



# Sanctuary of Lourdes

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*Our warmest Welcome to all who worship with our Parish family. We thank God for you. If you are not registered, Please do so with the Parish Office.*

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 - Year A**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

## Readings for 5th March 2017

Gen	2: 7 - 9; 3: 1 - 7	Ps	50: 3 - 4. 5 - 6a. 12 - 13. 14 and 17.
Rom	5: 12 - 19 (or 12. 17 - 19).	Mt	4: 1 - 11.

## EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#214. Precisely because this involves the internal consistency of our message about the value of the human person, the Church cannot be expected to change her position on this question. I want to be completely honest in this regard. This is not something subject to alleged reforms or “modernizations”. It is not “progressive” to try to resolve problems by eliminating a human life. On the other hand, it is also true that we have done little to adequately accompany women in very difficult situations, where abortion appears as a quick solution to their profound anguish, especially when the life developing within them is the result of rape or a situation of extreme poverty. Who can remain unmoved before such painful situations?

#215. There are other weak and defenceless beings who are frequently at the mercy of economic interests or indiscriminate exploitation. I am speaking of creation as a whole. We human beings are not only the beneficiaries but also the stewards of other creatures. Thanks to our bodies, God has joined us so closely to the world around us that we can feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment, and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement. Let us not leave in our wake a swath of destruction and death which will affect our own lives and those of future generations.[177] Here I would make my own the touching and prophetic lament voiced some years ago by the bishops of the Philippines: “An incredible variety of insects lived in the forest and were busy with all kinds of tasks... Birds flew through the air, their bright plumes and varying calls adding color and song to the green of the forests... God intended this land for us, his special creatures, but not so that we might destroy it and turn it into a wasteland... After a single night’s rain, look at the chocolate brown rivers in your locality and remember that they are carrying the life blood of the land into the sea... How can fish swim in sewers like the Pasig and so many more rivers which we have polluted? Who has turned the wonderworld of the seas into underwater cemeteries bereft of color and life?”[178]

#216. Small yet strong in the love of God, like Saint Francis of Assisi, all of us, as Christians, are called to watch over and protect the fragile world in which we live, and all its peoples.

## In and Around the Parish

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Lent in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "The Inclusive Community".

Please take a copy of the booklet for your household.

It will also be made available online at: <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent De Paul Society.

Thank you for your kind donation.



### Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

Dates : March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>  
& April 7<sup>th</sup>

English : 12:00noon followed by Mass  
6:00pm followed by Mass

Tamil : 8:00pm followed by Mass



**There will be  
No Holy hour  
on the first  
Friday's  
during the  
Season of Lent**

Dear Parishioners, kindly be aware of people who profess to pray over others in the Parish Grounds, and/ or in your homes for the purpose of soliciting funds without the approval of the Archdiocese and Priests of the Parish.

The building project of Our Lady of Lourdes parish is at present under review, and its fund raising project is being put on hold until further notice by the Archdiocese.

Meanwhile, please do not send the parish any further donations for this building project. Thank you.

### Silence in Church, humble request

*The Church is a Sacred place of prayer and worship. People come to spend time in prayer. Kindly maintain silence when you are in church. Please turn off your mobile devices when you are in our Lord's House.*

## Archdiocesan News

### ONE FOR THE WALL

Crossings Café invites you to participate in their Lenten Project. ONE FOR THE WALL provides meals for those in need and paid forward by your generosity. Purchase a meal (\$10 or \$5) and place your meal token on the wall at Crossings. These tokens will be used for someone in need of a meal. Inquiries – Crossings Café (Xernan or Noel 63382669)

### Understanding Same-Sex Attraction. Providing Friendship, Parental or Pastoral Guidance

Date / Time : Saturday, 25th March 2017, 9am – 1pm

Venue : St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102

Register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/ssas>

The CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair will be back on 10 June 2017.

In the meantime, sign up for the HFF Pre-Event: Bridging the Gap Through Education A hands-on workshop for educators, teacher-volunteers, affiliates and mission groups involved in education-related mission work on Sat, 11 Mar 2017 from 9:30 to 12:00pm at CANA, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre, Level 2, Singapore 187954.

Admission is Free.

To register email Gabriel Lee at [gabriel@charis-singapore.org](mailto:gabriel@charis-singapore.org) or call 63374119

### Couple Empowerment Programme (CEP) 2017

Would you like to rediscover the fullness of marital joy?

Intimacy is the very essence of a sacramental marriage - Do you sometimes wonder if you could rekindle marital intimacy with your spouse? Couple Empowerment Programme (CEP) is a programme for married couples who wish to discover more about building strong marriages, and to raise emotionally well-balanced children. It is faithful to the Catholic Church teachings and incorporates well-studied life skills by modern day marriage sociologists, psychologists and psychiatrists. CEP helps couples deal with the issues that plague present day marriages such as work-life balance, intimacy, sexuality, dealing with in-laws and parenthood.

Come and make it a family event, as there will be child-minders who will watch your children while you and your spouse spend quality couple time rediscovering the fullness of marital joy

Date : Sunday, 26th March 2017

Time : 1pm to 5.30pm

Venue : Church of the St Ignatius, 120 King's Road Singapore 268172

To Register: <http://tinyurl.com/CepRegForm>

For more info, Andrea at 98579075, email [goto\\_cep@hotmail.com](mailto:goto_cep@hotmail.com), or visit [www.cep-sg.org](http://www.cep-sg.org) or [fb.com/sg.cep](https://www.facebook.com/sg.cep)

### Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages

1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring?
2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant?
3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you?
4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage?

A Retrouvaille weekend can help you.

Weekend date: 31 Mar – 02 Apr 2017

For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774

Online registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

### Mass Schedule

Weekdays (Eng)	12:30pm & 6:30pm
1st Friday	7.30pm
Sat (Sunset - Eng)	6:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am & 6:30pm
Public Holiday (Eng)	9:00am
Public Holiday (Tamil)	10:00am



### Parish Activities

Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Sat)	5:30pm
Rosary Recitation (Eng) Mon - Fri	11.55am
Monday & Wednesday	5.55pm
Holy Hour with Benediction (1st Friday)	6.30pm
followed by Mass	7.30pm
Sacred Heart Devotion	6.30pm
followed by Mass (All other Fridays)	
Divine Mercy (Tues - Eng)	5:45pm
Divine Mercy (Fri - Tamil)	5:45pm
Infant Jesus (Tues - Tamil)	5:00pm
Infant Jesus (Thurs - Eng)	5:45pm
Charismatic (Every Fri - Eng)	7:45pm
Community of the Risen Lord	
(Tues - Eng)	7:30pm
Rosary & OLOL Devotion	
(1st Sun - Tamil)	8:30am
Legion of Mary (Tuesdays - Eng)	7.30pm
Legion of Mary (Sundays - Eng)	9.45am
OLPS Novena (Every Sat - Tamil)	8:00pm

# CHILDREN & YOUTH

## Questions for Deeper Reflection

- *Why does God send the Holy Spirit to help Jesus?*
- *When are you tempted to turn away from God?*
- *What helps you remember that God loves you?*

## The Gospel in Life

*Plan what can you do during Lent to show your love for God?*



### Parish Details

#### Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -  
Assistant Parish Priest  
Email : nithiya@catholic.org.sg

#### Parish Office

ololsec@gmail.com

**Mass Offerings** are to be dropped into the Box located outside the Parish Office by **3pm every Friday** for the following week's intentions.

**Infant Baptism** is scheduled every 4th Sunday in English and every 3rd Sunday in Tamil @ 4.00pm. Register at the Parish Office. Please provide **photocopy of church marriage certificate of parents, birth certificate of infants and confirmation certificate of Godparents.**



**Wedding Arrangements** Church Wedding bookings should be made at least 1 year in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.



#### Holy Communion for the Homebound

Register with the Parish Office.



**Anointing** See a priest before planned admission to hospital.

**Lourdes Prayer Hall** for bookings contact Parish Office