



Apostolic Nuncio to Singapore, His Excellency Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, will be celebrating Mass at Church of Our Lady of Lourdes on **Thursday the 26th of October 2017 at 12.30pm.**

Do join us at this special celebration as we bid farewell and thank His Excellency for his hard work and mission here in Singapore. All are welcome!

food for thought

The Pharisees send their disciples to test Jesus with a question about taxes.

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites. Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God?

Family Connection

Payment of taxes is unlikely to be a disputed issue in your family. Yet families can still learn something from this Gospel reading. Jesus' answer to the Herodians and Pharisees redirects their question to focus on the issue of greatest importance: loving and honoring God. Taking this perspective can help us make good judgments about the competing issues of importance in our lives.



Jesus reminds us of the necessity of giving things their proper importance. The Herodians and Pharisees were giving too much importance to the issue of the payment of taxes. Jesus reminds them that loving and honoring God is of greater importance. In family life we do many important things, but we remember that God is of the greatest importance in our lives. Pray together that your family will learn to keep things in proper perspective, remembering to keep God first in your lives. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 96.

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22 OCT 2017

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Sunday Readings

45:1,4-6
 Psalm 95:1,3-5,7-10
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5
 Matthew 22:15-21

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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

Parish Activities

English	- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday)	5:30pm
	- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays)	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 (Tuesday)	5:45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays)	7.30pm
	- Infant Jesus (Thursday)	5:45pm
	- Charismatic (Every Friday)	7.45pm
- Legion of Mary (Sundays)	9.45am	
Tamil	- Infant Jesus (Tuesday)	4:30pm
	- Divine Mercy (Friday)	5:45pm
	- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday)	8:00pm
Indonesian	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	1.00pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
Filipino	- Filipino Christian Professionals	8.00pm (1st Friday Mass)
	- Light of Jesus Bible Sharing (Monday)	7.30pm

Important Parish Information

Wedding Arrangements Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.

Infant Baptism 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 infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.

Mass Intentions Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office **by 3pm on Wednesday** for the following week's intentions.

Lourdes Prayer Hall For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624

Anointing Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.

Holy Communion for the Homebound Register with the Parish Office.

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.

For further enquires, kindly email the Parish Secretariat at ololpastoral@gmail.com or ololsec@gmail.com



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 22nd Oct 2017
 Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



All Saints' Day Day of Obligation

Sunset Mass - Tuesday, 31th October 2017
 Time : 6:30pm (English)

All Saints' Day - Wednesday, 1st November 2017
 Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English)
 & 8:00pm (Tamil)



All Souls Day (Not a Day of Obligation) - Thursday, 2nd November 2017
 Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English)

Mission Sunday Collections

Please be informed that the collections taken at all Masses this weekend will be for the spread of the Gospel. Please give generously.

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund to support the Archdiocese's overseas humanitarian work and disaster response. Appeal flyers and envelopes are available in the parish. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02 Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Victoria Lim at 6337-4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

THE GOD OF MANY CHANCES: A Prayer Weekend

by Sr. Linda Lizada and Team

Date : 10-12 November 2017 Venue : Montfort Spirituality Centre
 Time : Friday, 8:00 pm to Sunday, 1:00 pm contribution : \$250/person

This weekend programme will invite participants to enter into a personal relationship with God who desires this relationship with us. It will include times for praying with suggested points, ways of remembering these moments and the means for habitually living in God's presence.

ACCIRD Interreligious Dialogue Learning Trip to Kong Meng San Phor Kark See Monastery,

(88 Bright Hill Road, S 574117) on 28 Oct, 10am-12pm.

Visit will consist of (i) tour and explanation of premises (ii) presentation and dialogue on basic tenets of Buddhism. Participants must attend a prior formation session on 26 Oct, 7.45pm-9.15pm at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building Level 3 as preparation.

Register name, parish/organisation and contact number by 22 Oct at gerald.accird@catholic.org.sg

PIETA First Memorial Mass for Children who have died

Fri 10th Nov 2017 at 7pm Venue: Good Shepherd Place Chapel Toa Payoh Lorong 8
www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events

The child bereavement support group PIETA is organising a Memorial Mass for children who have died (including unborn and adult children). Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend and celebrate the gift of their children who are now in heaven. If you wish to include mention of your child in this mass, please REGISTER via email with your Name, Telephone and Email details by 15th Oct at pieta.Singapore@gmail.com.