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DISCERNMENT IN DAILY LIFE - 14 - 16 Sep '18. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S 649368 "God speaks to us in a language we can understand." This weekend programme will offer ways of learning this "language" so that we can live mindfully and meaningfully. Discernment will be presented as a habitual way of responding to God in everyday life. By Sr. Linda Lizada, rc and Team. Contribution: \$250.00/ person (on twin-sharing) For registration: Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; Tel. 6565-2895, 9722-3148; Website: www.cenaclemission.com

'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.

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.

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 777

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My Soul, give praise to the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 10 September - SAT 15 September 2018

MON: 1 COR 5:1-8, LK 6:6-11 **TUE:** 1 COR 6:1-11, LK 6:12-19 **WED:** 1 COR 7:25-31, LK 6:20-26 **THU:** 1 COR 8:1B-7, 11-13, LK 6:27-38 **FRI:** NM 21:4B-9, JN 3:13-17 **SAT:** 1 COR 10:14-22, JN 19:25-27

On the Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, Isaiah offers comforting words: "Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you." In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf and mute man. The people are astonished and say of Jesus, "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Thursday is the Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church. Friday is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross which is always followed by Saturday's Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows.

In our first reading, we continue with Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, an intimate look at the struggles of an early Church community.

In Luke's Gospel this week we see Jesus healing a man on the Sabbath, in a synagogue, right in front of his religious critics who plot to deal with him. Jesus then spends a night in prayer and calls his twelve closest followers. When people come to him from all over, he heals them. Jesus announces that the poor, the hungry, those who weep, and those hated or excluded or denounced because of him are the blessed. He warns those who are rich, filled, laughing and spoken well of, for their fates will be reversed. Jesus urges us to love our enemies. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned." He cautions not to be quick to see the splinter in someone else's eye when we do not notice the "wooden beam" in our own eyes. He says that we will be known by our fruit. It is only by building

our lives upon him, as a firm foundation, can we hope to survive crises.

On the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear in Mark's Gospel as Jesus tell his disciples about his passion, death and resurrection to come in Jerusalem. Peter tries to prevent him from going there. Jesus rebukes him and tells the disciples and us that to be a disciple is to follow him, not trying to save one's life, but by dying to ourselves and losing ourselves for his sake and that of the Gospel. That is the only path to real life.

Daily Prayer This Week

This week's daily communion with our Lord can be about the mysteries of self-sacrifice and healing. In the back of our minds each day, we can have a desire to take time out of our busy days just as Jesus did, for prayer and speaking to his Father. We can be aware of the judgmental religious leaders of Jesus' time, who ignored the beam of wood in their own eyes to point out the splinter in someone else's eye. We can also ask for the vision to see how we might be blind to our own snap judgments of others.

If we begin each morning by praying a desire, the rest will follow for the day. "Good morning, Lord. Thank you for this day. Help me today to bring to you the parts of myself that need your healing. Be with me as I face the poverty, hunger or tears of this day." We can go into this prayer, in more depth or detail while we are in the shower or getting dressed. If we let these desires make their way into the background of our day, we can focus our

consciousness no matter what we are doing.

Even in activities that require “our full consciousness” and attention, it is possible to shape that consciousness in the context of our desires. For example, I might be in an important meeting, that doesn’t allow me to day dream. But, I can walk into that meeting room saying in my heart, “Okay, Lord, be with me here. While I’m so tempted to be seen as a ‘success’ here, heal all of that focus on myself and free me to do my best and to be attentive to the needs of others. Let me focus on you and your desires for the greater good here.”

Especially when we are facing something that is quite difficult, requiring real self-sacrifice and genuine love, we can let our background conversation with the Lord release us from our “typical” response or behavior. “Lord, I’m so full of fear sometimes. I see you boldly heal the man with the withered hand in front of the steely gaze of your critics. You healed because you knew it was the right and compassionate thing to do. Help me to be more courageous in choosing the right thing in my life today.”

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.

Pope Francis’ Homily on the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 8 September 2014

God is “the Lord of history” and also of “patience”. He “walks with us”: for this reason the Christian is called not to fear great things and to pay attention also to small things. Referencing St Thomas Aquinas, this was Pope Francis’ exhortation to the faithful attending Mass at Santa Marta.

The Pontiff’s first observation was that “when we read in Genesis the story of Creation”, we risk “thinking that God was a magician”, complete with a “magic wand”, able to do all things. But “that is not how it was”. In fact, the Pope explained, “God made things — each one — and he let them go with the interior, inward laws which he gave to each one, so that they would develop, so they would reach fullness. Thus “the Lord gave autonomy to the things of the universe”, but “not independence”. And this way, “Creation went on for centuries and centuries and centuries, until it got to how it is today”. Precisely “because God is not a magician, He is Creator”.

Instead for man the question differs, the Bishop of Rome explained. “When on the sixth day of that narrative, comes the creation of man”, God “gives another kind of autonomy, a bit different, but not independence: an autonomy which is freedom”. And “He tells man to go on in history: God puts man in charge of Creation so that he can exercise stewardship over Creation and bring it to the fullness of time”. The Pope explained that the “fullness of time” is “what God had at heart: the coming of his Son”.

In this respect the Pontiff referred to the Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:28-30) in the day’s liturgy. Making the Apostle’s words his own, Pope Francis said that “God predestined us, everyone, to be conformed to the image of his Son. And this is the path of humanity, it is the path of man: God wanted us to be like his Son and for his Son to be like us”.

“And this is how history continued”, as is also seen in the passage of the Gospel according to Matthew (1:1-16, 18-23), which lists the genealogy of Jesus: “This one was the father of this one; this one fathered this one, this one fathered this one.... But it is history” the Pope affirmed. And, he noted, “in this list there are saints and also sinners; but history goes on because God wanted men to be free”. However, “the day that man misused his freedom, God drove him out of Paradise”. The Bible tells us that “he made him a promise and man left Paradise with hope: a sinner, but with hope”.

The Pontiff continued, indicating that “this historical list led to problems, war, hostility, sin, but also hope. They did not make their journey alone: God walked with them. Because God created an option: he created an option for time, not for the moment”. He is “the God of time, He is the God of history, He is the God who walks with his children” until the “fullness of time”, that is, when his Son is made man.

Now, here, the narrative is a bit repetitive, “it contains this treasure: God walks with the just and with sinners”. And if the Christian recognises himself as a sinner, he knows that God also walks with him, “with all, to reach man’s final encounter with Him”. After all, “the Gospel, which constructs this history for centuries, ends in a tiny thing, in a small village, with this story of Joseph and Mary: she was found to be with child of the Holy Spirit”. Therefore “the God of

the great history is also in the little story, there, because he wants to walk with each one”. The Pope recalled “such a beautiful phrase about this” in the Summa Theologica of St Thomas’, who says: “Not to fear great things, but also to acknowledge the small ones, this is divine”. Because God “is in the great things, but also in the small ones, in our small things”. Moreover, he added, “the Lord who walks with God is also the Lord of Patience”: the patience “which he had with all these generations, with all these people who lived their history of grace and sin”. God, the Pope affirmed, “is patient, God walks with us, because he wants all of us to come to be conformed to the image of his Son”. And “from that moment in Creation in which he gave us freedom — not independence — until today, he continues to journey”.

Francis then turned his thoughts to Mary, on the day of Feast of her Nativity. “Today we are in the antechamber of this story: the birth of Our Lady”. And let us thus ask the Lord “in prayer to grant us unity to walk together, and peace in the heart. It is today’s grace: it is how we arrive here, because our

PARISH NEWS

INFANT BAPTISM – The next Infant Baptism service will be held on 14 Oct ‘18 (Sun) at 11.00am within Mass. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on 13 Oct ‘18 (Sat) at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by 17 Sep ‘18 (Mon).

MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 30 Sep ‘18 at 8.30am (Sun) Mandarin Mass. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: Can. 1004 §1. The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. §2. This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. Deadline: 16 Sept ‘18 (Sun)

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CAN WE DO EVIL TO ACHIEVE GOOD?

God is patient, He loves us, He accompanies us.

Thus today, the Pontiff continued, “we can look to Our Lady, small, holy, without sin, pure, chosen to become the mother of God, and also to look at this history behind her, so long, for centuries”. Then he asked several fundamental questions: “How do I journey in my story? Do I let God walk with me? Do I let Him walk with me or do I want to walk alone? Do I let him caress me, help me, forgive me, lead me forward to reach the encounter with Jesus Christ?”. Because precisely this, the Holy Father emphasised, “will be the end of our journey: to encounter the Lord”.

Thus, the Pope continued, there is one question which “will do us good today” to answer: “Do I let God have patience with me?”. Only “by looking at this great history and also at this small village”, he asserted in conclusion, “can we praise the Lord and humbly ask that he grant us peace, that peace of heart which He alone can give us, which He gives us only when we let him walk with us”.

Source: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/cotidie/2014/documents/papa-francesco-cotidie_20140908_small-and-holy.html

After Vatican ii, certain Catholic theologians have proposed that in certain circumstances, it is permissible to do evil because “moral heroism is not for the average Christian”. Understand the response of John Paul ii in his landmark encyclical “the splendor of truth. Date: 18 Sep’ 18. Time: 7.30pm-9.00pm. Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre. About the speaker: Nick Chui is president of the Catholic Theology Network. He has a masters in theological studies and an undergraduate degree in history. He is currently teaching in a Catholic secondary school and has over a decade of experience in catechetics and adult faith formation. As seating may be limited, you are encouraged to secure your place early by emailing theology.sg@gmail.com. You can call Nick at 97843682 for inquiries

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