

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 8 JANUARY 2017 • EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Is 60: 1-6 Ps 71: 1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3: 2-3 Mt 2: 1-12

“Holy Spirit, thank you for guiding me. Help me to follow your lead today.”

The Magi certainly weren't the first to follow a star. Ancient mariners used stars to navigate the seas. Greeks, Persians and Egyptians saw noble stories and even future predictions in them. But this star was different. This star led wise sages from the East to a humble carpenter, his wife, and the Son of God. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a bright star could lead us to Jesus? We hear so many different voices and see so many different paths before us—how can we ever know the right way?

Actually, God has given us something much better than a star: the Holy Spirit, the “Spirit of truth” (John 16:13). He is not just a distant star but God himself, living and active in our hearts. So let's practice learning how to hear him.

One important way is through Scripture. More than just a set of stories and teachings, Scripture is “living and effective” (Hebrews 4:12). That means that the Spirit can take a passage that was written thousands of years ago and bring it to life for you. He can show you God's love more deeply, give you guidance, or console you in a time of trial.

Try listening to the Spirit today. Take one of the readings from Mass, and read it slowly and prayerfully. See if something from this passage speaks to you personally. If it's a good and encouraging thought, it may well be the Holy Spirit! Remain with that thought for a while, and watch as the Spirit opens your heart to Jesus a little bit more.

Remember, the Spirit's goal is not to tell you how to do every little task in life. Rather, he wants to help you recognize Jesus, even in the most unlikely places—just as the Magi did.

Daily Readings

Jan 9 Mon: Baptism of the Lord

Is 42: 1-4, 6-7 Ps 28:1-4, 9-10 Mt 3: 13-17

Jan 10 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 2: 5-12 Ps 8: 2, 5-9 Mk 1: 21-28

Jan 11 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 2: 14-18 Ps 104: 1-4, 6-9 Mk 1: 29-39

Jan 12 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 3: 7-14 Ps 95: 6-11 Mk 1: 40-45

Jan 13 Fri: St Hilary, Bishop & Doctor

Heb 4: 1-5, 11 Ps 78: 3-4, 6-8 Mk 2: 1-12

Jan 14 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 4: 12-16 Ps 19: 8-10, 15 Mk 2: 13-17

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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Church of Divine Mercy

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord and Baptism of the Lord



We celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ on 8 January and Baptism of the Lord on 9 January. The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord celebrates the revealing of the young Messiah as the light of the nations. Three mysteries are encompassed in this solemnity: the adoration of the Christ Child by the Magi, the Baptism of Christ and the wedding feast at Cana.

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The Fourth Wise Man

Author, Henry Van Dyke tells a haunting story entitled, The Fourth Wise Man - a tale of the fourth Magi, Artaban. He was to journey with the others, following the great star to pay homage to the King. On his way to meet their caravan and the other 3 kings, he stops to care for a dying stranger by the road. When he reaches the meeting place, they have left without him.

For thirty-three years he wanders, searching, feeling he has failed. In all his travels, he finds people needing rescue, healing, comfort, food, shelter. As he is dying, a tender voice assures him that whatever he did for the least of these, he did for the One he sought. We, like Artaban, do not see the actual epiphany of the Divine. But on all the pathways of our journey, we meet and do him homage in our moments of compassion: feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, reading children stories that touch their hearts forever.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord & Baptism of the Lord

On Monday, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Baptism of Our Lord, during which we recall Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany, which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on our own baptism. It is not just a ceremony lasting a few minutes, which produces magical effects; it is the beginning of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This weekend, let us renew our faith and commitment to follow Jesus.

Year of Mercy Ambassadors Thanksgiving Dinner



Last Sunday, CDM ambassadors who have helped out in hosting pilgrims visiting our parish's "Door of Mercy" were treated to a sumptuous buffet in appreciation for their time, dedication and hospitality during the Year of Mercy.

Celebration of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

Congratulations to all couples that celebrated their significant anniversaries last weekend. Photos can be found at www.divinemercy.sg/weddinganniversaries



"In our ups and downs we thank the Lord for His Love ... His grace keeping us close to Him is all we need and we accept all the decisions He provides for us ..."

- Irene and Lawrence, married for 25 years



"When we decided to marry, we had faith that the marriage is going to work out ... God chose this partner for me, we have faith in Him so we leave everything to Him and live day by day..."

- Rosalind and Joseph, married for 54 years

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

Host Angela Chow

Dates 9 Jan - 15 Jan 2017

Rosary days with community:

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

Venue 23G Flora Road, Estella Gdns, #02-02

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

Children of Praise

"Commit to the Lord." (Proverbs 16:3)

When we commit our ways and our work to the Lord, He will bless our efforts according to His perfect will. Come join the Children of Praise as we begin our first session in 2017.

When 12 January at 8pm

Where Parish Hall (Level 2)

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

Caritas Singapore Annual Mass & Appreciation Lunch

For all catholic social workers, volunteers, and all involved in the social mission of the Church, come join our annual celebration to pray as a community for the social mission of the Church in Singapore with His Grace Archbishop William Goh.

When 14 January 2017 from 11am-1pm

Venue Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh (Level 1 - Multi-Purpose Hall)

For RSVP & enquiries, please call Raymond Yong at 6337 7854 or email: raymond@caritas-singapore.org

Chinese New Year Mass Schedule

Friday, 27 Jan 6.30am & 5.00pm.

Saturday, 28 Jan 8.00am & 10.00am & 5.30pm (Sunset Mass)

Sunday, 29 Jan Masses as usual

Monday, 30 Jan 8am only (No Evening Mass)

Blessing of oranges during all masses on Saturday, 28 January.

Catechism Classes

Classes will commence on 25/26 February.

Catholic Foundation Gift Programme

On-the-spot GIRO signups for GIFT – Catholic Foundation has recently launched the GIFT programme of regular giving to help the archdiocese achieve its Pastoral vision to make the church a more vibrant, missionary and evangelistic church. **This weekend, volunteers from the Catholic Foundation will be staging a roadshow in our parish to collect online donations and assist you with your GIRO pledges.**

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

Last Call for Tickets • 14 Jan 2017

Jason Evert, renowned Catholic author and speaker on chastity and sexuality, will be in Singapore on 14 January 2017. He will be speaking to parents in the Church of Divine Mercy. Limited tickets for the 12 noon session are still available at the Parish Office or at www.catholicfamily.org.sg/jasonevert