

and understand why we behave the way we do. Date: 29 Nov(Sun)10.00am-4.00pm @ Lifesprings Spirituality Centre, 100 Jalan Merbok, Cost: \$90 (with lunch). For more information please email to lifesprings@singnet.com.sg

CHOICE WEEKEND - It takes that 1 weekend that will inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 27 - 29 Nov 2015 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm

Living With Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Symposium 2015 Organised by Church of the Holy Spirit, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore Date: 14 Nov 2015 (Sat). Time: 8.30am – 1.00pm. Venue: Agape Village, 7A Toa

Payoh Lorong 8. Registration: <http://bit.ly/livingwithautism2015> (deadline: 10 Nov) Contact: Teresa 93200640 / autism.symposium.2015@gmail.com. All are welcome! Free admission. Registration required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) For couples intending to get married. 1st Quarter Course Starts: 14 Feb '16 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis Application forms obtainable in church office or our website @ www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: Peter+Rita @ 93673411 or email: mpcsingapore@gmail.com

STRESSED? ANXIOUS? WORRIED? DEPRESSED? FEARFUL? ANGRY? CLARITY can help you. CLARITY (a member of CARITAS Singapore) provides professional counselling for distressed Catholics. Call: 9710 3733; Email: ask@clarity-singapore.org; Website: www.clarity-singapore.org

Sunset Mass 5.30pm
Rosary 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses
8.30am (Mandarin)
11.00am (English)
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor
4.20pm (English)
Weekday Masses
7.20am
5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)

Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling @ SPP
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call SPP Church Secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: hkchuajohn@yahoo.com), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, 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 on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) 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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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 257 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 259
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 16 November - SAT 21 November 2015
MON: 1 MC 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63, LK 18:35-43 **TUE:** 2 MC 6:18-31, LK 19:1-10 **WED:** 2 MC 7:1, 20-31, LK 19:11-28 **THU:** 1 MC 2:15-29, LK 19:41-44 **FRI:** 1 MC 4:36-37, 52-59, LK 19:45-48 **SAT:** 1 MC 6:1-13, LK 20:27-40

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15 November 2015

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Daniel, who earlier interpreted dreams and advised the Babylonian king, is here warning the people to live uprightly, for there will come a day of severe reckoning. Wisdom and prudence tell us to live in a manner that acknowledges a day of judgment, when our lives shall be evaluated and a sentence passed. A key point of this passage is its reference to the notion of resurrection. While earlier Jewish thought told only of Sheol, the abode of the dead, here we find one of the earliest references to the resurrection of the just, to be later developed in the New Testament.

Responsorial Psalm 16: There are several lines of connection between the previous reading and this psalm. In verse 8, “I set the Lord ever before me” is a poetic way of expressing the will and desire to follow God’s law; on the day of judgment, God, who knows the human heart, will reward the upright. In verses 9-11, the psalmist refers to both Sheol (death) and the “path to life”. Though this psalm is not expressing a belief in resurrection, to experience the

“abounding joy in [God’s] presence” is a way of living uprightly and righteously coming before God in the Temple.

Second Reading: This week, the author of Hebrews brings another dimension to the fruitless efforts of sacrifice according to the Old Law. The priests offer sacrifice daily, but it failed to bring about its hoped-for results. Again, it is Christ whose sacrifice has accomplished the reconciliation that had never been done before; he thus eliminates the levitical priesthood. Christ’s once-for-all and single sacrifice, perfected by his total offering, has opened the way for our eternal salvation.

Gospel: Watching for the signs has given rise to predictions of the final and awesome day; yet Jesus clearly says of that day, “no one knows,” but the Father. Will all the upheaval that will take place, the one thing that will remain is God’s Word: “my words will not pass away.” Mark is encouraging the early Christians to hold fast to their faith, for in the end it brings them a share in the heavenly and eternal kingdom. Most importantly, they must remain firm and faithful.

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 21 November

Information is correct at time of publication.

Today's Memorial

According to tradition, Mary spent her life at the Temple from the time she was a little girl. Her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented their young daughter to the Temple for service and study, in thanksgiving for the great gift God had given them through her. Today's memorial celebrates this occasion. It also calls us to think about the ways we prepare and ready ourselves for Jesus Christ in our lives. Mary, conceived in grace, was prepared to carry the Son of God, but her time at the Temple helped form her mind and heart. Likewise, intentionally nurturing our relationship with God builds on the grace God offers each of us. What are some ways you can ready yourself to encounter Jesus Christ today?

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PARISH NEWS

SOLEMN VESPERS OF THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - The parish will begin the Season of Advent with Solemn Vespers with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Blessing of the Advent Wreath on the 28 Nov '15, at 4.30pm. We encourage you to join us in this time of prayer, especially in the season of Advent.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM - Prayers and rosary will be at 11.30 am followed by mass to be celebrated in our church (the tentage) on Tuesday, 8 Dec '15 at 1.00 pm

NO INFANT JESUS DEVOTION ON SUNDAY - Commencing from Sun 3 January 2016, Infant Jesus devotion on Sunday at 4 pm before 4.20 pm mass will be discontinued. Hence, mass timing 4.20 pm is changed to 4.30 pm.

END OF CATECHISM CLASSES FOR

Some Saints of the Week

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious – 17 November

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231), the Queen of Hungary and mother of four children, had a special love for the downtrodden. She built a hospital in the basement of her castle, nursed the sick, fed the hungry and provided life-giving work for the poor. After the death of her husband, she took the habit of a Franciscan tertiary (Third Order Franciscan), devoting herself to a life of simplicity and almsgiving. Along with her selfless service to those in need, she actively pursued God through prayer and spiritual discipline. St. Elizabeth is the patron saint of Franciscan tertiaries, bakers, beggars, brides, the homeless and charities (among others).

2015 - Please note that catechism classes have come to a close on 8th November 2015. Do look out for the commencement date of catechism classes in 2016 in the bulletin for the month of December.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED Mass dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Friday 27 Nov '15 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

"MUSINGS", a colouring book inspired by stained glass will be sold on 14/15 Nov '15. This book includes quotes for reflection and evangelization, particularly for the upcoming Christmas season. Net proceeds will go to the Canossian Sisters' missions.

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND – An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as

"conservation works" and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account "PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul". The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

2-DAYS MALACCA PILGRIMAGE - We are organising a two-days pilgrimage to Malacca from Sat/Sun 12 - 13 Dec '15 for the Feast Day Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This is the final project in aid of Church of Sts Peter & Paul Restoration and Conservation Fund. For enquiries, please contact Lawrence Seet at 97992488 or register at our Secretariat Office.

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

QUIETING THE SOUL - Cenacle PHILIPPINES Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Enter the Cenacle and the Experience: Enter your sanctuary to discover and deepen your life, your relationship and your faith. Spend 5-day of retreat in quiet prayer and solitude with God. 17 - 24 Jan '16 (incl.travel time)

Contact: Cenacle Sisters, Tel. 65652895; 97223148; Email: cenaclesing@gmail.com

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS SESSION - Do you wonder from time to time how best to decide on your response to social issues? Are you wondering how to discern the role you can play in society, such that you may bring Christ to the world? Join us for this session "Recognizing the Voice of Love in a Broken World" for a time of learning, reflection and sharing on how God is calling us to respond amidst challenging situations in life and in society. Our speaker is: Fr Christopher Soh, S.J. Session Details: 28 Nov '15 (Sat); 10.00am - 2.00pm (Lunch included) at Catholic Centre, Level 3, 55 Waterloo Street. It is Free of Charge; Love Offering welcomed. Sign up now at <http://goo.gl/forms/mWAuZ6TzQ> or contact youngadults@caritas-singapore.org if you have any queries.

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION (COTT) The Archdiocese of Singapore is building a new church in Punggol to take care of the growing population there and to alleviate the over-crowding in nearby sister churches in that area. Father Joachim Chang, parish priest of COTT will be visiting our parish on 28 & 29 Nov '15, to share the word of God and together with his team of volunteers to share information and to raise funds for the church. They will also register parishioners who will move there or are staying there. Please give them your utmost support. For more information, please visit COTT website <http://www.transfiguration.sg/>

TREASURE - A weekend retreat for young working adults, age 21 - 35 years. For more details, please visit www.oyp.com.sg or call 62852571.

CELEBRATING INNER FREEDOM - Reducing human toll in Relationships - This one-day programme provides a platform for us to explore our inner landscape through looking at needs and behaviour