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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: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact us at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

'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

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

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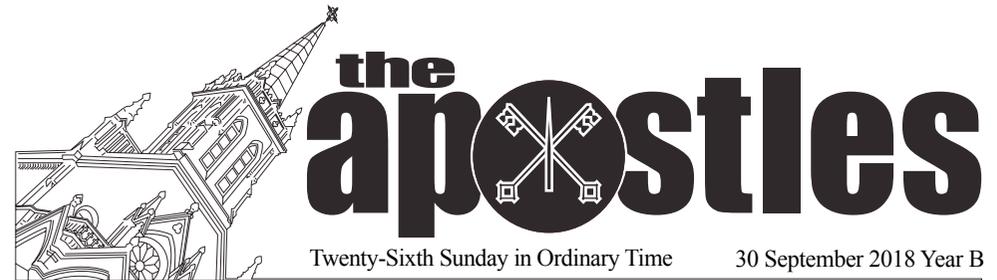
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Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org.

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 787

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 1 October - SAT 6 October 2018

MON: JB 1:6-22, LK 9:46-50 **TUE:** JB 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23, MT 18:1-5, 10 **WED:** JB 9:1-12, 14-16, LK 9:57-62 **THU:** JB 19:21-27, LK 10:1-12 **FRI:** JB 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5, LK 10:13-16 **SAT:** JB 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17, LK 10:17-24

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.

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church. Tuesday is the Memorial of the Guardian Angels, with its own special readings. Thursday is the Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Our first reading all week offers a look at the Book of Job. We witness his despair and his faithfulness in his most trying times and end with his praise of God's glory.

We continue reading Luke's Gospel, as the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the "least" not the greatest. Jesus stops his disciples from preventing people, not of their group, from healing, because they are with Jesus, too. He stops the disciples from "calling down fire from heaven" on the Samaritan people who didn't give them a good reception. People come up, offering to follow Jesus, but have excuses for why they can't do it now. Jesus calls them to not "look back" once they have said, "yes." He sends his disciples to other towns: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few." Jesus warns the people blessed by the graces of his visits there, but who

have not changed their ways. He prays, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

On the Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time the readings speak of marriage and partnership. In the Book of Genesis, Adam does not find a suitable partner until the Lord creates woman. Psalm 128 praises the Lord who blesses home and family. In Mark's Gospel the Pharisees test Jesus asking if it is lawful for a husband to divorce his wife. The question is meant to be a trap for Jesus but he repeats the scripture in Genesis. The gospel ends with Jesus urging us to be like children were in that society - unimportant and with no status. "The kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Then he embraced and blessed the children.

Daily Prayer This Week

A regular way of reporting some important news today is to cite the source: "according to a highly placed government official," even when the source is anonymous. We give the story credibility if it seems to come from an authoritative source, deserving credibility. Jesus tells us clearly that the source of his message and his power is God, the Father, himself.

This week we can experience intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives if we take brief moments throughout our day, every day, to let the connection between ourselves and

God become conscious. We forget who we are. We get distracted by the world around us, even with things that are our duty, or commitment. To become more conscious of the presence of God with us in our busy days takes some practice. It is a matter of desire and choice. If we desire it, we will choose it. And, it takes a “method.”

This week we can wake each morning and let our first thoughts turn to our Lord and our relationship. “Good morning, Lord. Thank you for letting me be your disciple today. Help me to be connected with you throughout this day. With your love, help me to be freer and more grateful, in the midst of the anxiety and tension I experience today.” That takes less than 30 seconds to say. We might object, saying “I am just barely awake when I wake up. How am I supposed to think this clearly immediately?” It just takes practice. The point isn’t to focus on the words, but on the relationship that frames our day. Then, in the shower, while getting dressed, getting to work, and at a dozen in between times throughout the day and evening, we can re-connect consciously, in an ongoing conversation - 20 or 30 seconds at a time.

“Be with me in this next challenge, Lord. I often lose my temper here. I can get fairly impatient at this time. I get hooked and slip into judgment and anger. Stay with me and I will rely on your grace to be more patient, gentle and loving.” Or, walking down the hall to the restroom, I might say, in my heart, “Lord, it really helps me to remember that beyond my job description, I’m your disciple. Help me to listen to you. Help me sense I’m here to let your Kingdom enter the world here. Give me the help to bring healing and love in this place today.”

Try to take a brief few moments while getting ready for bed to recall the moments of connection and grace this day and give thanks.

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 – Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels, 29 September

“War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels battled against the dragon. The dragon and its angels fought back, but they did not prevail and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.” Revelations

In the heart of Paris near Notre Dame Cathedral there’s a powerful statue of St. Michael the Archangel based, most likely, on today’s reading from Revelations. He’s armed for battle – a million miles from the images of Hallmark Christmas card angels that typify American depictions of angels.

Of course neither the statue of St. Michael nor the lacy angel that tops my Christmas tree is theologically accurate because Catholics believe that angels are pure spirits. We often talk about the angels and the saints but they are very different. Heck, we’ve seen some of our favorite modern saints like Mother Teresa and Pope John Paul II on TV. There’s no need to imagine what they did or how they looked.

So if angels are pure spirits, what do we make of today’s reading from Revelations?

The story recounts a symbolic heavenly clash between good and evil that parallels the ongoing earthly struggle between these opposing forces. In Revelations, God uses angels and dragons as his instruments. In this world, he uses us, if we are willing.

We emulate Michael (minus the sword) every time we stand up for the least of God’s people or work for peace, justice and kindness etc. From the story in Revelations, we learn that we need courage and support from others to defeat the forces of evil just as Michael did.

Although not included in today’s passage, Scripture writers often depict angels as messengers. Since this also is the feast of Archangels Gabriel and Raphael, we should recall Gabriel’s role in the Annunciation and Raphael’s mission to Tobias in the Old Testament. These stories of angels remind us that we too can be God’s messengers to others.

It’s interesting that the first prayer that many mothers teach their children is the “Angel of God.” Like countless others, I said it every night when my mom put me to bed. Is it possible that our moms were our real guardian angels? They also were the messengers who first taught us about God. If you had an angelic mom as I do (she’s 95), I hope this makes you smile.

And remember that even if angels are pure spirits, we can emulate them in fighting for good and in being messengers of God’s love to others.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/092918.htm>

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: 1.00pm to 5.00pm (please note the time change and please be punctual!) 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 October 2018.

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

MERCY AND MARRIAGE in the teaching of Pope Francis and John Paul II. Critics of Pope Francis have pointed out that the Pope’s teaching on mercy in his apostolic exhortation “*amoris laetitia*” seems to contradict what John Paul II has

taught on the moral life. Is this contradiction real and why should Catholics care? Join us to explore this important issue. Speaker: Mr Andrew Kong, JCL. Date: 16 Oct. Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01). Enquires and registration at theology.sg@gmail.com or call Nick at 97843682. Please RSVP early as seats are limited.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION will be organising a dinner hosted by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh to raise the needed funds to fulfil the vision of our archdiocese. Tables are available for sale at this fully sponsored dinner held at the Fullerton Hotel on 29 October 2018. To book a table or for more information, please contact Ms Caroline Kung at 6338-0348 or email cfddinner@catholic.org.sg.

MISSION IS OBEDIENCE - The Church celebrates Mission Sunday on 21 Oct 2018. The Office for the New Evangelisation will be publishing weekly reflections leading up to the celebration. The e-booklet, Mission is Obedience, will be available for download at www.one.org.sg from 26 Sep 2018 onwards.

ACCIRD Abrahamic 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 pre-marital/casual sex. The Program will enable you to be the primary sexuality educator of your child. The approach is to focus in 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;