

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2016 • SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Is 11:1-10 Ps 71: 2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15: 4-9 Mt 3: 1-12

“Holy Spirit, come and purify me. Set my heart on fire so that I can be your witness today.”

In his Letter to the Romans, St. Paul writes, “We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

In this verse, Paul is saying that at our baptism, we are “buried” with Jesus and then “raised” to a new life with him. He tells us that the outward signs of baptism— water, oil, light, a white robe—are intricately tied to the inward work of regeneration that God does in everyone at their baptism. Each of us becomes “dead to sin and living for God” (Romans 6:11).

In today’s Gospel passage, John the Baptist talks about baptism as well. Only here he is saying that Jesus has come to baptize us not with water, but “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Matthew 3:11). So what’s the difference?

Water baptism washes us from original sin and brings us into a new relationship with God. Baptism “in the Spirit” is what happened to the apostles on Pentecost, when they were filled with the power and boldness of God. They were baptized into the life of the Holy Spirit, who then worked his wonders in them and through them.

Scripture tells us that our God is a “consuming fire” (Exodus 24:17). This baptism by the Spirit and fire is God’s way of setting a fire in our hearts so that we will want to go out and share his love. It’s his way of making us more like Jesus, who wanted to please the Father in everything he said and did. It’s his way of building his Church—by empowering his people to do the works that Jesus did. What an honor to receive the Spirit this way!

Daily Readings

Dec 5 Mon: Advent Weekday

Is 35: 1-10 Ps 84: 9ab and 10-14 Lk 5: 17-26

Dec 6 Tue: Advent Weekday/St Nicholas, Bishop

Is 40: 1-11 Ps 95: 1-2, 3 and 10-13 Mt 18: 12-14

Dec 7 Wed: St Ambrose, Bishop, Dr

Is 40: 25-31 Ps 102: 1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11: 28-30

Dec 8 Thu: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Solemnity

Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Ps 97: 1-4 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38

Dec 9 Fri: Advent Weekday/St John Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Is 48: 17-19 Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11: 16-19

Dec 10 Sat: Advent Weekday

Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Ps 79: 2ac and 3bc, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17: 10-13

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!

Parish Secretariat

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm
Sat | 12.30pm - 5.30pm
Sun | 9am - 1pm
Closed on public holidays

Parish Census

For those who have not yet registered as parishioners of CDM, please do so at the Parish Office.



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Parish Bulletin

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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

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Second Sunday of Advent



We light the second candle of the Advent Wreath which symbolizes Peace this Sunday and so we remember that Jesus is our hope and our peace as we prepare for the coming of Jesus.

The Only Real Sadness in Life

There is a celebrated saying by the French writer Léon Bloy, who in the last moments of his life said, “The only real sadness in life is not becoming a saint.” Let us not lose the hope of holiness; let us follow this path. Do we want to be saints? The Lord awaits us, with open arms.

- Pope Francis - General Audience, October 2, 2013

Reflection: When we think of the idea of becoming a saint, we are quickly overwhelmed by what we must do and how we must change.

We must act, yes, but first we must open ourselves up to God’s mercy. His mercy is what will change us into saints. Take some time to give yourself to the Lord with open arms.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Feast of the Immaculate Conception • 8 December 2016



On 13 May 1917, the Blessed Mother began appearing to 3 children in Fatima, Portugal. Her message was both timely and timeless. She told them of the need for prayer and repentance, of the call to peace and conversion and warned them of a future filled with faithlessness. In the course of the coming year of 2017 we will consider how our Lady's appearance at Fatima still can impact our lives today.

Too often we overlook and dismiss sins. The truth is that we are sinners and we do sin. We have the

Sacrament of Penance to confess and receive pardon. This is necessary for our coming closer to Christ our Saviour. Next year is the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady at Fatima.

Primary Level Parent & Child Catechism Session • 26 & 27 Nov



Raymond Ghin and his family at the session.

Last weekend the Primary Level Parent & Child session reflected upon why Mother Mary is regarded as the Mother of Mercy. Families bonded over the discussion and coloring of a miraculous medal suncatcher. The children also took home a blessed miraculous medal. We hope that the session will remind all of the mercy and graces of our Mother.

“It was a really useful session where both parents and children can learn in the same prayer space. The content was very well thought out and the stories enabled the children to learn more about our Mother of Mercy.” – Raymond Ghin

Commissioning of CDM Choral Music Ministry • 20 Nov

Heartiest congratulations to the choir members who were commissioned at last Sunday's 9am Mass. Thank you for your love and dedication each week throughout the year.

Photos are available on our website.



RCIA Journey - Works of Mercy

Our catechumens had an enriching morning interacting with residents at St. Teresa's "Gift of Love" Home for the Elderly on 19 November 2016 — singing songs, playing games, and helping with general duties in and around the Home. Photos can be viewed at <http://divinemersey.sg/main/ministries/rcia-rciy/photos-and-videos-rcia-rciy/>

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Regina Tay

Dates 5 - 11 Dec 2016

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 651 Pasir Ris Dr 10 #03-58

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

Children of Praise

The Children of Praise will have our last session for this year with a thanksgiving mass celebrated by Rev. Fr Terence Kesavan

When 8 December at 8pm

Where Parish Hall (Level 2).

All are welcome. We will resume our session next year on 5 January 2017.

#BringACatholicHome

Just one. Would that be you? Or someone you know? That's what we do at Landings. Our mission is to help reconnect the 'away' Catholic back to Church. To bring Catholics home one at a time.

To know more how you can contribute to this mission, you are warmly welcome to speak to us at our booth in the church foyer in the weekend of 10/11 December after mass. The Landings team will also be distributing tags as giveaways this Christmas. Perhaps someone is waiting to receive your personal message to take that first step home!

To find out more, visit our website at www.landings.org.sg, email us at returning@landings.org.sg or you can either Leonard (9369 2100) or Tricia (9863 1590) or Lucy Tjhia (9068 2961).

Infant Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism for infants will be administered at the 5:30pm Mass on 11 December. Preparation session for parents and godparents on 4 December @ 3.30pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4).

Mandarin Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be no Mandarin DM devotion during Dec 2016 - Jan 2017. Devotion will resume in Feb 2017.

CDM Advent Schedule

Penitential Service

Wed, 14 Dec: 8:00pm

'Simbang Gabi' - 9 Night Novena Mass

15 Dec to 23 Dec @ 8:00pm daily

Officiated by the visiting Priest Fr. Romeo RV Villavicencio. The Mass will be in English, but the Homily and Songs will be a mix of English and Tagalog.

There will be a fellowship after every Mass at the canteen. Open to everyone! For more information contact Zap 82881025 & Marie 94783985.

Christmas Eve - Sat, 24 Dec:

6:00pm Children's Pageant followed by Christmas Mass

8.30pm Carolling

9:00pm Christmas Mass

11.30pm Carolling

12:00mn Midnight Christmas Mass

Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)

Sun, 25 Dec:

Masses at 7:00am; 9:00am; 11:30am; 5.30pm

3:00pm Special Mass for our foreign workers followed by Hi-Tea

Sat, 31 Dec:

6.30am & 5.30pm (Thanksgiving Mass)

Sun, 1 Jan 2017:

Mass schedule as usual

Family Life Society Mass

Come pray for the end of abortion, the protection of unborn babies and their mothers on the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe – the protectress of the unborn – on 12 Dec (Mon) at St Ignatius Church. Pro-life rosary will be recited at 7:30pm followed by Mass at 8pm. There will be special blessings for pregnant mothers, their spouses and families. This event is organised by the Pregnancy Crisis Service, a service of Family Life Society. All are welcomed.