

Mondays - Saturdays 11 am - 6.00 pm. Ticket reservation - email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080

Feastday of Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 Dec '15 - Prayer Pilgrimage for the Unborn 1.30-5.00 PM. Prolife Rosary, Feastday Mass and Celebration 5.30pm-8.00pm. For both events, meet at Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264). For more info and to register, go to <http://tinyurl.com/unborn2015>. SMS Andy @ 93801581 for enquiries.

'JESUS FOR EVERYONE' SLOGAN DESIGN. ONE is looking for talented artists to turn the slogan 'Jesus for Everyone' into a design that inspires us all to share the Good News. Closing date: 14 December 2015. Visit www.one.org.sg for more information.

WALK FOR PEACE AND MERCY - We will have a "Mercy Walk" to show our solidarity to the prisoners and all those most in need of God's mercy on Dec 8 '15. Start at: Changi Prison Museum (Changi Chapel) Assembly Time: 5:15pm; start walk by 5:30pm. End at:

Church of Divine Mercy (Pasir Ris). Mass at 7:30pm. Note: Transportation will be provided to those who came by car back to Changi Prison Museum after the Mass.). Participants are encouraged to bring bottle of water, wear walking shoes and change of clothes.

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

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

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)

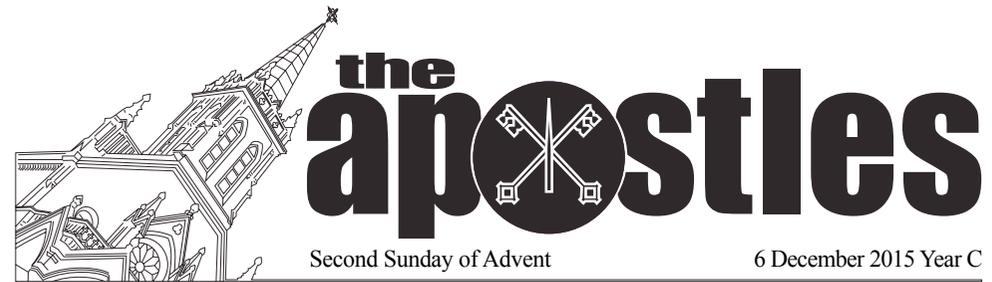
Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling @ SPP
Every Monday 7.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call 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 C) Pg 35 **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL:** Pg 37
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we are glad.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 7 December - SAT 5 December 2015
MON: IS 35:1-10, LK 5:17-26 **TUE:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
WED: IS 40:25-31, MT 11:28-30 **THU:** IS 41:13-20, MT 11:11-15 **FRI:** IS 48:17-19,
MT 11:16-19 **SAT:** IS 7:10-14; 8,10c LK 1:39-47

The Lectionary for Mass – Advent - Year C

The First Readings for all liturgical cycles come from the prophets with the exception of a reading from 2 Samuel on the Fourth Sunday in Year B. Of the other eleven selections, seven are taken from Isaiah. This year, Year C, none come from Isaiah, but from four different prophets; Jeremiah, Baruch, Zephaniah and Micah respectively. On the First Sunday Jeremiah speaks of God's promises being fulfilled through a "just shoot" from the house of David who will establish the people and the land, calling them "the Lord our justice." Baruch, on the Second Sunday, promises that Jerusalem, now in mourning and misery, will be restored by God and will experience a better future filled with God's mercy and justice. The Third Sunday, known as Gaudete or "Rejoice" Sunday, has Zephaniah call Israel to rejoice for the Lord will restore it to former glory and will choose to dwell in the midst of the people as a mighty saviour and protector. The last Sunday has Micah speak of Bethlehem as the place out of which one will come to rule Israel, restore it and shepherd it in love and peace.

On the First Sunday, Psalm 25 has us asking God to teach and guide us in the paths that lead to life. Psalm 126 on the Second Sunday is a call to the Lord to restore us and make us joyful once more. The Third Sunday uses Isaiah 12 for the psalm response expressing confidence in God as our saviour, strength and courage who has chosen to live among us, for which we can only

be grateful and highly joyful. Psalm 80 on the last Sunday appeals to God for salvation, praying that we might experience the intimacy of God's presence, and in seeing God face to face, we will indeed be saved.

The Second Readings come from 1 Thessalonians, Philippians, Ephesians and Hebrews. The first three all exhort and instruct disciples in the way of the Lord. The readings offer instructions in living according to the modeling that Jesus offered. As we wait in joyful hope and expectation of Christ's Second Coming. We are called to live out virtues and lifestyle consistent with God's desires for all humanity. Love in service of others in the style of Jesus' life is the cornerstone and sure path. Hebrews calls us to do God's will in the same manner that Jesus came among us to accomplish God's will.

Lectionary Year C zeroes in on Luke's account of the Gospel as our guide. All four Sundays proclaim a Lucan passage and begin in a reverse time frame scenario. The First Sunday highlights the signs that will inaugurate Christ's Second Coming. The Second and Third Sunday focus on John the Baptist, the precursor who inaugurates the adult ministry of Jesus, by announcing that God's Kingdom is near and calling people to conversion and change of heart. The last Sunday zeroes in on Mary and Elizabeth, two pregnant women who have chosen to cooperate with God's plan and who will be instrumental in helping to bring about God's reign and salvation to all. At

the Visitation scene, Elizabeth acknowledges Mary's child to be the Lord by referring Mary as the "mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43).

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8 December

About this Solemnity

Today we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception, that is, her total freedom from original sin from the moment of her conception. This freedom from the sin of Adam and Eve is shown in today's Gospel. In Mary's response to the angel, she shows her willingness to place herself fully in God's hands, even when it promises to be difficult and requires great faith and trust.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: Eve, the mother of all the living, foreshadows Mary as our mother. This passage portrays humanity's loss of innocence and the susceptibility to the mystery of evil.

Responsorial Psalm 98: This song celebrates God's victory (a return of the exiles from Babylon). The text culminates in the proclamation that God is coming to judge the earth.

Second Reading: In the passage from Ephesians, Paul reminds us that we were all "destined", "chosen" (see Ephesians 1:5, 11) to become God's adopted children in Christ. The reading does not mention Mary, but Mary is the first to be chosen in Christ, "before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him" (1:4). The reading helps us to find ourselves in this solemnity: we too were chosen before time began, for a special purpose: "that we might exist for the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:12).

Gospel: Mary's life story is really Jesus' life story. We see that in the Gospel, which gives us the account of the conception not of Mary but of Jesus! "Full of grace" is another way of understanding what it means to have been immaculately conceived: it means that Mary is filled with God, without room for what does not belong to God.



Opening of the Jubilee Year of Mercy - 8 December 2015

The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about. The motto *Merciful Like the Father* (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cf. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small *summa theologiae* of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2015

Thu 24 Dec, Christmas Eve: NO INFANT JESUS DEVOTION & NO EVENING MASS

8.30pm : Mandrain Carolling
9.00pm : Mandarin Mass
11.00pm : Reflections and Hymns
by Fr. Edward Lim
11.40pm : Blessing of the Crib
Midnight : Christmas Midnight Mass (Eng)

Fri 25 Dec, Christmas Day: 8.30am (Mandarin) 11.00am (English) NO EVENING MASS

PARISH NEWS

ADVENT NOVENA (9 DAYS) 2015 - There will be NO Advent Novena in December 2015.

CATECHISM FOR PRIMARY 1 IN 2016 is open for registration. Closing date: 2nd January 2016. Application forms are available at the Secretariat. For enquires, please contact Alycia at email: alylum@gmail.com or Jeremy at email: jeremy_freely@yahoo.com.sg Parents and students will be required to attend a short briefing by the Catechist on the first session of Catechism in 2016.

INFANT BAPTISM The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Sat 26 Dec '15 at 2.30pm in the Chapel (3rd Storey, Parish Building). Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Sat 19 Dec '15.

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

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.

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

Title: The Charismatic Renewal: A Tsunami of the Spirit for our Times. *Why does the Spirit seem to be moving more and more in these challenging times? Do you agree that the Catholic Charismatic Renewal (CCR) is needed now more than ever? What do we need to do more to cooperate with the Spirit?* Michelle Voo shares her spiritual insights from the International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service (ICCRS) Leadership Formation course in Rome. 10 Dec '15 (Thu). Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 3, 8.00pm - 9.30pm. For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/> All are welcome!

CANA presents "MERCY UNFOLDING, LOVE ENDURING" - a concert with Fr Ricky Manalo CSP and Jesse Manibusan as we begin the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Friday Dec 11 at Church of Divine Mercy, Sunday 13 Dec at Church of St Ignatius. 8.00pm. Tickets \$30 available at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-00,