

R1 Sir 3, 19-21. 30-31; Ps 67, 4-5ac. 6-7ab. 10-11.
R2 Hebr 12, 18-19. 22-24a. Go Lk 14, 1. 7-14

YE 'ALL COME

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C
Beheading of St John the Baptist

"Whenever you give a lunch or dinner, do not invite your friends or brothers or relatives or wealthy neighbors." Luke 14:12

When we host a special dinner we usually invite friends and family. Jesus says we're inviting the wrong people. He commands us to "invite beggars and the crippled, the lame and the blind" (Lk 14:13). We are to seat, serve, and wait on them. Remember that whatever you do to the least of the brethren you do to Jesus (Mt 25:40). We wonder if Jesus' command should be taken literally.

Both Jesus and the early Church took it that way. Jesus ate with the poor and the abandoned. He even multiplied loaves and fish for them. The early Church raised up deacons to wait on tables (Acts 6:2ff). We have good reason to believe we are called to invite and serve the poor and handicapped in a personal, get-your-hands-dirty way. Only in this way can the gap between rich and poor can be bridged and the vicious cycle of poverty broken.

Prayer: Jesus, I repent of eating by myself and not eating with the right people.

Promise: "You have drawn near to Mount Zion... to myriads of angels in festal gathering, to the assembly of the first-born enrolled in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, to Jesus." Heb 12:22-24

Praise: Praise You, risen and glorious Lord Jesus, "the Way, and the Truth, and the Life" (Jn 14:6). Alleluia!

Editors Note: To grow in your service to the "poor and the abandoned", read the Bible daily. Pick up a good Catholic introductory book to Scripture from your nearest Catholic bookstore and/or attend a faith formation session with the Singapore Pastoral Institute (SPI) located at the Archdiocesan Catholic Education Centre (ACEC).

Rescript: In accord with the "Code of Canon Law", I hereby grant my permission to publish "One Bread, One Body" covering the period from Aug 1, 2010 through Sept 31, 2010. †Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, October 9, 2009

DAILY READINGS

Mon, 30 Aug: 22nd Wk of Ord Time
1 Cor 2:1-5
Ps 118, 97. 98. 99. 100. 101. 102.
Lk 4:16-30

Tue, 31 Aug: 22nd Wk of Ord Time
1 Cor 2:10b-16
Ps 144:8-11. 12-13ab. 13cd-14
Lk 4:31-37

Wed, 1 Sept: 22nd Wk of Ord Time
1 Cor 3:1-9
Ps 32:12-13. 14-15. 20-21
Lk 4:38-44

Thu, 2 Sept: 22nd Wk of Ord Time
1 Cor 3:18-23
Ps 23:1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6.
Lk 5:1-11

Fri, 3 Sept: Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor [M]
1 Cor 4:1-5
Ps 36:3-4. 5-6. 27-28. 39-40
Lk 5:33-39.

Sat, 4 Sept: Our Lady on Saturdays
1 Cor 4:6b-15
Ps 144:17-18. 19-20. 21.
Lk 6:1-5

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MASS & PRAYER TIMES

Weekday
6:30am, 6:00pm**
Saturday
6.30am, 5:30pm
7.30pm Tagalog Mass
(Every 3rd Saturday of the month)
Sunday
7:00am, 9:00am, 11.00am, 5.30pm
Confessions 15 min before Mass.
***DM chaplet recited at 6.30pm daily.**
Family Hour of Prayer - 1st Friday of each month, 7.30pm, Main Church. No 6pm Mass on that day.
Prayer for Priests @ Parish Chapel
Every Thursday at 5.15pm, followed by 6pm Mass.

SMALL CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (SCC)

Bible Sharing Session
There will be no SCC this week in view of the Family Hour of Prayer on Friday, 3 Sept.
Please see above for more information.

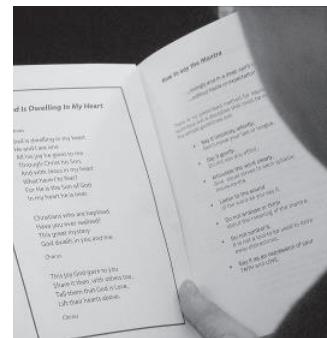
Home Divine Mercy Devotion
Every 1st Thursday of the month

Time 8.30pm

Venue Blk 710 #02-69
Pasir Ris St 72

Host Nicole & Magdalene
Contact Nicole (98459286)

"Lord, Teach Us To Pray."



The Christian Meditation Workshop organised by the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) in CDM on 21 Aug was a resounding success!

Read more about it on Page 2.



From Our Priest

Dear Sisters and Brothers-in-Christ

The American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once noted three

qualities that are the marks of true "success": the ability to discern and appreciate beauty, the ability to see the best in others, and a commitment to leaving the world a better place. Notice that Emerson does not mention anything about acquiring social status or material possessions, and seems instead to imply that success comes with appreciating and working to improve God's world, and through developing loving relationships with His people.

Mother Teresa was once asked how she measured the success of her work. She answered, "I don't remember that the Lord ever spoke of success. He spoke only of faithfulness in love. This is the only success that really counts." Jesus would agree heartily.

In fact, our Sunday gospel ends with a wonderful suggestion on how to make the world a better place. Invite the less fortunate into your lives, for they are all members of our extended family.

Your parish priests,

Father Johnson Fernandez and Father Ignatius Yeo

Christian Meditation Workshop

The theme of the workshop was “Lord, Teach Us to Pray “. The response was good, with 138 participants (including a group from Johore!) coming from 20 Catholic parishes. In addition, there were a few from other Christian churches, as well as some non-Christians.

The workshop, facilitated by Peter Ng, National Coordinator of WCCM Singapore, included talks, video presentations and meditation sessions. Father Johnson welcomed the participants and had fellowship with them over lunch. The good turnout and interesting Q & A session was indeed a testimony of people’s desire to get closer to God.

****Interested in attending the next meditation session? See page 3 for more details.**



The CDM Meditation Group helping out at with the registration.



Patrick Prakash from CDM's Meditation Group conducting a session.

Confirmation 3 Service Attachment

reported by Jade Teo, Con 3 attachee in Communications



This week, we feature Merissa Koh who has been attached to the Hospitality Ministry for 10 weeks. Here is what she had to say about her experience:

“I decided to join the Hospitality Ministry as I thought it was something interesting. It has been fun! The wardens have been very caring, loving and thoughtful towards me. We are like family. We have get-togethers and we always pray together before Mass. I am happy to serve God’s people.”

Besides Merissa, there are 3 other students attached to the Ministry. They are John Tew, Terence Tan and Sarah Tan. Let us, as one community, pray for the continued enthusiasm of our youth in the service of God and His Church. We would also like to thank the students for serving us during their 10 weeks attachment.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Facilitators for Scripture Study Wanted!

The Singapore Archdiocesan Bible Apostolate Team (SABAT) will be conducting a Facilitator Training Workshop to train lay people in leading small groups for Bible sharing.

Date 10 Sept 2010
Time 9am to 6.30pm
Venue CAEC, 2 Highland Road
Contribution Love Offering
Please bring along your bible.

Theology of the Body for Teens

Brian Butler, co-author of “Theology of the Body for Teens”, a book that reflects the Catholic Church’s teachings on God, sexuality, and teenagers, will be in Singapore to conduct a seminar and training workshop on 10 and 11 Sept. Parents (along with your teens), youth leaders, educators, and facilitators are encouraged to sign up.

Register now at www.familylife.sg or call FLS at 6488 0278 for more information.

Community Participation in the First Holy Communion (FHC) of our Primary 3 Children

CDM is embarking on **Whole Community Catechesis**, an approach which sees the entire parish involved in the FHC preparation of our P3 children. During this week’s Sunset and Sunday 9am and 11am Masses, pick up a **special bookmark** with a FHC child’s name and a personal message. You are invited to be a prayer partner to that child. Get one bookmark as you leave the Church to show your love and solidarity with him / her as she / he journeys into the final weeks of FHC preparation.

FHC is on the weekend of 3 / 4 Oct.

CDM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parish Census

Important! For those who have not yet registered yourselves as parishioners of CDM, please do so at the Parish Office.



Hospitality Ministry’s Canteen Day

The Ministry will be cooking up a storm this Sunday, 29 Aug! Enjoy a delectable spread from fried carrot cake, spaghetti, glutinous rice, Filipino banana rolls with jackfruit wrap, cakes, Milo Dinosaur and lots more! They will be serving from 8am – 1pm.

Holy Family Rosary Shrine

The Shrine will be at the home of Meethu Cicily Jose from the 30 Aug – 5 Sep. Rosary devotions will be carried out on Monday, Tuesday and Sunday only.

Address 35 Simei Rise, #03-12 Savannah Condo

Time 8.15pm sharp

Contact Susan Tan (4505909)

Christian Meditation

Meditation will be held every Thursday at 8pm. Please note that the venue is now in St Simon, Room 9, level 3 of CDM.

Infant Baptism Preparation Session

It is compulsory for all parents and godparents to attend this session if their child/god-child is scheduled to be baptized on 12 Sep.

Date 5 Sept, Sunday

Time 3.30pm

Venue 4th Level, St Faustina Room

Registration begins at 3.15pm. For enquires, contact Gerard Stewart (97440026) or Felix Pushpam (97698141)