

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 29 JANUARY 2017 • FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

“Thank you, Jesus, that your kingdom will come. I place my hope in you.”

Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount has been referred to by some as his “manifesto”. Many manifestos are political. Eager to win popular support, candidates or leaders often exaggerate. They promise health, happiness, and prosperity.

Opponents are quick to point out that all this is impossible to guarantee—yet they make similar claims! Of course, Jesus isn’t campaigning for our vote. We know that when he says that something “will” happen, it’s completely different from the exaggerated promises of politicians.

Take time to reread the Beatitudes now, and substitute the word “might” for the word “will.” “They might be comforted. . . They might inherit the land.” Not so inspiring, is it? Now read them as they are written. In these words, the almighty Son of God is assuring you that you who are merciful, will receive mercy; that even though insults are hurled at you, you will have a great reward in heaven. Let that assurance deepen your faith in him.

We all know what it feels like when someone breaks their promise to us. In fact, we can become so accustomed to disappointment that we look skeptically at anyone who makes grand promises. That makes it hard for us to trust in Jesus’ words here. Do it anyway! Remind yourself that God’s promises are true because he is trustworthy (Hebrews 11:11). Remind yourself that he loves you and wants nothing more than to lift you up into his presence.

Today and every day, remind yourself that your faith and hope are in God, and he will never abandon you!

Daily Readings

Jan 30 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

Jan 31 Tue: Ordinary Weekday/ St. John Bosco

Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43

Feb 1 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mk 6:1-6

Feb 2 Thu: Presentation of the Lord

Mala 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40

Feb 3 Fri: Ordinary Weekday /St. Blaise, St. Ansgar

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29

Feb 4 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 13:15-17, 20-2 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

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

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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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Blessed Lunar New Year!



The eight Beatitudes go together. For example, we will never be poor in spirit, that is, voluntarily live below our means, unless we have mourned for our sins, have the strength of meekness, and are seeking first God’s kingdom and righteousness. Yet, if we hunger and thirst for righteousness, we will certainly be persecuted. However, only those committed to the Lord and repentant of sin, that is, those who are clean of heart, will accept the privilege of being persecuted. The clean heart mourn for their sins and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

In other words, the eight Beatitudes are eight ways of looking at one thing. The basic Beatitude is “Blessed are the disciples of Jesus, who live to imitate Him.” Blessed are those living in Jesus.

A Happy Chinese New Year!

Wishing all our parishioners a blessed Lunar New Year. May the light of Christ shine upon you and your family! - from Frs Johnson, Terence and Joseph

A big THANK YOU to all volunteers who have helped decorate our church and clean the mandarin oranges for Chinese New Year. CDM wishes all parishioners a blessed Chinese New Year.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Welcome Father Joseph Khoung!



Father Joseph, who hails from Ho Chi Minh City, will be attached to our parish for 2 months. Prior to this he was with Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (OLPS). He calls himself a 'Baby Priest' as he was ordained only 6 months ago. He is here to learn English and will move on to Manila after he completes his course. Father Joseph said that although he had learnt English in Vietnam 11 years ago, he did not have a chance to practise it at the seminary. He could only read English books and listen to the BBC station. We found his command of English to be absolutely wonderful although he humbly told us to help him correct his grammatical errors if we find any.

Please share with us your impressions of Singapore.

Fr Joseph: Singapore is very orderly and has excellent public transportation. (Father Joseph travels from CDM to his school at Clarke Quay 5

times a week). The people are friendly and helpful. There is good English pronunciation but I may have a little problem with Singlish.

Are you adapting to the local food?

Fr Joseph: I am an adventurous person. I like all the different types of cuisine here. My favourites are chilli crab – no doubt about it! - laksa and frog leg porridge.

What do you do in your free time?

Fr Joseph: I used to run to the beach 3 times a week when I was with OLPS. I would like to do that again.

So, say "hello" to Father Joseph the next time you see him, bring him to your favourite eateries or simply invite him for a run!

Feast of the Presentation of Jesus • 2 February, Thursday



This feast was originally called Candlemas because on that day candles were blessed for use in homes and at Church. It was also called the "Day of St Simeon" because the Gospel of the day proclaims Simeon's description of Jesus as "a revealing light to the gentiles." There will be blessing of candles at the 6.30am and 6.15 pm Masses. If you have candles to bless, please wrap them and place these on the table in front of the chapel altar before the Masses. Please have your name/contact number written on the package and retrieve the candles after Mass.

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mass Times on 30 January 2017

There will only be one Mass at 8am on Monday, 30 January, as it is a public holiday.

Home Rosary Session

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

Children of Praise

The Children of Praise have organized a series of 4 talks to be delivered by Gerard Francisco, Executive Committee Member for International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Services.

Week 1 – 2 Feb Holy Spirit - Old Testament

Week 2 – 9 Feb Holy Spirit – New Testament

Week 3 – 16 Feb Holy Spirit – Today

Week 4 – 23 Feb Charismatic Spirituality

Come join us for these sessions at 8pm every Thursday. You are encouraged to attend all 4 weeks for a better and complete understanding and fully benefit from these talks. All are warmly welcome to join us in the parish hall on level 2.

Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism will be on 12 February, during the 5.30 pm Mass. The Infant Baptism Preparation Session will be on 5 February @3.30 pm in St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Register at the Parish Office or contact Francis Ang @ 96852537 (after 6pm) or email at franelen@live.com.sg for more info.

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.

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

Bring Your Old Palms

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner. The ashes from our old palms will be used for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old palms and leave them in the boxes at the church foyer and basement 1.

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd Dedication Celebration

Our Loving Mother Church of Singapore Dedication Celebration 14-26 February 2017. Our newly restored Cathedral of the Good Shepherd will be dedicated on 14 February 2017 at 7pm, on the 120th anniversary of the 1897 Consecration. This will be followed by a 2-week celebration with daily programmes at the Mother Church. All are welcome to participate in this joyous occasion! Visit the link below for the full calendar of events! www.cathedral.catholic.sg/dedication

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

E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

W: www.cenaclemission.com

CHOICE Weekend

Come away for a Choice Weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life.

When 24 - 26 Feb

(Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Where Choice Retreat House

47 Jurong West Street 42

Enquiries Hillary 9790 0537 or

Francesca 9710 9680

To register and for more info, visit www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm