

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 1 JANUARY 2017 • MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
Nm 6:22-27 Ps 66(67):2-3,5,6,8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

“Jesus, let my soul magnify you! Let my spirit rejoice in your salvation!”

The Church celebrates New Year's Day in a special way by honoring Mary as the Mother of God. But Mary isn't just the Mother of God; she is our mother as well. And as the Catechism teaches us, because Mary is our mother, she is also our “Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix” (CCC 969).

So how does Mary fulfill all these roles? Let's look at two key ways. First, we know that Mary pondered and treasured everything that came from God. As today's Gospel says, she dwelt on what the shepherds told her. She also pondered and treasured Gabriel's visit at the annunciation. She pondered and treasured how the Magi were led to the manger by God's star. She pondered and treasured what the young Jesus said when they found that he had stayed behind to teach the elders in the Temple.

Right now, try to see how Mary is asking you to take time to ponder who Jesus is and what he has done for you. Imagine Mary asking you to treasure him above everything else.

Second, take a look at Mary's Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55). This prayer shows how much Mary loved to praise and glorify God. Right now, try to see how Mary is asking you to join her in praising God with all your heart. Imagine her inviting you to dedicate the first affections of your heart to Jesus by rejoicing in him, singing to him, and worshipping him.

Mary is not only your mother; she is your prayer partner as well. So join her today, and pray your own Magnificat.

Daily Readings

Jan 2 Mon: Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 97(98):1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Jan 3 Tue: Christmas Weekday /The Most Holy Name of Jesus

1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 97(98):1,3-6 Jn 1:29-34

Jan 4 Wed: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 97(98):1,7-9 Jn 1:35-42

Jan 5 Thu: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100: 1-5 Jn 1:43-51

Jan 6 Fri: Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38

Jan 7 Sat: Raymond of Peñafort, Priest

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Jn 2:1-11

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

General Office

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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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New Year Day - Mary, Mother of God & World Day of Peace



We celebrate the feast of the Mary, Mother of God on 1 January. On this same World Day of Peace, let us implore Mother Mary's intercession that the Lord may grant us peace in our daily lives.

He walked that path to the very end, to the cross, whereby he became our peace and put an end to hostility. Whoever accepts the Good News of Jesus is able to acknowledge the violence within and be healed by God's mercy,

becoming in turn an instrument of reconciliation. In the words of Saint Francis of Assisi: “As you announce peace with your mouth, make sure that you have greater peace in your hearts”. - Excerpt from Pope Francis' World Day message 2017

2017 also marks the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917.

Indestructible Love

With the birth of Jesus the heavens open! God gives us in Christ the guarantee of an indestructible love... And it is possible for each one of us, if we allow ourselves to be suffused with God's love, which is given to us for the first time in baptism by means of the Holy Spirit. Let us allow ourselves to be invaded by God's love! This is the great time of mercy! Do not forget it: this is the great time of mercy! - Pope Francis at the Angelus speech, January 12, 2014

Reflection: Giving ourselves to others in love takes courage. We can only do this knowing that we possess God's indestructible love. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you be invaded by God's love so that you can give it to others.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

New Year greetings from our priests and staff at CDM. Wishing all parishioners a blessed, joyful and healthy 2017.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Christmas Celebrations and Cantata

Our Christmas eve was filled with beautiful performances by our catechism children and choir. The children recounted the story of the Nativity of Jesus and the choir brought us through well-loved Christmas hymns. Thank you to our priests, catechists, ministries and volunteers for your time and dedication to make this season a meaningful one.



(Above) A pageant titled 'The Most Beautiful Story' was put together by the teens from Levels 8 & 9 for the Children's Mass.



(Left) A scene from the play where the shepherds were watching their flock by night before the Angels appeared to them!

Shepherds: Jessica Liang, Isaiah Blauta, Riane De Mesa and Edlyn Toh (from left)



(Left) Our Saint Pedro Calungsod Choir sang their hearts out at the cantata titled "Hope of Christmas"!

Congratulations

Couples celebrating their significant anniversaries this year will renew their vows during this weekend masses. 'Significant' means Milestone Weddings Anniversaries i.e. 10th; 15th; 20th; 25th; 30th; 35th; 40th; 45th; 50th and above. A big congratulations to all couples celebrating!

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

2 January 2017 Mass Time

There will only be one Mass at 8am on Monday, 2 January, as it is a public holiday.

Home Rosary Session

Host Doris Quek

Dates 2 Jan - 8 Jan 2017

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue Blk 738, Pasir Ris Dr 10, #04-21

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

Children of Praise

Join us for our very first session in 2017, as we start the year in conversation with God through prayers.

Topic A Year of Prayer In Conversation with God

When 5 January at 8pm

Where Parish Hall (Level 2)

In preparation for the session, please read and reflect on bible verse: Ephesians 6:18

We look forward to welcoming you on Thursdays.

Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 15 Jan 2017 during the 5:30pm Mass. The preparation session will be on 8 Jan @ 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

Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend

Consider the Special Gift of a Marriage Encounter Weekend. ME facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples.

Next English weekend will be held from 6 January (Friday) to 8 January (Sunday).

There are still slots for the next ME Weekend. For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mailto:mewkend@hotmail.com or visit www.MEsingapore.org

Catechism Classes

Classes will commence on 25/26 February.

Jason Evert Live in S'pore • 14 Jan

Jason Evert, renowned Catholic author and speaker on chastity and sexuality, will be in our parish on 14 Jan 2017. Talk for Parents - 12 noon – 2.00 pm. Tickets are available at the Parish Office.

Open Call! ONE is looking for collaborators

Calling those interested in the work of the New Evangelisation: ONE is looking for collaborators. Come to the ONE Day and find out more!

When 7 Jan 2017, 9.30am – 12.30pm

Venue 2 Highland Road, CAEC Building.

Those interested, please refer to this link to fill up the form: <http://bit.ly/2hJ7kk7>

Jan OLPS Mass & Potluck by St

Raphael Singles

Where OLPS Canteen (Siglap)

When 8 Jan 2017, Sunday, at 10am

Purpose Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass

Cost Bring Some Food to Share

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

Email StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com to confirm your participation.

Personal Moral Compass Course

Module 1: Who decides what is right or wrong? by Fr David Garcia, OP

This is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology for Catholics and non-Catholics interested in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is also recommended for those involved in formation and ministry work. The course will start on 10 Jan 2017, Tuesday nights, 7:30pm to 9:30pm in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, go to: www.caritas-singapore.org OR email: formation@caritas-singapore.org