and were officially welcomed as Catechumens last Saturday. They were blessed, marked with the cross of Christ and presented with crosses. Let us continue to support them with our prayers as they embark on a new phase in their RCIA journey.



CDM Pilgrimage

Last Saturday, 25 pilgrims from CDM visited the Church of Risen Christ to attend the Novena session there. They also made a trip to the Lee Ah Mooi Home for a corporal act of Mercy where pilgrims fed and entertained the elderly residents. This is the third pilgrimage organised by CDM in this Year of Mercy.



Level 2 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Last Friday, our Level 2 children celebrated their first Sacrament of Reconciliation. Guided by the Holy Spirit, it was a time of deep reflection and a renewal of their faith for our young brothers and sisters.

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Peter & Agatha Tay

Dates 5 - 11 Sep 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 15 Elias Green #06-05 (Lobby C)

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.

Come join us this week as we continue to listen to Gerard speak about the reliance on the Holy Spirit.

Week 2: Reliance on the Holy Spirit

When Thursday, 8 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

Bible Apostolate Movie Night

St John Paul II

When Part 2 - Wed, 7 Sep at 8pm

Where Parish Hall (Level 2)

All are welcome!

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

Catechetical Ministry

The Catechetical Ministry is looking for a volunteer administrator to help on Sunday mornings. Please contact Allyson or Johanna at catechism@divinemersey.sg if you are interested to be part of the Catechetical Ministry.

Young Adults Night of Discussion - Creed on the Streets (COTS 6)

The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues.

When Monday, 26 September 2016
7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m.

Where Level 3, Agape Village
7A Lorong 8, Toa Payoh

Topic Technology – a help or hindrance in our relationship with God and others?