

Singapore 319264. The main speaker is Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to youngadults@caritas-singapore.org

JESUS FOR EVERYONE - Willing to tell others about Jesus but don't know where to start? Try this: Before meeting your family members or friends who have yet to know Jesus, pray for your conversations with each one of them to be God - centered.

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.

'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 is 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; Contact: Hershey/Sophia at 6488 0278 education@familylife.sg. Online purchase: madeformore.peatix.com

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.

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.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 790

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 8 October - SAT 13 October 2018

MON: GAL 1:6-12, LK 10:25-37 **TUE:** GAL 1:13-24, LK 10:38-42 **WED:** GAL 2:1-2, 7-14, LK 11:1-4 **THU:** GAL 3:1-5, LK 11:5-13 **FRI:** GAL 3:7-14, LK 11:15-26 **SAT:** GAL 3:22-29, LK 11:27-28

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.

This week our first reading is from Paul's Letter to the Galatians. He chides and encourages this early Christian community and offers some history on the challenges he has faced as a disciple.

The gospel this week is from Luke, continuing with wonderful and familiar stories. The Good Samaritan who comes upon the robbery victim "treated him with mercy." Jesus' close friends Mary and Martha welcome him to their home, but Martha resents working while Mary listens to Jesus. "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part..." He teaches us to pray with

a prayer to the Father. We are encouraged to ask, seek and knock on the door to get what we want from the Father. When doubters watch Jesus drive out demons, he gets discouraged and says, "Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters." When a woman calls out that the womb that carried him is blessed, he replies, "Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."

The powerful story of the rich young man will be repeated in the gospel centerpiece in the Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time. He asks Jesus what he can do to inherit eternal life and already keeps the commandments. Jesus offers him the challenge of the gospel: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me." Mark's gospel tells us that the young man "went away sad, for he had many possessions." When Jesus tells his followers how hard it will be for a rich person to be saved they are astonished - and worried. They wondered how they could ever be saved. "All things are possible for God," was Jesus' response.

Daily Prayer This Week

Anxiety about getting things done, fear of losing wealth and a lack of compassion for

our neighbors are all themes in this week's gospel. This can be a week of asking God for the wisdom and discernment we need to find the balance in our lives and a sense of where our focus should really be.

We can do this by threading our days with an awareness of God's presence in the tiny moments of quiet time that we come across. As we awaken and sit at the side of our bed, we can simply ask, *"Loving God, help me to love you today with all my heart, with all my being, with all my strength, and with all my mind. Help me to see you in my neighbour today."*

Later in the day, as things seem to go faster and get more complex, we can ask again not to be anxious about so many things and to remember the great gift of Jesus' presence in our lives. As we do the laundry, go to the store, or take care of family we can again ask our Lord to let us be aware of the presence of the loved ones we come in contact with - the real "riches" we have in our lives.

The Our Father has been called the Perfect Prayer and this week might be a good time to focus in on it with our whole hearts. In the quiet moments before we go to bed, we can practice this week saying each line of the prayer, very slowly, perhaps stopping to ponder one line that calls to our hearts in a special way.

*Hallowed be thy name...
Thy will be done...
Give us this day our daily bread...
Forgive us our trespasses...
As we forgive others...
Lead us not into temptation...*

May this week be blessed the ability to continue to ask for what we need, over and over.

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

Just imagine for a minute what a different world it would be if instead of God saying, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him," God would have said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make an iPhone for him."

We probably all chuckle at the absurdity of the idea, but maybe that world is closer than we think.

Are we becoming more like Adam before the creation of Eve and "alone" because we have the ubiquitous smartphone constantly in our hand? How much has the smartphone interfered with the relationship we have with our spouse? Or, to the extreme, has the smartphone superseded the importance of being with our spouse?

My wife and I eat the vast majority of our meals at home, but last week we took my mother-in-law out to celebrate her birthday. Across from our table was a couple with wedding rings on their fingers and iPhones in their hands every time I glanced over at them. Each was engrossed in their own phone. Except for when the waiter checked on them, they rarely looked up, and I am not sure if I saw them talk to each other. After settling their bill they looked at each other, smiled and left. If all you saw was them walking out together, you would say to yourself, "What a perfectly happily married couple." But are they?

Per [statista.com](http://www.statista.com) we are spending over 200 minutes per day using our smartphones for something other than a conversation. If the focus of the research is on teenagers, some report their usage tops 500 minutes per day.

Is the smartphone also interfering with the frequency and depth of our conversations with God? Instead of finding a quiet spot to sit down, hitting the "pause button" on life and reflecting on what we are doing

with our lives and how much or how little God is part of each and every moment of our life, we sit down, grab our phones and check to see who recently updated their Facebook page or Tweeted something we just have to know, or we watch stupid pet tricks on YouTube.

Perhaps if couples spent more time conversing with each other and listening to what their spouse was concerned about or was feeling, the rate of divorce would not continue to climb. (One has to wonder if one of the reasons young people today are delaying marriage could be tied to the cell phone?)

As you do your daily exam of conscience today, think about how many times you had your cellphone in hand, and then ask

PARISH NEWS

BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS in the Catholic Church. As of this announcement, dating couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the Church wedding one-year in advance. The booking will be confirmed upon the couple signing the acknowledgement of the necessary requirements that the priest will explain to them.

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

yourself how necessary your use of it was. The next time you go out to eat with your spouse or even at the dinner table at home, do NOT bring your phone to the table. Engage your spouse in conversation much like Jesus would engage those around him in conversation and listen intently to what they have to say. Likewise, when you have a free moment, instead of trolling the internet for mindless stories, talk to God about your day, what you did right, who you helped, how you made his world a better place and how you can do better tomorrow.

Don't let your spouse live alone, right next to you in the same home, and don't let God live alone either. Talk to them. They are there ready to listen.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/100718.html>

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.**

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CANA invites you to LIGHT and HOPE - The Music of Fr Ricky Manalo CSP (Spirit and Grace) and Janét Sullivan Whitaker (In Every Age). Church of Divine Mercy - 19 Oct '18, 7.45pm and Church of St Ignatius - 20 Oct '18, 7.45pm. Tickets \$25 available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Reservation: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

CARITAS SINGAPORE YOUNG ADULTS Building the Kingdom Workshop - The Spirituality of Recreation .A formation workshop for young adults (aged 18 to 35 years) on the social teachings on rest and recreation. This will be held on 10 Nov '18 (Sat), 5.00pm to 9.00pm at Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh,