

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2016 • 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 Kgs 5: 14-17 Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4

2 Tm 2: 8-13 Lk 17: 11-19

“Jesus, I want to receive all that you have for me. Show me what steps you want me to take. You are my hope and my strength”

Naaman had been reluctant to dip in the Jordan seven times, but he did it anyway. And so each dip in the river brought him greater healing. Yes, his flesh was healed. But far greater was the healing of his heart as he came to believe in the Lord.

Similarly, ten lepers approached Jesus, and all he asked them to do was show themselves to the priests. Off they all went, and for one of them, each step loosened the grip of doubt and loneliness a little more. A magnificent healing took place in his body, but a greater healing took place in his heart as he came to see Jesus in a new light.

We all have areas in our lives where we need healing: perhaps in our bodies, our relationships, or our inner thoughts. Yes, the Lord wants to bring restoration.

But he also wants to help us come to know him in a deeper way. He wants to take us from knowing about his love to being embraced by it. He wants to take us from knowing about his power to experiencing it.

So as you bring your needs to the Lord, bring him your heart as well. Each dip in the Jordan was a conscious choice that opened Naaman to God's blessings. Each step toward the priests helped that former leper see Jesus as Lord. What steps is God asking you to take? Whatever they are, decide to say yes, and God will respond with his life-giving grace. Our hearts will grow in trust and worship because we will be convinced that “there is no God in all the earth” like our God (2 Kings 5:15). He is faithful!

Daily Readings

Oct 10 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31 – 5: 1 Ps 113: 1-7 Lk 11: 29-32

Oct 11 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 5: 1-6 Ps 119: 41, 43-45, 47, 48 Lk 11: 37-41

Oct 12 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Gal 5: 18-25 Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 11: 42-46

Oct 13 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Eph 1: 1-10 Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 11: 47-54

Oct 14 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Callistus I, pope, martyr

Eph 1: 11-14 Ps 33: 1-2, 4-5, 12-13 Lk 12: 1-7

Oct 15 Sat: Teresa of Avila, virgin, religious, dr

Eph 1: 15-23 Ps 8: 2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 12: 8-12

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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Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm

Sun | 9am - 1pm

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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@divinemercury.sg

First Holy Communion



Last weekend ended with joy and excitement for the parents and children of Level 3! Read more on pg 2

People Are Starving

If something should rightly disturb us and trouble our consciences, it is the fact that so many of our brothers and sisters are living without the strength, light, and consolation born of friendship with Jesus Christ, without a community of faith to support them, without meaning and a goal in life.

More than by fear of going astray, my hope is that we will be moved by the fear of remaining shut up within structures which give us a false sense of security, within rules which make us harsh judges, within habits which make us feel safe, while at our door people are starving and Jesus does not tire of saying to us, “Give them something to eat” (Mk 6:37).

— Pope Francis in *Evangelii Gaudium*

Reflection: Pope Francis' words call us to reflect on what we truly care about. Do we care more about others simply following rules, or is our deepest desire to see them living with the joy and consolation of a friendship with Jesus? Search your heart and mind for what you truly care about.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Level 9 Ministry Attachment 2016

OUR TEENS' CONFIRMATION JOURNEY - SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

This week, Joelle and Abigail from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Ministry share their experiences in participating in the attachment.

Joelle feels that SSVP allows her to help people in need and she really loves to do so. Abigail also enjoys this opportunity to help the needy, and with this attachment Joelle and Abigail have learnt to be empathetic and realised that they are indeed very privileged. Joelle particularly likes the serving of food, but also finds it quite challenging to mingle with the people they help because sometimes they are quite reserved. Abigail feels that it is heart-warming to see people mingle with each other and start conversations with each other. Overall, both of them really enjoy their attachment!

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



Abigail Lee (left) and Joelle Ang Dsouza (right)

First Holy Communion



Photo courtesy of Con3 intern Valensia Saraswati

Last weekend ended with joy and excitement for the parents and children of Level 3. After months of preparations and prayers, the children participated in the sacraments of the Holy Eucharist and received the very special gift of Jesus himself for the very first time. The ceremony was celebrated at the Saturday, 5.30pm and Sunday, 9am and 11.30am masses.

The children joined the choir in giving praise and thanksgiving to the Lord with the song, 'I Will Sing Forever', after receiving their First Holy Communion.

"I felt a spark. I felt like Jesus was in me."

~ Tara Rhys Mathews-Charley on her experience upon receiving the body of Christ.

RCIA Journey - Canteen Day



Thanks to all parishioners who supported our Catechumens last week!

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Year of Mercy Mass • October

Theme Mercy: Gift and Fruit

When 14 October, Friday @ 8:00pm
Chaplet Devotion @ 7:30pm

Where CDM main church

Celebrant Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD

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".

Home Rosary Session

Host Kevin & Clara Samy

Dates 10 - 16 Oct 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 118-F Tanah Merah Besar Lane

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

Infant Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants will be administered at the 5:30pm Mass on 9 Oct.

The Children of Praise

'THE LOVE OF THE FATHER'

We invite all to join us for this talk as we listen to Fr. Terence speak of the love of Abba, our Father, on the 13th of October 2016, 8 pm, at the Parish Hall L2.

Registration for 2017 Catechism Sessions

If you live in the Pasir Ris / Loyang area and have yet to register your child for catechism sessions at our parish, you may do so before and after all masses on the weekend of 22/23 October. A photocopy of the child's baptism certificate is required for registration.

SSVP Thanks You!

The second collection for the Society of St Vincent de Paul to help the poor and needy the last weekend (1 & 2 Oct) was \$15,825.85. Thank you very much for your generous contributions.

World Mission Month • 9 Oct 2016

This year, World Mission Sunday will take place on October 23rd. This is a worldwide collection from the missionary Church that provides emergency aid when disaster strikes, cares for refugees in war torn countries, and provides rural and health clinics and transportation for priests, catechists, religious and lay pastoral workers. It provides financial support for the daily needs of all missionaries. Please pray for the missions and be generous on World Mission Sunday.

Invitation to Mission

Bring to prayer specific individuals in your immediate social circle who need your presence and attention. Make a commitment to be more generous with your time create some safe space where it is conducive to encounter the person as a gift.

Help a Worker: Donate a 3G Phone

Communications Ministry is organizing a second hand phone collection in support of Transient Workers Count Too (TWC2)'s effort to provide foreign workers with 3G phones. This is because many of them hold on to 2G phones to communicate with their families, to get help when injured etc. but the 2G phones will be phased out by April 2017. If you have 3G phones (and charger if possible) which you do not need, please drop it off at the Secretariat from now until 16 October. Or visit www.giving.sg/transient-workers-count-too/3g if you wish to make donate money.

David Haas in Concert

David Haas is highly regarded as a liturgical composer, musician and singer. Some of his best-known songs are 'You Are Mine', 'Blest Are They', and 'Send Us Your Spirit'. Joining David on stage will be Fr Edward Lim OCD, Fr Luke Fong, Fr Valerian Cheong and Fr Eugene Lee CSsR.

Where Church of Divine Mercy

When Friday 4 November 2016, 8 pm

Contribution \$25

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