

## + REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 22 JANUARY 2017 • THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Is 8: 23 – 9: 3 1 Cor 1:10-13.17 Mt 4: 12-23

**“Come, Lord, and heal all divisions. Make our churches and families beacons of your love.”**

At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that his people would be united (John 17:21). He also prayed that the mark of his disciples would be their love for one another (13:34-35). And in today's second reading, Paul makes a plea for unity in the Corinthian church. What will be the single most compelling thing that will move people to believe in Jesus? Our unity. Our love for each other. We were not in Corinth two thousand years ago. We were not in South Africa one hundred years ago when Mahatma Gandhi said, “I like your Christ; it's you Christians I don't like. You Christians are so unlike your Christ.” Still, what they saw exists today.

There is far too much division in our Church and our homes. Imagine how brightly the Church would shine if every family were to dedicate themselves to unity. Imagine how attractive the Church would be if we put aside legalism and made it our highest priority to love each other as brothers and sisters. Imagine how magnetic the Church would be if we put aside judgments and looked upon each other as children of God who are trying their best to live out the command to love God and each other. Unity doesn't mean agreeing on every issue. It means honouring and respecting everyone -including those we disagree with. That's because, as the Catechism teaches, the dignity of every human person doesn't depend on whether we like each other. It depends on the fact that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God. Of course, the idea of unity in our parishes can sound nearly impossible. But that's not a problem for God; nothing is impossible with him. So take St. Paul's words today, and make them your own. Make it your goal to be in unity with everyone, especially within your family.

### Daily Readings

#### Jan 23 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 9: 15, 24-28 Psalm 98:1-6 Mk 3: 22-30

#### Jan 24 Tue: St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

Heb 10: 1-10 Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11 Mk 3: 31-35

#### Jan 25 Wed: CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, APOSTLE

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22 Psalm 117:1-2 Mk 16: 15-18

#### Jan 26 Thu: Sts Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5 Psalm 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4: 21-25

#### Jan 27 Fri: Ordinary Weekday, St Angela Merici, Virgin,

Heb 10: 32-39 Psalm 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4: 26-34

#### Jan 28 Sat: St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor

Heb 11: 1-2, 8-19 Luke 1:69-75 Mk 4: 35-41

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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Email | secretariat@divinemercury.sg

#### 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.



# CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

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## Parish Bulletin

### Parish Priests

**Fr Johnson Fernandez**

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Tel | 6583 8789

### 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

#### To offer feedback, email us at

stayingconnected@divinemercury.sg

#### Subscribe to our e-bulletin at

www.divinemercury.sg

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Church of Divine Mercy

## A Good Sex Talk for Parents by Jason Evert



“Set your standards high and make that clear,” Jason Evert shared with parents on the virtue of their children's chastity.

Renowned Catholic author and chastity speaker Jason Evert came to our church to speak to some 1,400 parents on Jan 14. Organised by the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family, it was part of a series of talks held at CDM and MAX Pavilion, which was attended by more 5,000 young adults and youths.

Read more about his talks on page 2.

## Enough Light for the Next Step

Often we want to be able to see into the future. We say, “How will next year be for me? Where will I be five or ten years from now?”

There are no answers to these questions. Mostly we have just enough light to see the next step: what we have to do in the coming hour, or the following day.

The art of living is to enjoy what we can see and not complain about what remains in the dark. When we are able to take the next step with the trust that we will have enough light for the step that follows, we can walk through life with joy and be surprised at how far we go. Let's rejoice in the little light we carry and not ask for the great beam that would take all shadows away.

## + PARISH BUZZ

### A Good Sex Talk For Parents by Jason Evert (cont. from page 1)



**“Kenny and I not only thoroughly enjoyed his humour but also took home valuable life lessons which we have overlooked in our own relationship. Also, the testimonies which accompanied his talk hit home many times.”**

- Jane & Kenny, at the Jason Evert's talk in CDM

During the sessions, Evert underscored the crucial role of parents as the prime teachers of chastity as they should lead by example in how they live out their faith and the sacraments. He also underlined the need for parents to be in relationship with their kids to be able to instil a culture that is in line with God's plan for human sexuality. He explained that many young people have misunderstandings about intimacy and sexuality as they do not think much about the purpose and the meaning of their human sexuality.

In a time when it is more difficult to be pure, Evert's advice to parents was to obey the Church's teachings on sexuality inside of marriage. After all, chastity is a virtue that is easier caught than taught.

Photographs from Jason Evert's talk is available at: [www.divinemeracy.sg/main/jason-evert-talk-cdm-14-jan-2017](http://www.divinemeracy.sg/main/jason-evert-talk-cdm-14-jan-2017). Jason Evert's books are on sale at the bookshop at only \$2/- each!!

### Infant Baptism Congrats



Congratulations to the parents and godparents whose infants received the Sacrament of Baptism on 15 Jan 2017. Photographs are available from: [www.divinemeracy.sg/main/the-gift-of-faith-infant-baptism-jan-2017](http://www.divinemeracy.sg/main/the-gift-of-faith-infant-baptism-jan-2017)

## + PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Home Rosary Session

There will not be any home rosary sessions between 23 Jan and 5 Feb 2017.

### Children of Praise

*Who am I in Christ (Ephesians 2:18)*

In Christ we are not only victorious, filled with joy and peace and granted true meaning in life, but as we are chosen, we have been appointed to bear fruits, to be a personal witness of Christ. Come join us as we reflect on our present status and what we can do to be that witness of Christ, as we are called children of God.

**When** 26 January at 8pm

**Where** Parish Hall (Level 2)

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### World Day of Consecrated Life

Mass celebrated by Archbishop William Goh Reception and Fellowship follows

**When** 2 Feb 2017 (Thursday), 11 am

**Where** Church of St. Peter and Paul, Queen Street

### Understanding Relationships

Organised by Cenacle Sisters

Looking at ways to make your Valentine's Day more meaningful? Come and spend time, together as a couple or as an individual, to understand aspects of human sexuality from a developmental perspective, how sexuality helps us grow in self-intimacy, intimacy with others, God and all creation.

**When** 10 Feb (8pm) to 12 Feb (1pm)

**Where** Choice Retreat House

**Call or SMS** 9722-3148

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W: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

### Clarity's Workshop on

### Understanding Depression

Individuals with depression often have difficulties seeking help for themselves and in most times, causing friends and family members to feel frustrated and burnout. Come join us to find out what depression is about and share insights on the journey of providing care to your friends or loved ones who may need help. Sat 25 Feb, 10.30am – 12.30pm at CANA The Catholic Centre L2. Fees \$0. To register: E: [registration@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:registration@clarity-singapore.org) or Tel: 67577990

### At Home Retreat

by Cenacle Sisters & team

**When** Feb 13 – Apr 17 (every Monday) 7.15pm to 9.30pm

**Where** Church of St. Peter and Paul 225A Queen Street

A ten-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which enables one to know Jesus Christ more intimately in the midst of our daily life. It includes a weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer using Scripture, and spiritual direction. As the At Home Retreat period falls within Lent, the retreat theme of "Journeying from Ashes to Easter" is a timely opportunity for us to deepen our Lenten pilgrimage. Call: 9722-3148; E: [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com); W: [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)