

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2016 • 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Am 8: 4-7 Ps 113: 1-2, 4-6, 7-8

1 Tm 2: 1-8 Lk 16: 1-13

“Jesus, teach me to be a good steward.”

Have you heard about the dying man who won the lottery? Concerned that the excitement would be too much for him, the man's family asked their parish priest to tell him the good news. When the pastor told the man that he had won \$10 million, the man replied, “I want to give half of it to the Church.” The priest was so surprised that he had a heart attack. This little joke tells us how much of an impact money can have on us.

Today's Gospel asks us, “What is your attitude toward money?” Here are a few ideas that might help you answer that question. First, having money is not a sin. It's our love of money that separates us from God.

Second, Jesus asks us to be good stewards of our money. He wants us to be prudent and responsible. We should never allow greed or dishonesty to dominate us. Instead, we should use our money wisely and be as generous as we can.

Third, donating to the Church and other charities, even if we can give only a small amount, is a key aspect of our stewardship. Scripture calls us to hear “the cry of the poor” (Proverbs 21:13). We can be assured that whenever we give away our earthly treasures, God will reward us with heavenly treasures—“eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9).

Finally, remember that your money is not yours; it belongs to God. The moment you die, you will no longer own your money. The only way it will matter is the degree to which you have used it to help people: your family, your friends, the Church, and the poor.

Money is a very complex and emotional topic, so ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn how to keep it in the right perspective.

Daily Readings

Sep 19 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Januarius, bishop, martyr

Prv 3: 27-34 Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 8: 16-18

Sep 20 Tue: Andrew Kim Taegon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Hasang, ca, martyr, & company., martyrs

Prv 21: 1-6, 10-13 Ps 119: 1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 Lk 8: 19-21

Sep 21 Wed: Matthew, Evangelist FEAST

Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Ps 19: 2-3, 4-5 Mt 9: 9-13

Sep 22 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Eccl 1: 2-11 Ps 90: 3-6, 12-14 and 17bc Lk 9: 7-9

Sep 23 Fri: Pio of Pietrelcina, priest

Eccl 3: 1-11 Ps 144: 1b and 2abc, 3-4 Lk 9: 18-22

Sep 24 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Eccl 11: 9 – 12: 8 Ps 90: 3-6, 12-14 and 17 Lk 9: 43b-45

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

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm

Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm

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

Our Children's Faith Journey



Over the past few weeks, our children have been preparing to receive their sacraments. On the Saturdays of 3 & 10 September, our Level 3 children who are going to receive the First Holy Communion were invited to attend a Day of Recollection (DOR). Our Level 9 youth, preparing for Confirmation (DOR), are coming to the end of the Ministry attachment, and were introduced to the Catholic Social Teachings as one of the core aspect of our faith. Read more on page 2.

Mercy and New Strength

When we are weary, downcast, beset with cares, let us look to Mary, let us feel her gaze, which speaks to our heart and says, “Courage, my child, I am here to help you!” Our Lady knows us well, she is a mother, she is familiar with our joys and difficulties, our hopes and disappointments.

When we feel the burden of our failings and our sins, let us look to Mary, who speaks to our hearts, saying, “Arise, go to my Son, Jesus; in him you will find acceptance, mercy, and new strength for the journey.”

- Pope Francis Message, October 12, 2013

Reflection: Mary is our guide to accepting Jesus into our life in deeper and more profound ways. Take your current difficulties and disappointments and bring them to Mary to help you grow closer to Our Lord.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

This week we met up with Lucas Tan and Juan Joy, from the Hospitality Ministry, who shared about their service to the church.

Why did you join the Hospitality Ministry?

L: I wanted to serve the Lord through serving the people.

What have you learned?

J: I have learnt that there are many different ways to serve the Lord, one of the ways is through hospitality: how to be hospitable in welcoming people. We live by the three rules GSW: Greet, Smile and Welcome!

How has your experience been serving during mass?

J: It's been great because it's teaching us skills, such as handling different kinds of people.

What do you enjoy in this ministry?

J: Serving the people, welcoming them to church, and encouraging them to come to church.

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



L9 teens Juan Joy and Lucas Tan

The Agape Experience



Last Saturday, our Level 9 teens visited the Agape Village in preparation for their confirmation. The visit helped them understand the Village's role in promoting the Catholic social teachings, and the services it provides for society.

Day of Reflection in Preparation for First Holy Communion



The DoR was a time of reflection for the children as sessions on Forgiveness, Faith, Love, Hope, Prayer, Praise and Grace were conducted by catechists and other ministries such as Children's Liturgy, Lectors, Choir, Hospitality, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers.

"The Day of Reflection has helped my child to reflect and prepare herself for the big day and to understand better the importance of receiving Jesus in the host." – Amanda on her daughter Megan

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Jonas Yeong

Dates 19 - 25 Sep 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 420 Pasir Ris Dr 6 #01-259

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

The Children of Praise

From 1 to 29 Sep, Gerard Francisco, the Chairman of SACCRE will be in our parish giving a series of talks on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. Come join us this week as we listen to Gerard speak on 'Signs and Wonders'. All are welcome.

Week 4: Signs & Wonders

When Thursday, 22 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@divinemeracy.sg if you are interested to be part of the Catechetical Ministry.

Volunteer Foster Parents

Sanctuary Care is a new fostering service by Boys' Town. We assist low-income families who need short-term childcare help, such as those who are ill or facing a family or pregnancy crisis. We are currently recruiting foster parents to provide a loving home on a short-term voluntary basis for children in need. Contact us today at sanctuarycare@boystown.org.sg or call 6221 0588 to find out how you can help. We will look forward to hearing from you.

OLPS Mass & Potluck

Where OLPS Canteen (Siglap)

When 2 Oct, Sun at 10am

OLPS will be having an Oct Mass and Potluck for singles. Purpose: Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass

Cost Bring Some Food to Share with Others

Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/StRaphaelSinglesSingapore>

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support overseas humanitarian work. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Sylvester Singh at 6337-4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

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.

When Saturday, 24 Sep at 6:30pm

Where Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church
31 Siglap Hill

Following this, the Mass will be celebrated every last Saturday of every month at 6:30pm at OLPS. For more info, 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
7:30pm to 9:30pm

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

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