

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2016 • 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mal 3: 19-20a Ps 98: 5-6, 7-8, 9

2 Thes 3: 7-12 Lk 21: 5-19

“Jesus, teach me to live simply, humbly, and peacefully.”

The Thessalonian church was in a state of confusion. False teachers claimed that the Second Coming had already happened. According to them, the persecutions they were experiencing were signs of apocalyptic upheaval. To head off this confusion, Paul urged everyone to focus on living simply. He wanted them to be content with what they had and to be faithful to the Lord.

Paul's message of simplicity is important. We can easily become preoccupied with the busyness of life or get swept up in the idle speculation that is always part of the world. But this only distracts us and makes it harder for us to hear the Lord and feel his presence. A simple life doesn't mean an inactive life. It's a life of balance. Here are two strategies that can help you live simply.

First, think about limiting the number of activities you do in any given day. This means evaluating the time you spend watching television, using devices, or shopping. It may mean setting aside one night a week for spiritual reading or serving in your parish community. Find ways you can simplify your life so that Jesus has more ways to love you.

Second, whether you are cooking a meal, working, or taking a walk, do it in a way that brings glory to the Lord. This approach can help keep your mind more peaceful and more focused on living in the Spirit. Over and over again, the saints have told us that a simple life helps us to keep our minds on the Lord. It gives Jesus opportunities to fill our hearts with his joy, love and peace.

Daily Readings

Nov 14 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Rv 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5 Ps 1: 1-2, 3-4 and 6 Lk 18: 35-43

Nov 15 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ Albert the Great, bishop, religious, dr

Rv 3: 1-6, 14-22 Ps 15: 2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Lk 19: 1-10

Nov 16 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Margaret of Scotland, martyr, wife/ Gertrude the Great, virgin, religious

Rv 4: 1-11 Ps 150: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 19: 11-28

Nov 17 Thu: Elizabeth of Hungary, martyr, wife, religious

Rv 5: 1-10 Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Lk 19: 41-44

Nov 18 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Dedication of the Churches of Peter and Paul / Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin, religious, missionary

Rv 10: 8-11 Ps 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19: 45-48

Nov 19 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Rv 11: 4-12 Ps 144: 1b, 2, 9-10 Lk 20: 27-40

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
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Sun | 9am - 1pm
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Parish Census

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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

The Jubilee Year of Mercy (YOM) Ends This Weekend



This weekend concludes the Extraordinary Jubilee, after almost one year since the opening of the CDM Holy Door on 8 December by our Archbishop. We hope that this year of our Lord's Mercy had allowed you to seek forgiveness and reconciliation, and also offer them to others, so that they too feel the same joy and peace! Let us continue to live the motto of the Holy Year, "Merciful like the Father", and be witnesses to God's Mercy in the world. Please turn to page 3 for information of the YOM closing Mass.

In a Community, in a Family

We cannot grow up by ourselves, we cannot journey on our own, in isolation; rather, we journey and grow in a community, in a family. And so it is in the Church! In the Church we can listen to the Word of God with the assurance that it is the message that the Lord has given us; in the Church we can encounter the Lord in the sacraments, which are the open windows through which the light of God is given to us, streams from which we can draw God's very life; in the Church we learn to live in the communion and love that comes from God.

Pope Francis — *Evangelii Gaudium*

Reflection: With whom do you journey? What influences you the most? Is it the media? Is it your friends? Is it the Lord? Turn to encounters of his mercy to help you centre your priorities. Spend time with those who encourage your faith, dive in to God's word, and frequent the sacraments.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Congratulations to our 102 Confirmands!

After extensive preparations, 102 Level 9 teens, 6 teens from other parishes and 12 adults received the outpouring of the Holy Spirit during last Sunday's joyous confirmation celebration. The confirmands experienced the true love of God and had indeed, become disciples of Christ. Thank you to our priests, the catechists, ministry members and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to make this beautiful celebrations possible. Photos are available on www.divinemersey.sg/main/ministries/catechist-catechism/photo-videos.



“It was truly a joyful experience. To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit was a privilege which helps me to be strengthened in my faith and readier to serve God with my gifts.”

- Zacchary Quek, 9C

David Haas Brought the House Down @ CDM!



That may be an exaggeration but he did fill our church to the brim when he held his first ever concert in Singapore. David had the audience dancing, singing, sometimes tearing and often time laughing in stitches when his songs and humour. Together with the talented choirs from CDM, SVDP and SMOTA, and Fathers Edward, Eugene, Luke and Valerian, the audience enjoyed the evening of David Haas' music. Thank you to CANA and the many volunteers working behind the scene to make this happen. Photos of the concert can be found in www.divinemersey.sg/main/photos-videos

Our RCIA (Batch 2) Dines with Our Priests

Our catechumens had the opportunity to dine with our priests last Saturday. There were lots of laughter and fun too! Photos are available on

www.divinemersey.sg/main/ministries/rcia-rciy/photos-and-videos-rcia-rciy



+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jubilee Year of Mercy Closing Mass

The final Mass, celebrating the conclusion of the YOM will be this Sunday, at 5:30pm. Chaplet to the Divine Mercy will be at 5pm. The Holy Door will be close after this Mass.

Home Rosary Session

Host Grace Ng

Dates 14 - 20 Nov 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Block 230 Pasir Ris St. 21 #04-38

For more info, contact Sharon Khng at 9631-7575 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

Annual Church Cleaning - More Hands Needed!

It's time again for our annual spring cleaning before Advent. Sacrifice some of your time and give us a hand.

When 19 November, Saturday, 8am

No skills required. Tasks will be assigned according to your abilities. For information, please contact Peter (paa@vitol.com).

Daughters of St Paul

The Daughters of St. Paul will be at our parish this weekend with a variety of spiritual books and AV materials to help nourish our faith. They are also appealing for funds for their new convent through the sale of their cookbook, Taste of Heaven (\$25). Please give them your kind support.

Agape Village Open House

Visit Agape Village on Saturday, 19 Nov, 11.30am to 4pm for its 1st Anniversary Celebration Open House! There will be a food and social enterprise bazaar, and lots more!

Where 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.

www.agape-village.caritas-singapore.org

COTT Registration

Catholics residing in Punggol who have not registered with Church of the Transfiguration, can obtain the forms from and submit them to the Parish Office. Please contact COTT's Pastoral Coordinator, Raymond Chang @ 63419718 for more enquiries.

The Children of Praise

“What kind of God do you believe in?”

Rev. Fr. Charlie Oasan will be in our parish to give a talk on the above topic. Join us in our session on Thu, 17th Nov, at 8pm in the Parish Hall (L2). All are welcome.

Couple Mentor Journey (CMJ) - Recruitment of Couple Mentors

Calling all Catholics, mixed marriages (Catholic & Christian) and interfaith couples. If you have a faithful and fruitful bond of marriage, have been married for at least five years and your relationship is rooted in love and committed to living out the Church's teachings on marriage – you are ideal to be **couple mentors**. Info session about CMJ is on **November 28 (Monday), 8 pm**, St. Faustina room. Come visit our Couple Mentor Journey booth at the church foyer on Nov 19 & 20 to find out more.

Jason Evert LIVE in Singapore

The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is bringing in Jason Evert, renowned Catholic author and speaker on chastity and sexuality, to Singapore on 14 Jan2017. He will give separate talks to parents, young adults and youth. Due to overwhelming response and for safety and security reasons, there will be two similar talks for parents at Church of Divine Mercy and the talks for young adults and youths will be shifted from CJC to Max Pavilion. Buy your tickets at catholicfamily.org.sg/jasonevert.

CDM has reserved tickets for our Secondary Level teens to attend the talk for youths. A registration form will be issued to these teens to complete if they are keen to attend.

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Exhibition • 19 & 20 Nov 2016

JRS Singapore will be holding an exhibition at the foyer. We are challenged to see refugees not as mere statistics but as persons with a name, face and story. Come by to the exhibition and speak to the JRS volunteers for more insights about the refugee situation and what we can do to support them.