

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2016 • 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Am 6: 1a. 4-7 Ps 146: 7. 8-9. 9-10 (1b)
1 Tm 6: 11-16 Lk 16: 19-31

“Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. Help me be as generous as you are.”

Some theologians believe that few will go to heaven. Other theologians hold that the mercy of God is so great that many, if not most, will go to heaven. But no one knows for sure.

Today's Gospel is a story about the relationship between a man who lived in luxury and went to hell and a frail beggar, who went to heaven. The rich man may have been a good and honest man. We don't know. We do know that he loved his five brothers, but he was also indifferent to poor Lazarus.

The Bible has countless references to the poor and the forgotten (Micah 2:9; Isaiah 58:7; Nehemiah 5:1-5; Matthew 5:42; 25:31-36). Most of these passages tell us that God expects those who have more to help those who have less. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, “God blesses those who come to the aid of the poor and rebukes those who turn away from them” (2443).

This was the rich man's problem. What he failed to see was that the beggar Lazarus was God's representative, a person who deserved to be treated much better. All he could see was a ragged, diseased man.

Scripture tells us to share our clothes and our food and to care for the sick and the lonely (Matthew 25:35-36; Luke 3:11). It tells us that every human being has the right to live in dignity and to not go hungry or homeless. Today, let's ask, “What sacrifices can my family make so that we can reach out to the poor more fully?”

Daily Readings

Sep 26 Mon: Ordinary Weekday/ Cosmas and Damian, martyrs

Jb 1: 6-22 Ps 17: 1bcd. 2-3. 6-7 Lk 9: 46-50

Sep 27 Tue: Vincent of Paul, priest, religious founder s

Jb 3: 1-3. 11-17. 20-23 Ps 88: 2-3. 4-5. 6. 7-8 Lk 9: 51-56

Sep 28 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Wenceslaus, martyr/ Lawrence Ruiz, mm, martyr, & company., martyrs

Jb 9: 1-12. 14-16 Ps 88: 10bc-11-15 Lk 9: 57-62

Sep 29 Thu: Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels FEAST

Dn 7: 9-10. 13-14 or Rv 12: 7-12a Ps 138: 1-5 Jn 1: 47-51

Sep 30 Fri: Jerome, priest, dr

Jb 38: 1. 12-21; 40: 3-5 Ps 139: 1-3. 7-10. 13-14ab Lk 10: 13-16

Oct 1 Sat: Lectionary of Saints

Is 66: 10-14 Ps 131: 1-3 Mt 18: 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!

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Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm
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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

Migrant Sunday Singapore



We celebrate Migrant Sunday this Sunday. Singapore has over a million of migrant workers and they are an integral part of our society. Let's pray together and warmly welcome our foreign brothers and sisters to our community:

“May God who called you from different places to come to our land give you strength to persevere even in uncertainties, provide for all your needs, surround you with compassion through the people you meet every day. May your journey in hope to God, our true home. And may His peace that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in His love. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.”

The Leper Changed St. Francis

St. Francis was a rich young man, he had ideals of glory, but Jesus, in the person of a leper, spoke to him in silence, and he changed him, he made him understand what truly mattered in life: not wealth, nor power of weapons, nor earthly glory, but humility, mercy, and forgiveness.

- Pope Francis Address, Meeting with Sick and Disabled Children, October 4, 2013

Reflection: Reflect on what matters to you in life. Use the silence and allow God to speak to you about your priorities. Where do humility, mercy, and forgiveness rank?

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - HOME ROSARY MINISTRY

This week, Emmanuel Shim, Adelene Chin and Allison Aquino from the Home Rosary Ministry share about what they feel about their attachment.

Why did you join the Home Rosary Ministry?

ES: It's the only Ministry I have experience with, and when I prayed the rosary for the first time in my neighbours house, it felt great!

AC: I did not pray the rosary so much, and wanted to deepen my relationship with god through this Ministry.

What have you learnt thus far?

ES: I've learnt that it is time to effectively spend time with Mother Mary to seek her intercession and having a deeper relationship with her, it will help us grow in faith and become closer to god.

AA: I've learnt resilience through this Ministry due to the time spent on praying the rosary.



L9 teens Adelene Chin, Emmanuel Shim and Allison Aquino

Migrant Sunday Singapore • 25 September 2016

Migrants are our brothers and sisters who have moved to Singapore seeking better lives for themselves and their love ones. Imagine leaving your family and friends in your home country to a foreign place, it is never easy and as one family of Christ, let's help them to fit in and encourage them to sink their roots here. Remember we are descendants of immigrants too!

CDM All Ministry Day of Recollection

Ministry members met for the Ministry Day of Recollection on 12 September, where they reflected on their roles in the Ministry and how to adopt a charism of discipleship in serving the community. Fr Eugene Lee who facilitated the retreat, shared Pope Francis' call that the church should be one who is Joyful, Merciful and Open and reminded us to seek the face of Jesus in everyone as Jesus Himself was human. The retreat was timely as we move into the last quarter of the year and allowed us to reflect and renew our roles in our Ministry.



Infant Baptism Congrats!

Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants received the Sacrament of Baptism on 11 September 2016. Photographs are available on our website divinemercury.sg/services



Photo courtesy of Con3 intern, Nate Bacarezza

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Irene Leong

Dates 26 Sep - 2 Oct 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 114 Pasir Ris St 11 #11-577

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

The Children of Praise

Gerard Francisco, the Chairman of SACCRE will be in our parish for his last of 5 sessions on the Book of the Acts of the Apostles. This week, Gerard will be speaking about 'Growth of Communities'. We invite all to join us.

When Thursday, 29 September @ 8pm

Where Parish Hall Level 2

Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 9 Oct during the 5:30pm Mass. The preparation session will be on 2 Oct @ 3.30pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Register at the Parish Office or contact Francis @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg for more information.

Feast of St. Faustina, Apostle of Mercy

When 5 October, Wednesday

The 6.15pm Mass will be held in the main Church followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy

Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend

ME facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husbands and wives communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together. There are still slots for the next ME Weekend, from Oct 7 to Oct 9 (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, email mewkend@hotmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

October • Month of the Holy Rosary

A half hour before all the 4 Sunday Masses in October, the legionaries will recite the rosary. Please come 30 minutes earlier and join us in this beautiful Marian prayer. The family that prays together, Stays together".

Year of Mercy Mass • October

When 14 October, Friday @ 8:00pm

Chaplet Devotion @ 7:30pm

Where CDM main church

Celebrant Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD

The Spirituality of Work: Labour, Toil and/or Passion?

When 7 Oct, Fri, 8 pm - 9 Oct, Sun, 1 pm

Where Choice Retreat House

"How do I feel about Mondays?" This weekend of prayer invites you to reflect on work from seeing how God works and labours in all creation, and how we are invited to participate in God's passion for giving life in this manner. You will also be encouraged to regard work in light of Romans 8:22, as "one great act of giving birth." Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. For details, please contact the Cenacle Sisters at 9722-3148; email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

Talks by the Apostolate for Catholic Truth

7 Oct, Fri, 7.45pm to 9.30pm

Topic: Explaining Purgatory, Marian Devotion, Statues, etc to Non Catholics Speaker: Kelvin Chia, LLL

14 Oct, Fri, 7.45pm to 9.30pm

Topic: The Truth of the Crusades, the Inquisition, Galileo, etc.

Speaker Nick Chui, MTS

Where St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street) Conference Room

Free of charge. All are welcome.

More details may be found at: www.catholic.sg/act

Register at <http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup>