

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 15 JANUARY 2017 • SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
John 1: 29-34 Psalm 39(40):2,4,7-10 Is 49: 3, 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3

### “Jesus, you are the Lamb of God. Come, Lord, and open my eyes!”

Every Sunday, just before we receive the Eucharist, the priest invites us to “Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sin of the world.” He invites us to fix our whole selves on Jesus. He invites us to say, “This Jesus died for every sin that has been committed or will be committed—he died for every sin that I or anyone else will commit.”

Have you ever seen a story on television about a child who walked into the street and was tragically killed by a speeding car? If so, the story probably left you feeling sad for the child and his family, even though you don't even know them. But everything would be dramatically different if it were your child who was killed by that speeding car. Instead of feeling sad, you would feel crushed. The pain would stretch on for weeks, months, even years. You might never be able to forget the tragedy. This is a good way for us to grasp what it means to “Behold Jesus.”

Beholding Jesus is not just a good thing to do. It's not just a fleeting moment on Sunday morning in the middle of your busy life. Beholding Jesus involves embracing what Jesus has done for us. It involves remembering what your life would be like without him. Twice in today's Gospel, John says, “I did not know him” (John 1:31, 33). Still, John was able to recognize Jesus when he arrived. That's why he said, “Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (1:34). The Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to him in a dramatic and deep way, and it changed his life.

A similar thing can happen to us at Mass today. Jesus wants to open our eyes at the “breaking of the bread” so that we might know him more deeply (Luke 24:35). So when you receive Communion today, make it a point to behold Jesus. Then ask him to reveal himself to you.

### Daily Readings

#### Jan 16 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 5: 1-10 Psalm 110:1-4 Mk 2: 18-22

#### Jan 17 Tue: St Anthony, abbot

Heb 6: 10-20 Psalm 111:1-2,4,5,9,10 Mk 2: 23-28

#### Jan 18 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Heb 7: 1-3, 15-17 Psalm 110:1-4 Mk 3: 1-6

#### Jan 19 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 7:25 - 8: 6 Psalm 40:7-10, 17 Mk 3: 7-12

#### Jan 20 Fri: Sts Fabian, Pope & Martyr or Sebastian, Martyr

Heb 8: 6-13 Psalm 85:8, 10-14 Mk 3: 13-19

#### Jan 21 Sat: St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

Heb 9: 2-3, 11-14 Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9 Mk 3: 20-21

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

### Parish Priests

**Fr Johnson Fernandez**

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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

### Staying Connected

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## Consider the Fullness of Jesus' Teachings and Works



The Liturgical year is made up of six seasons: Advent, Christmas, Lent, Sacred Paschal Triduum, Easter and Ordinary Time. In Ordinary Time, we consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people

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## Our Spiritual Parents

Joy and sorrow are never separated. When our hearts rejoice at a spectacular view, we may miss our friends who cannot see it, and when we are overwhelmed with grief, we may discover what true friendship is all about. Joy is hidden in sorrow and sorrow in joy. If we try to avoid sorrow at all costs, we may never taste joy, and if we are suspicious of ecstasy, agony can never reach us either. Joy and sorrow are the parents of our spiritual growth.

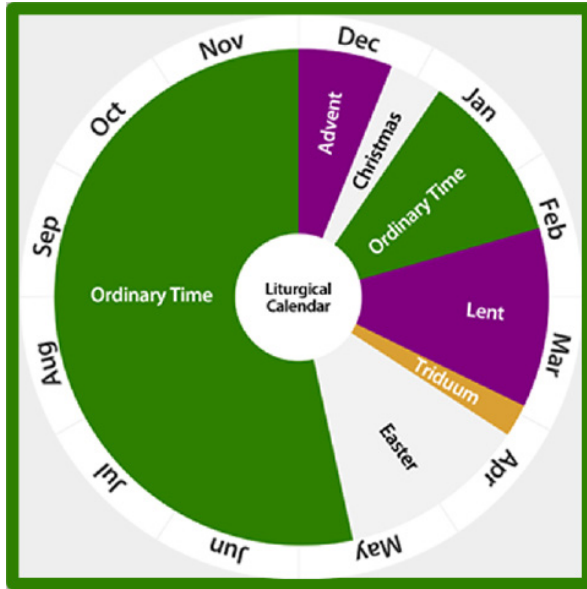
### THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 2017

**We pray for Christian Unity.**

That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

## + PARISH BUZZ

### What is the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year?



We are starting this period now. Ordinary Time refers to two periods of time in the Christian liturgical year that are found in the calendar of the ordinary form of the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church in Latin, the name of this time is *Tempus per annum* translated as time during the year.

Ordinary Time comprises two periods: the first period begins on the day after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday; the second period begins on the Monday after Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter season, and continues until the Saturday before the First Sunday of Advent. In some traditions, the first period is celebrated as Epiphanytide, and the latter of these periods is observed as Trinity tide. Both of these periods of time, combined, are the longest time in the liturgical year.

### One of Our Three Kings is Hurt!



your children at all times, and to look after them.

Last week, a child knocked down one of the statues of the three kings at our foyer and broke its hands and fingers. As the statue is part of an entire crib set, we are not able to replace just that statue. We feel sad about this incident and wished it did not occur.

We hope that parents will continue to look out for their own children for their safety and to help take care of our church property. Please also inform us should you see any of such incidences take place. We thank you for helping us make the church a place of honour and worship!

Parents, please look after your children in the foyer and in Church.

We have noticed that more and more parents allow their children to roam and run around in the foyer as well as in Church during Mass. We request that you try to supervise

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

**Host** Angelina Koh

**Dates** 16 Jan - 22 Jan 2017

Rosary days with community:

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

**Venue** 15 Pasir Ris View

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

### Children of Praise

*A Change Within (2 Corinthians ,4: 16-18)*

Let us desire and seek that Christ brings about a change in us that will prepare us to our ultimate destination, eternity with Him. Join us! All are welcome.

**When** 19 January at 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall (Level 2)

### Infant Baptism

This will be held on 15 Jan, at the 5.30pm Mass

### 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.

### Closure of Bookshop

The Bookshop will be closed for Chinese New Year on Sat, 28 Jan and Sun, 29 Jan.

### Catechism Classes

Classes will commence on 25/26 February.

### Blessing of Expectant Parents

There will be a special prayer and blessing for expectant parents this weekend before the final blessing. We invite you to sit in the front pews.

### A Journey into Contemplation

A series of 10 mini-workshops to experience silence and stillness through the simplicity of Christian Meditation **commencing Tue 7 Feb, and every Tue for 10 weeks at the Parish Hall (L2), 8pm – 9.30pm.** Registration at the first session 7 Feb, begins at 7.30pm. Limited to 100 participants on a first come first priority.

### Sale of Jason Evert's Books

On Sale at the Bookshop are books by Jason Evert. Selling at only \$2/- each.

### Catholic Foundation Gift Programme

This weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. Kindly bring your pledged envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop them into the collection bags that will be passed round. Pledge envelopes can also be found along the pews.

### Commissioning of Principals 2017

This year, 11 Principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and kindergartens. ACCS invites all educators to this commissioning ceremony to pray for all our Catholic schools. **The ceremony will take place during the sunset mass at 3.30pm on 21 Jan 2017 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.** His Grace Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant.

### Talk: 'God is love' (1 John 4:8).

**Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain?**

The Catholic Theology Network is organizing the following session on Wed, 19 Jan 2017, 7.30pm – 9pm (begins with Vespers) at St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Conference room. Presenter: Simon Longman.

**Synopsis:** A person's faith can often be shaken by such apparent contradiction. This talk is an invitation to an alternative way of understanding suffering and God's love.

### Working on Our Dreams Retreat

**Fri, 20 Jan, 8 pm to Sun, 22 Jan, 1 pm at**

**Choice Retreat House.** Organised by the Cenacle Sisters, this retreat helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, to listen and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Contribution: \$200.00

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