

OBEDIENCE LEADS TO LIFE

1st SUNDAY IN LENT

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Many adults involved in teaching children know the value of giving a consistent message when forming their lives and behaviours. Being invited, for example, to measure how one acts and treats other people with love and respect helps children to examine times they may fall short of appropriate and respectful deeds. The constant message shows the need for and strength of unwavering commitment to loving action.

Lent offers all of us the opportunity to make the same unwavering examination and commitment. In the Gospel story of Jesus' temptation, we hear him consistently tell the devil that trust and reliance on God are the constant principles one must use when faced with temptation. Jesus does not act blindly, but with confidence and conviction in God's promises. He faces temptation, trusting that God's message of love and justice far exceeds any promises that evil can offer. Jesus shows us that obeying and serving God offers disciples the promise of new life.

"All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship/and him alone shall you serve' " (Matthew 4:8-10).

LIVING THE LITURGY

Consider a way in which you might find a few quiet moments for Lenten reflection each day. Perhaps it might be as easy as choosing silence as opposed to listening to the radio on your way to school or work. Where does this quiet reflection to contemplate God's message lead you?

SHARING FAITH

- What or who supports or fortifies you when you feel tempted?
- If Lent is to remind us to return to the Lord, what must you do to practice this gesture?

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DAILY READINGS

Mon 14 Mar: 1st Week in Lent

Lev 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 18:8-10, 15 Mt 25, 31-46.

Tue, 15 Mar: 1st Week in Lent

Is 55:10-11 Ps 33:4-7, 16-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wed, 16 Mar: 1st Week in Lent

Mal 3:1-4/Hebr 2:14-18 Ps 23:7-10 Lk 2:22-40/32

Thurs, 17 Mar: 1st Week in Lent (St Patrick, Bishop*)

Hebr 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 47:2-4, 9-11 Mk 6:7-13

Fri, 18 Mar: 1st Week in Lent (St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor)

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 129:1-8. Mt 5:20-26

Universal Day of Penance & Abstinence (Canon Law §1252)

Sat, 19 Mar: SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE B.V.M. [S]

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 88:2-5, 27 and 29. Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22. Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2, 41-51a.

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES

Weekday

6:30am, 6:15pm

Saturday

5:30pm
7:30pm Tagalog Mass
(Every 3rd Saturday of the month)

Sunday

7:00am, 9:00am, 11.30am, 5.30pm
Confessions 15 min before Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion

Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)
Every 1st Sat of the month at
4.45pm (Main Church)

Prayer for Priests @ Parish Chapel

Every Thursday at 5.15pm,
followed by 6.15pm Mass.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (SCC)

2nd Lenten Reflection

When Thurs 17 Mar, 8.30pm
Venue Blk 232 #12-508
Pasir Ris Dr 4
Host Helena & Philip Neo
Contact Julie (96493447)

2nd Lenten Reflection

When Thurs 17 Mar, 8.30pm
Venue Blk 710 #02-69
Pasir Ris St 72
Host Nicole and Magdalene
Contact Nicole (98459286)



"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil." - Matt 4:1

This Lent, how do you want God to help you overcome the daily temptations of life?



From Our Priest

Dear Sisters and Brothers-in-Christ,
A group of mountain hikers came across an old man with a heavy axe on his shoulder.

"Where are you going?" they asked him.

"I'm climbing up the mountain to get some wood to repair my cabin," replied the man.

"But why are you going up the mountain?" they asked, wondering if he was in the right frame of mind. "There are plenty of trees all around us here." they suggested to the man.

"I know," he said, "but I need strong timber and it grows only on the highest elevations, where the trees are tested and toughened by the weather around them. The higher up you go, the stronger the timber grows."

And that is what God desires for us in our spiritual life this Lent - that through the winds of trial and the storms of temptation we would grow strong and live on a higher level - strong to resist the devil's urging, strong to serve God, and strong as we stand together in faith and service to one another.

Your parish priests,
Father Johnson Fernandez and Father Ignatius Yeo

CDM RCIA RETREAT



Sharing of "My Spiritual Journey and the Future Ahead."

5th March, marked the day when our catechumens and candidates took a step deeper into their 'Faith Journey', which incidentally was the theme of their full-day retreat at St Patrick's Secondary school. Veteran redemptorist priest Fr Paul Pang, shared real life experiences on following Jesus and the obstacles he faced. He peppered this with analogies which brought chuckles to our receptive audience!

The catechumens and sponsors shared their conversion and soul searching stories, pointing to Christ as their light, inspiration and spiritual guide. The retreat culminated in a simple but beautiful Mass celebrated by Fr Pang at the Chapel, made vibrant by our own choir ministry.



Singing to the "Power of God's Love"

The retreat was indeed a special occasion for the catechumens to discern their faith journey. It was also memorable as the retreat provided us a haven for bonding especially amongst the sponsors whose perseverance and dedication paid off. The RCIA team would like to thank our priests, Fr. Johnson and especially Fr. Ignatius Yeo, our Spiritual Director, for their guidance and support!

Our catechumens will celebrate their Rite of Sending (ROS) and Rite of Election (ROE) this Sunday, 13 March. The ROS will take place at the 9am Mass at CDM. The ROE will be celebrated at the 2pm Mass at Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea. Let us all pray for the catechumens, sponsors and godparents during this important period of the preparation.

Communications Ministry's Canteen Day

Thank you for your support and generosity during our canteen day last Sunday.

We are a "3-in-1" Ministry comprising of members who are in the Communications, Multimedia and Photography groups. To read more about us, please visit us at <http://divinemeracy.sg/ministries> and click "Communications"!



CDM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lenten Reflections Booklet – From Wilderness to the Waters of Life

Pick up a complimentary copy of the Lenten Reflections booklet, gather your family or join our SCC, and rediscover the only "water" that quenches our thirst for the meaning of our existence: Jesus!

Copies of the Lenten Reflection booklet are available at our Parish Office.

Holy Family Rosary Shrine

The Shrine will be at the home of Clarence & Joanna Leong from 14 – 20 Mar. Rosary devotions will be carried out on Monday, Tuesday and Sunday only.

Address Blk 565 #09-126
Pasir Ris St 51

Time 8.15pm sharp on weekdays,
2.30pm on Sunday

Contact Susan Tan (9119-5909)

Monthly Legal Clinic in Our Parish

Every third Wednesday of the month at 8pm, Catholic lawyers will be available for free consultation. If you would like to seek the assistance of a lawyer, please fill in a form available at the parish office. A lawyer from the Catholic Lawyers Guild will then arrange to meet you.

Reaching Out to Africa

On Sunday, 13 March, at the 9am and 11.30 masses, Sr. Wendy Ooi from the Daughters of St. Paul, who is currently assigned in Kenya, will be at our parish to appeal for funds for the African Pauline mission. One of their most urgent projects is to raise funds for a house of formation for the young sisters of the congregation. On sale will be a CD of inspirational songs written and performed by Sr. Wendy. Your generous support will go a long way to help build the young Church in Africa.

Fridays in Lent

7.00 pm Mass followed by 7.30pm Stations of the Cross in the Main Church

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Go Fly Kite



Imagine interreligious community with their religious leaders flying kites together! Witness kites with logos from 10 different religions in the Singapore sky!

The Inter-Religious Organisation (IRO) Day Annual Observance is held in conjunction with World Water Day. People of all beliefs are welcome to gather on Sunday 20 March at the Marina Barrage (8.00 am to 12.30 pm) to celebrate this day, themed "Faith and Water." Other activities include exhibitions, Taiji, kite flying, fellowship and many more. Transport to the Marina Barrage leaves from Catholic Welfare Services, 55 Waterloo Street. For more info and registration: email: iredsingapore@gmail.com ; Tel: 97560239 / 98294945

A Call for Actors

Walk on Water Productions, a Catholic drama ministry will be touring a show to Catholic schools in Singapore: "RISEN" is a 30 min performance in English. We are looking for actors who are able to commit full time from March to April. Call Delia at 9126 3296 or Geraldine at 90999536 for audition timings and allowance details.