

+ REFLECTION

SUNDAY, 14 APRIL 2019 • PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION
Lk 19: 28-40 (Entrance Processional) Is 50:4-7
Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Php 2:6-11 Lk 22:14 – 23:56

“Father, make this week holy through miracles of forgiveness. May I decide to accept these miracles now on the first day of Holy Week.”

Jesus prayed always. He even prayed while He was hanging on the cross and dying. He prayed: “Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing”. With His last breath, He prayed: “Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit”. These two prayers are related. To give ourselves totally to the Lord, we must forgive. When Jesus taught us to pray, He taught us to ask our Father in heaven to give us our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses. If we do not give forgiveness, we are not giving our “all.” Therefore, we are not giving as Jesus gives. Thus, we must forgive in order to give our lives to the Lord.

During Holy Week, we are encouraged to accept the grace to forgive all those who have sinned against us. Jesus forgave us for participating in His crucifixion through our sins. We have been forgiven the unimaginable sin of being involved in crucifying God. In thanksgiving for being forgiven, we should pass on the Lord's forgiveness to those who have sinned against us. Jesus died forgiving His enemies. May we live forgiving our enemies and thereby give our lives to Him as a total, unblemished sacrifice.

Scripture Readings

Apr 15 Mon: Weekday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Apr 16 Tue: Weekday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Apr 17 Wed: Weekday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9 Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Apr 18 Thu: Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 115: 12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15

Apr 19 Fri: Good Friday

Is 52:13 – 53:12 Ps 30: 2,6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9
Jn 18:1 – 19, 42

Apr 20 Sat: Holy Saturday

Gen 1:1-2, 2 Ps 103:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35c
Gen 22:1-18 Ps 15:5, 8-11
Ex 14:15, 15:1 Ps: Ex 15:1-6, 17-18
Is 54: 5-14 Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b
Is 55: 1-11 Ps: Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6
Bar 3:9-15, 32--4, 4 Ps 18:8-11
Ez 36: 16-17a, 18-28 Ps 41:3, 5bcde; 42:3-4
Rom 6:3-11 Ps 117:1-2, 16ab, 17, 22-23 Lk 24:1-12

Apr 21 Sun: Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 117:1-2, 16ab-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

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.

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Opening Hours

Mon - Fri | 11am- 7pm
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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@divinemeracy.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

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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion • 14 April 2019



Palm Sunday is the final Sunday of Lent and commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ in Jerusalem, days before he was crucified. It is the day where the faithful will receive palm fronds in church which they use to participate in the re-enactment of Christ's arrival in Jerusalem. The palm branch represented goodness and victory and was symbolic of the final victory He would soon fulfil over death.

Take the Jesus Rides Gloriously into Jerusalem quiz on page 2 to find out how much you know about Palm Sunday.

Come Home to Where Love Dwells

The first love says: “You are loved long before other people can love you or you can love others. You are accepted long before you can accept others or receive their acceptance. You are safe long before you can offer or receive safety.” Home is the place where that first love dwells and speaks gently to us. It requires discipline to come home and listen, especially when our fears are so noisy that they keep driving us outside of ourselves. But when we grasp the truth that we already have a home, we may at last have the strength to unmask the illusions created by our fears and continue to return again and again and again. - Henri Nouwen

+ PARISH BUZZ

What is Holy Week?



Holy Week is the last seven days of Lent. It begins with Palm Sunday (Passion Sunday), continues through the Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, and ends with Easter Sunday. It is the most solemn and holy time of the year for the Catholic Church as it commemorates the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

The Significance of Each Day

Palm Sunday - Jesus' arrival to Jerusalem is remembered. Catholics can participate in processions with blessed olive branches or palms during Mass.

Maundy Thursday commemorates Jesus' Last Supper, in which He instituted the sacraments of the Eucharist and holy orders. During the Mass, the priest practices the rite of foot washing. This ceremony is an important call that we too should be willing to serve others, even if it means doing things we may not like to do.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday - Mass cannot be celebrated on these days since these are days of mourning the death of Christ. On Holy Saturday the church is closed until later when the Easter Vigil is celebrated. It is common that new persons are baptized into the Catholic faith on this night.

Easter Sunday - the Resurrection of Christ is remembered on and is celebrated at Mass that morning. Holy Week/ Easter Mass Schedule can be found on page 3. There will be no morning Mass during the Easter Triduum.

Salubong

Salubong, a traditional Filipino devotion re-enacts the encounter of the Risen Christ with his Sorrowful Mother. On Easter Sunday morning, the men in a joyful procession accompany the statue of Christ and the women in a sombre procession accompany the image of Mary, shrouded in a black mourning veil. The processions will meet and a little girl dressed as an angel removes the black mourning veil from the statue of Mary.

Come meditate & witness the Easter Encounter, SALUBONG, with 70 dancing & singing children dressed as angels, 6am this Easter Sunday before the 7am Mass.

Jesus Rides Gloriously into Jerusalem Quiz



1. On a Sunday before Passover, Jesus made His grand public entry into Jerusalem as Messiah. He was greeted by the cheers and adoration of the people. How did Jesus obtain the colt he rode into Jerusalem?
2. What did the people do to greet Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem?
3. What did the people do as a sign that they truly considered Jesus to be their king?
4. As Jesus entered Jerusalem the people shouted, _____.

ANSWERS

1. He sent two disciples into a village for the colt. 2. They spread palm branches on the road ahead of Jesus. 3. They spread their garments on the road before Him. 4. "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session

There will be no session this week as it is Holy Week.

Children of Praise

There will be no Praise and Worship session from 18 April to 25 April 2019 due to our parish Holy week and other activities. We will resume our session on Thu, 2 May 2019.

The Divine Mercy Way of the Cross

The Stations' map and prayers can be obtained via <http://bit.ly/stationsCDM>

Holy Week/Easter Mass Schedule

18 Apr Maundy Thursday (No morning Mass)

Mass of the Lord's supper – 7pm

Adoration till midnight

19 Apr Good Friday (Day of Fast & Abstinence)

Stations of the Cross – 8.30am

Celebration of the Lord's Passion – 9am, 11.30am & 3pm

Children's Service in the Chapel – 11.30am & 3pm

20 Apr Holy Saturday (No morning Mass)

Easter Vigil and Baptism of Adults – 7pm

21 Apr Easter Sunday

Easter Encounter ("Salubong") – 6am

Mass – 7am, 9am, 11.30am (Infant Baptism) & 5.30pm

Infant Baptism 2019

The next Infant Baptism is on 12 May during the 11.30am Mass. The preparation session is on 5 May @ 3.30pm, St. Faustina Room (Level 4). Attendance is compulsory for parents and godparents. Register at the Parish Office or contact Francis Ang @ 96852537 (after 6pm)/ email infantbaptism@divinemersey.sg for more info. There will be no Infant Baptism from June to August 2019 due to renovation.

Chrism Mass

When Thu 18 Apr 2019, 10.30 am

Where St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

All are welcome

Parish Feast Day Novena

Families are invited to pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy at home on the first 3 days (19 - 21 April) before the start of the daily Novena masses from 22-28 April. The daily prayers are available at www.tinyurl.com/cdmnovena2019. Hardcopy booklets are available in the parish office.

22-26 Apr, Mon – Fri

We will start with the chaplet at 7.30pm and followed by Mass at 8pm.

27 Apr, Sat – Mass at 5.30pm (Chaplet at 5pm)

28 Apr, Sun (Feast Day) – Mass at 7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5.30pm (Chaplet will be recited 30 mins before each Mass). 3pm Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Goh (Chaplet at 2.15pm).

Please visit our website <http://divinemersey.sg/main/mass-schedules/> for more details. There will be no morning mass from 22-27 April.

PIETA Singapore Monthly Session

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the Word of God.

When Next monthly session 23 April, 7:30pm
Every 4th Tuesday of the month

Where Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8
For more information, contact PIETA via email (pieta.singapore@gmail.com) or via Facebook (<https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>)

Youth Conversion Experience

Retreat #16 (YCER)

Calling all youths and young adults aged 18 to 29 years! Come as you are. Our hope is that the YCER will allow you to experience the unconditional love of God in an intimate and tangible way and empower you to face difficult challenges and live a life driven by God's purpose and meaning.

Conducted by

His Grace Archbishop William Goh

When 13 - 16 June 2019 (Thu-Sun)

Where Catholic Spirituality Centre
Registration will be done via balloting.
More details can be found at <http://www.csctr.net/retreats-events/youth-cer/>