

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2016 • 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Ex 32: 7-11, 13-14 Ps 50: 3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
1 Tm 1: 12-17 Lk 15: 1-32

“Father, help me to let go of my hurts and my resentments.”

Fifteen years ago today, we saw the twin towers at the World Trade Center fall, the Pentagon burst into flames, and an airliner crash into a field in Pennsylvania. The scenes were both heartbreaking and horrifying. And yet as terrible, sinful, and evil as this attack was (or any attack like it), it is important that we keep in mind Paul's words in today's second reading: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners,” and because of his sacrificial act, everyone who repents will be “mercifully treated” (1 Timothy 1:15, 16).

Sometimes, it's next to impossible to forgive someone, especially in those situations in which a horrible sin has been committed. But one look at the Gospel tells us that God's entire relationship with us is based on love and mercy and forgiveness, whether it is forgiveness for the “big sins” of the prodigal son or the “minor sins” committed by his brother. All of the parables in today's Gospel illustrate just how far God will go to seek and save the lost. It's safe to say that people who can execute something as horrendous as a massive terror attack have lost their way. Yet God loves them; he longs to bring them into his kingdom. He yearns for them to turn away from their sins and find the mercy that is open to everyone. Closer to home, we may be struggling to forgive someone who has hurt us. It could be a devastating wound or a minor snub. But no matter how much or how little it hurts, God asks us to try our best to forgive. So try to imitate your heavenly Father today. Make a list of the relationships in your life that may be wounded or broken, and ask him for the grace to forgive. If you can't forgive all at once, ask him for the grace to take one step closer to mercy. Every step counts!

Daily Readings

Sep 12 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/The Most Holy Name of Mary

1 Cor 11: 17-26, 33 Ps 39: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 Lk 7: 1-10

Sep 13 Tue: St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Dr

1 Cor 12: 12-14, 27-31 Ps 99: 2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 7: 11-17

Sep 14 Wed: EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, feast

Nm 21: 4b-9 Ps 77: 1-2, 34-38 Phil 2: 6-11 Jn 3: 13-17

Sep 15 Thu: Our Lady of Sorrows

Hebr 5: 7-9 P Ps 30: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 20 Jn 19: 25-27 or Lk 2: 33-35

Sep 16 Fri: Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr

1 Cor 15: 12-20 Ps 16: 1, 6-7, 8b and 15 Lk 8: 1-3

Sep 17 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ St Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Dr

1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 Ps 55: 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 8: 4-15

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!

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Opening Hours

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Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm
Sun | 9am - 1pm
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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

A New Saint is Born!



“Let us carry her smile in our hearts and give it to those whom we meet along our journey, especially those who suffer.”

– Pope Francis

On Sunday, 4 September 2016, Pope Francis proclaimed Mother Teresa a saint before a crowd of more than 100,000 in St. Peter's Square in Vatican City. Read more about her canonisation on page 2.

This Love Changes Our Lives

Who Is Helping and Who is being Helped?

You have also learned to see others, particularly the poor; and I hope you don't distinguish between who is helping and who is being helped. The tension slowly ceases being tension and becomes an encounter, an embrace: it becomes unclear who helps and who is being helped. Who leads the action? Both of them, or, to say it better, the embrace leads.

– Pope Francis Address to the Sant'Egidio Community, June 15, 2014

Reflection: When you think of helping the poor do you think that they are also helping you? When we help the poor, we become better versions of ourselves. We learn to be less selfish, less comfortable, and more loving. Embrace this encounter.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - LECTORS MINISTRY

This week, we caught up with Kristina and Faith from the Lectors Ministry, who their thoughts about proclaiming the Word of God.

Kristina has always had a fascination for the word of the Lord, and loves the spiritual awakening she experiences. Faith was not a really a frequent bible reader, but by joining the ministry, she is able to learn more about the bible.

They have managed to get a deeper connection with the word of God, and a deeper understanding of how text from long ago can be applied to daily life. They also enjoy the fact in their bible passage discussions and reflections, the same passage can have many different perspectives!

Kristina also feels that having to speak to the congregation and worrying about not stuttering is a major challenge she faces. Faith feels that it is challenging because it may be time consuming. Overall, they really enjoy their attachment!

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



L9 teens Kristina Simundo and Faith

Canonisation of Mother Teresa

Last Sunday, Mother Teresa was declared a saint in a canonisation mass held by Pope Francis in the Vatican. Catholics from all around the world gathered to witness this event.

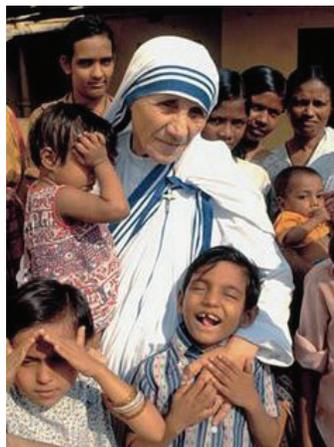
Mother Teresa devoted her life to helping India's poor. She never ceased to reach out to the less fortunate, taking in the dying and starting up schools. In his homily, Pope Francis described Mother Teresa's work as "eloquent witness to God's closeness to the poorest of the poor". She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, India in 1950 with just 12 followers. The order now runs hospices, schools, homeless shelters and other services for the destitute in 139 countries.

"Perhaps I don't speak their language but I can smile"

- Mother Teresa

After the Pope proclaimed Mother Teresa a saint, two nuns of her order presented one of her relics: some of her blood in a cross-shaped reliquary. Her proclamation as a saint occurs one day before the 19th anniversary of her death. That anniversary, Monday will now be her feast day in the calendar of the Catholic Church around the world.

Simple acts of kindness can make a difference. Let us learn from Mother Teresa the importance of kindness and make our society a better place.



"If you can't feed a hundred people, feed one"

- Mother Teresa

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Girly Isidro

Dates 12 - 18 Sep 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 25 Elias Road Ris Grandeur Condo #09-11

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

Mass on Hari Raya Haji Public Holiday

Please note that on 12 Sep, Monday there will be only an 8am Mass conducted at the main church hall.

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

The Children of Praise

From 1 to 29 Sep, Gerard Francisco, the Chairman of SACCRC will be in our parish giving a series of talks on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. This week Gerard will be speaking about the 'Kerygma'; the initial and essential gospel proclamation in the New Testament. All are welcome!

Week 3: The Kerygma

When Thursday, 15 September @ 8pm

Where Parish Hall Level 2

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.

Seminar on Ethical Dilemmas in Zika Virus Infection

What if an unborn child is found to have microcephaly as a result of the Zika Virus infection? Should we abort the child? Should a husband suspected of having the Zika Virus infection use the condom when having sexual intercourse with his wife?

Check these out and more, with our panel of experts at this seminar organized by the Catholic Medical Guild of Singapore.

When 17 Sep (Saturday), 2pm - 4pm

Where St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre
2 Highland Road S(549102)

Faith and Light Singapore Mass for the Intellectually Disabled

Faith and Light Singapore invites and welcomes all to Mass for person with intellectual disabilities and their families on Saturday, 24 Sep at 6:30pm at The Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, 31 Siglap Hill. Following this, the Mass will be celebrated every last Saturday of every month at 6:30pm at OLPS. For more information, please contact Gerard Low @ 82286457 or gerarddlow@gmail.com.

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?

SSVP 2nd Collection

The collection from the 3 & 4 Sep Masses totaled \$ 16,228.46. Thank you very much for your generosity.