

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 3 FEBRUARY 2019 • 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17
1 Cor 12:31—13:13 Lk 4:21-30

“There are in the end three things that last: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest of these is love.” - 1 Corinthians 13:13

Life is simple. The meaning of life is love, for God is Love (1 Jn 4:16). All we have to do is to love God with all our hearts (Dt 6:5), love ourselves (Mt 22:39), and love our neighbors (Mt 22:39).

God is easy to love sometimes (see Lk 4:22). But then He speaks the truth in love (see Eph 4:15), and we desire to throw Him over a cliff (Lk 4:29-30). Moreover, we live in the midst of an epidemic of self-hatred. Abortion, euthanasia, alcoholism, addictive behavior, the idolatry of TV addiction, and major influences in our culture of death are obvious or subtle manifestations of self-hatred. Finally, to love our neighbors means to love everyone, including our enemies (Mt 5:43-44).

How can we relate to God, Who is Love, when we are not in love or even loving? “We, for our part, love because He first loved us” (1 Jn 4:19). Do a one-minute crucifix novena. Look at a crucifix for at least one minute a day for nine days. Let the Spirit reveal in a new way Abba’s love for you (Gal 4:6; Rm 5:5).

Daily Readings

Feb 4 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 11:32-40 Ps 30:20-24 Mk 5:1-20

Feb 5 Tue: St. Agatha

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

Feb 6 Wed: St. Paul Miki & Companions

Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 102:1-2, 13-14, 17-18 Mk 6:1-6

Feb 7 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 47:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

Feb 8 Fri: St. Jerome Emiliani

Heb 13:1-8 Ps 26:1, 3, 5, 8-9 Mk 6:14-29

Feb 9 Sat: Ordinary Weekday

1Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 22:1-6 Mk 6:30-34

Feb 10 Sun: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 6:1-8 Ps 137:1-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11

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!

Free Legal Clinic

Second Monday of every month, 7pm to 10pm. Contact the Parish Office for more details.

Parish Secretariat

General Office

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am - 7pm
Closed for lunch | 1pm - 2pm
Sat | 9am - 5.30pm
Sun | 9am - 1pm
Closed on public holidays

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

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, Sunday at

5.00pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests

Every Thursday at 5pm followed by 6.15pm mass

Staying Connected

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stayingconnected@divinemercury.sg

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Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Social Communications



24 January marks the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, patron of journalists. On this day, Pope Francis released his message for the World Day of Social Communications. He warned against the dangers of “disinformation” in internet communication, in addition to “an extraordinary possibility of access to knowledge” found online and reiterated that the Catholic Church sees the internet as a tool that can be used for the betterment of humanity. Read more on Page 2.

The House of Love

“Do not be afraid, have no fear,” is the voice we most need to hear. This voice was heard by Zechariah when Gabriel, the angel of the Lord, appeared to him in the temple and told him that his wife, Elizabeth, would bear a son; this voice was heard by Mary when the same angel entered her house in Nazareth and announced that she would conceive, bear a child, and name him Jesus; this voice was also heard by the women who came to the tomb and saw that the stone was rolled away. “Do not be afraid, do not be afraid, do not be afraid.” The voice uttering these words sounds all through history as the voice of God’s messengers, be they angels or saints. It is the voice that announces a whole new way of being, a being in the house of love, the house of the Lord. . . . The house of love is not simply a place in the afterlife, a place in heaven beyond this world. Jesus offers us this house right in the midst of our anxious world.

- Henri Nouwen

A Blessed Lunar New Year!!

Our parish priests wish all parishioners a blessed Lunar New Year!
Turn to page 3 for CNY Mass timings.

+ PARISH BUZZ

Pope Francis' Message for the World Day of Social Communications (cont.)



Pope Francis shared that The Church herself, is a network woven together by Eucharistic communion, where unity is based not on 'likes,' but on the truth, on the 'Amen,' by which each one clings to the Body of Christ, and welcomes others.

Social media needs to remain "a resource for communion," he said. If a Church community coordinates its activity through the network, and then celebrates the Eucharist together, then it is a resource.

While governments seek legal ways to regulate the web and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network, we all have the possibility and the responsibility to promote its positive use.

As we embrace the era of connectivity, technology, and social media, let us pause to reflect on how we can use social media to promote God's peace, love, and understanding.

Chinese New Year 2019 Open House Visit

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore invites all for an Open House visit with His Grace Archbishop William Goh.

When

Wednesday 6 February
9am to 1pm

Where

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd
Annexe Building Level One



We Pray for Peace & Healing

Amid the twin bombing attacks in Jolo, Sulu in the Philippines the last week, we pray for those who have lost their lives. May their loved ones find healing and prayer in God.

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

There will be no session this week due to Chinese New Year

The Children of Praise

There will be no Praise and Worship session on Thursday 7 February. We will resume on the following Thursday, 14 February.

Bookshop Closed for CNY

The bookshop will be closed on 2 and 3 Feb.

Chinese New Year Mass Schedule

Mon, 4 February | CNY Eve

Mass at 6.30am and 4.30pm

Tues, 5 February | CNY 1st Day

Mass at 8am and 10am (distribution of oranges during both masses)

Wed, 6 February | CNY 2nd Day

Mass at 8am

Parenting Talk by the Catholic Watchmen

The Catholic Watchmen have organized a parenting talk on Understanding Gender Identity Development. The talk is given by Mr Bryan Shen, professional counselor and lecturer at the Singapore Association for Counselling.

When Mon 11 Feb 8pm

Where Parish Hall (tentative)

Register by 8 Feb at <http://bit.ly/CWparentingTalk>
For enquiries email fongdavidmatthew@gmail.com

SSVP Education Programme

SSVP Youth has started an education programme to form a small community of students who are looking for a place to study or in need of peer-tutoring. **Join us, every Saturday, 10am to 1pm at CDM Level 4, St Faustina Room**
For inquiries, contact Rebecca at 9721 7171.

Catechism Sessions 2019

Sessions will commence on the weekend of 23 & 24 February 2019. For enquiries, please email catechism@divinemeracy.sg

Infant Baptism for February

The February Infant Baptism will take place on 10th February at the 11.30am mass. Parents and godparents are required to attend a compulsory Infant Baptism Preparation Session on 3 Feb, 3:30pm at St Faustina Room (Level 4). For more information, please contact Francis Ang – 96852537 (please SMS or call after 6pm) or the parish office.

CDM Parish Day of Recollection

Come and participate in our first parish recollection for the year! As we prepare for Lent and Easter, come and discover more about the liturgy of Holy week and Easter. We will also be sharing about the upcoming initiatives for the parish and updates on the parish upgrading works.

All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this recollection. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/cdmprishrecollecion2019> or at the Parish Office (B1).

When 2 March 2019, 9.00am – 12.00pm

Venue Main Church

SSVP Love in Action

As part of our Love in Action Project, we are looking for parishioners with transport vehicles for large furniture like sofa, fridge, etc. to help deliver donated items to our Friends in Need. For inquiries, please contact Jaime at 9747 5541.

Unpacking the Deepest Desire of our Hearts

By Archdiocesan Commission for the Family

Calling all married couples and singles (above age 20)! Come and hear what the Church teaches about Human Sexuality and unpack the deepest desire of our hearts.

When Saturday 2nd March 9am – 3pm

Where St Joseph Institution
38 Malcolm Road
LT2, Level 3

Register at <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/unpacking-the-deepest-desire-of-our-hearts/>