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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. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tue 25 Sep '18, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

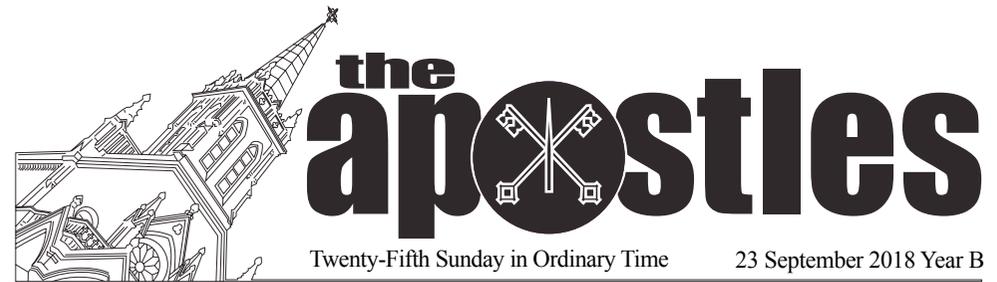
'LIVE THE GOSPEL IN THE WORLD'.

This is a 2-part Formation Series facilitated by Fr David Garcia, OP. This retreat and the follow up sessions bring participants on a journey of discovery of how we are called to live our faith more intentionally in our daily lives. **Part 1: Weekend Retreat** Dates : 27 - 28 Oct '18. Venue: San Damiano Spirituality Centre, 5 Bukit Batok East Ave 2. **Part 2: 3 Evening Sessions.** Dates: 9, 16 & 23 Nov '18. Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please

refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org.

THE COR NOVUM CHOIR is back to raise funds for Caritas Singapore under the auspices of Holy Family Church. Join us for Lux Nova: New Light, for a night of sacred music and contemporary favourites. At \$15 a ticket, 100% of proceeds will benefit Caritas Singapore. Lux Nova: New Light. 21 Oct '18 (Sun), 8:00pm. Church of the Holy Family. For tickets, please make your donation at <https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/luxnova> and drop us an email at cornovum8@gmail.com to confirm your donation and number of tickets needed. E-tickets will be provided via Whatsapp or Email. Clergy and Religious Orders enter for free.

FAMILY MISSION TRIP - 1-7 Dec '18. Always wanted to have a meaningful holiday with your family? Join the Verbum Dei Missionaries on a family mission trip to Tagaytay, Philippines, specially designed for families with children aged 7 years and above. For details, please contact Diana Ho @ 9689 0919.



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 784

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord upholds my life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 24 September - SAT 29 September 2018

MON: PRV 3:27-34, LK 8:16-18 **TUE:** PRV 21:1-6, 10-13, LK 8:19-21 **WED:** PRV 30:5-9, LK 9:1-6 **THU:** ECCL 1:2-11, LK 9:7-9 **FRI:** ECCL 3:1-11, LK 9:18-22 **SAT:** DN 7:9-10, 13-14, JN 1:47-51

On the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection a second time. It is clear to him that they didn't understand the first time. He knew that, along the way, they had been arguing about who was the greatest. He gathers the Apostles and says to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, priest. Saturday is the Feast of Saint Michael, Saint Gabriel and Saint Raphael, archangels.

In Luke's Gospel this week, Jesus shares his wisdom with the crowds he addresses. We must share the light that has been entrusted to us, not hide it. The tables will be turned on those who try to greedily hold on to what they have. When people report that Jesus' family is looking for him, he uses the occasion to highlight the nature of our relationship with him: "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it." When Jesus sends the Twelve to heal and to proclaim the Kingdom, he tells them to serve, trusting in God: "Take nothing for the journey." Herod hears about the new prophet and wonders who it is - he has already beheaded John the Baptist. Jesus asks his disciples who they think he is. Peter replies for them all, "The Christ of God." When Jesus tells his disciples that he will be handed over to others, they can't possibly understand until another day. They were afraid to ask Jesus about this.

On the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jesus tells his disciples not to worry about someone driving out evil in his name. He warns about giving scandal, especially to children and calls for a radical avoidance of evil. We are to separate ourselves from it and choose to turn away from sin and its sources as radically as if to cut off our hand or pluck out our eye. It's about life itself.

Daily Prayer This Week

Every day of every week, we have the precious opportunity to get to know Jesus more intimately and to become more attracted to him, with the result that we grow in a desire to be with him more and to be more like him. Few of us have the wonderful opportunity to follow the special vocation of becoming contemplatives, but we can be more contemplative in our everyday lives. This can happen for us, not by "leaving the world" but by letting our Lord have a place in our very busy daily world. If we keep developing the habit of being contemplatives in the midst of our days, we will indeed be blessed to find intimacy with God in our everyday lives. It doesn't take more time. It just takes focus.

From the first few moments of our day, and in very brief conscious moments throughout the day, we can speak with our Lord. We can notice what is going on in within us - our fears, our fatigue, our joys and our sorrows - and tell our Lord what we are feeling and ask for the graces we need.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm.
SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.	
Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD Parish Secretariat: Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com	
Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:	
(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; (ii) Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.	

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This week, we can be conscious of the invitation not to hide our gifts but to share them -- and we can ask God to help us not fill our lives with secrets. On another day, we might find ourselves doing what the Lord has asked us to do, but tempted out of our fear and anxiety to “take too much with us,” in the sense of not really trusting that our Lord will give us what we need for the journey. This would be a great day for some “friend to friend” conversation with our Lord, before the challenge, in moments during it, and after it is completed, expressing our gratitude.

We can grow in freedom by not being afraid to ask our Lord about anything. The answer surprisingly comes in our own inner peace and trust. By Sunday we can find ourselves judging others less, and more freely and consciously choosing to turn away from occasions of sin.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection

Today’s first reading from the book of wisdom addresses the suffering of the “just one,” especially the suffering that results from the cruelty of others. This cruelty is driven by self-centered egos that want only comfort in life and will not tolerate any challenge to be more than they can be. The letter of James calls this “jealousy and selfish ambition.” It’s a refusal to acknowledge our own ongoing need for conversion.

The second reading is an apt description of the human condition; the warring within the human heart. As the letter of James is written to an early Christian community, most likely Jewish Christians, this is not so much a chastisement of their evil and bad behaviour, but rather a pastoral letter of encouragement. It is a reminder that conversion is an ongoing process, not a onetime event. He gives them an “antidote” to jealousy and selfish ambition. He tells them they can recognise the kingdom of God present among them where there is peace, gentleness, compliance, mercy, sincerity and “good fruits.” They are continually transformed in Christ to the extent that they seek goodness.

Today’s gospel from Mark includes a second

prediction from Jesus of his approaching passion, which is “prophesised” in the reading from Wisdom. “He will be tortured and put to the test, condemned to a shameful death.” This leaves the disciples speechless - confused and fearful. How alone he must have felt!

When they arrive in Capernaum Jesus changes the subject: “What were you arguing about on the way?” Again, they were speechless, embarrassed because they had been discussing among themselves who was the greatest... again the self-centered ego at work. Then Jesus sat down and called together his closest followers for this important teaching moment. What he tells them next must have been quite a shock. “If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all.” Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, “Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.” If this had been the 21st century, we might interpret this action as welcoming innocence and trust, vulnerability and dependence. But in this time and place, children had no status, they were not even considered to be a person. And what was the child doing in the room with the teacher and his disciples? The child’s place was with the mother and other siblings. How does this change your understanding of Jesus’ words?

In my work here at with professional health care students, I often hear about their desires to be of service and not to be selfish. This bodes well for our future health care providers! Sometimes we need to talk about what they consider “selfish” – what is driven by the self-centered ego and what is just good, healthy self-care. I tell them that taking time to work out and care for their bodies or taking time to be alone to pray, be quiet and reflect and care for their souls is not selfish. Quite the opposite – we must take good care of ourselves in order to be able to give ourselves away! Healthy self-care is driven by gratitude for the gift of life that we have been given. Self-care and service to others are not in opposition to each other but rather service is the good fruit of healthy self-care.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/092318.html>

PARISH NEWS

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING (All are welcome and no registration is needed) 6 Oct ‘18 (Sat), Church of Sts. Peter and Paul (main church) 2.00pm - Praise and Worship. 2.20pm to 4.00pm – Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran, followed by prayers for healing. For enquiries, please email praiseatworksg@yahoo.com or call 9747 2467. Organised by Praise@Work and supported by SACCRE.

A TALK ON UNDERSTANDING HOMOSEXUALITY. Speaker: Bryan Shen Date: 17 Nov 18 (Sat) Time: 12.30pm to 4.30pm. Venue: Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Contribution: \$10. This Talk is not pro-nor anti-LGBT, but provides insights from the Psychological Sciences into the lives of people who experience homosexuality in conservative communities. The talk explains why the condition is not chosen by the person who has it, the factors that contribute to it, the various ways harm can be done including quack therapies. It aims to remove fear, prejudice and misconceptions while suggesting appropriate stance each community can take. It is in line with the precepts of all major religious faiths. ***Anyone with extreme views - left or right - is advised to refrain from attending. Any person attending who is disruptive may be asked to kindly leave.*** Please register and pay at SPP Church Office by 31 Oct 18.

THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY, 30 Dec ‘18, during the 11.00am mass, there will be the renewal of matrimonial commitment and a blessing by Fr Edward Lim. The papal blessings will be conferred for couples celebrating 10, 25, 40, 50 & 60 years of marriage. Please obtain a form from the secretary office. ***Deadline is 14 October 2018.***

PLEASE NOTE that the Adoration Room will be closed from 01 October 2018 to prepare for the Parish Building renovations.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

HALF-DAY RETREAT FOR MARRIED COUPLES - “Making Christ present in the family” Need some time away to pray with the Word of God? Join us for a quiet and spirit-provoking afternoon of prayer with the Verbum

Dei Missionaries on 30 Sep 18 (Sun), 3.15pm to 6.00pm. To register, SMS or WhatsApp Mark at @ 94870999.

ACCIRD Abrahamica Faiths Interreligious Panel on “Death”, 4 Oct (Thu), 7.30pm-9.30pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3. Rabbi Mordechai Abergel (Chief Rabbi of Singapore), Ustazah Lina Salim (Docent, Harmony Centre, Muis) and Sr Theresa Seow, FDCC (Vice Chairperson, ACCIRD) will speak about the meaning and significance of “death” in their respective religions as well as the attendant rituals, rites and customs. Register name, parish/organisation and contact number by 1 Oct at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg

‘MY CHILD IS MADE FOR MORE’ – Sign up now! My Child is Made for More is a program that addresses sexuality issues facing your child, including pornography and premarital/casual sex. The Program will enable you to be the primary sexuality educator of your child. The approach is to focus is on dignity, respect, sexual honesty and authentic freedom, not consequences. Dates: 3 Nov 9.00am-1.30pm & 10 Nov, 9.00am-4.30pm. Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute 11 Eunos Road 8 S408601 (MRT station: Paya Lebar) Ticketing: \$50 single ticket, \$80 two tickets; Contact: Hershey/Sophia at 6488 0278 education@familylife.sg. Online purchase: madeformore.peatix.com

CANA invites you to ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND SULTAN AL-KAMIL: Two men of Peace. When Francis met the Sultan, it was a meeting of two very different individuals, yet... Join us on another Franciscan adventure with Fr John-Paul Tan OFM as we discover the friendship between the Sultan and the Saint. Date: 20 Sep 18 (Thurs) Time: 7.30pm Venue: Cana The Catholic Centre Love offering Registration: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

APPEAL FOR THE HUMANITARIAN AID FUND - CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese’s overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to “CHARIS HAF” with your name and contact information to: