



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.

29th January 2017 - Year A
4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 29th January 2017

Zeph	2 : 3; 3. 12 - 13.	Ps	145 : 6c - 7. 8 - 9a. 9bc - 10.
1 Cor	1 : 26 - 31.	Mt	5 : 1 - 12a.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#199. Our commitment does not consist exclusively in activities or programmes of promotion and assistance; what the Holy Spirit mobilizes is not an unruly activism, but above all an attentiveness which considers the other “in a certain sense as one with ourselves”. This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture, and in their ways of living the faith. True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but rather because he or she is beautiful above and beyond mere appearances: “The love by which we find the other pleasing leads us to offer him something freely”. The poor person, when loved, “is esteemed as of great value”, and this is what makes the authentic option for the poor differ from any other ideology, from any attempt to exploit the poor for one’s own personal or political interest. Only on the basis of this real and sincere closeness can we properly accompany the poor on their path of liberation. Only this will ensure that “in every Christian community the poor feel at home. Would not this approach be the greatest and most effective presentation of the good news of the kingdom?” Without the preferential option for the poor, “the proclamation of the Gospel, which is itself the prime form of charity, risks being misunderstood or submerged by the ocean of words which daily engulfs us in today’s society of mass communications”.

#200. Since this Exhortation is addressed to members of the Catholic Church, I want to say, with regret, that the worst discrimination which the poor suffer is the lack of spiritual care. The great majority of the poor have a special openness to the faith; they need God and we must not fail to offer them his friendship, his blessing, his word, the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturity in the faith. Our preferential option for the poor must mainly translate into a privileged and preferential religious care.

In and Around the Parish

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.

Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Monday, 30th January 2017
Time : 9.00am in English
10.00am in Tamil

*Parish office will be closed.

*Main Entrance Gates will be closed from 12noon.



Catechetical Ministry

The Catechetical Year for 2017 will commence on 5 February 2017. Please note that there will not be any sessions on 15, 22 and 29 January 2017.

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.

Archdiocesan News

Celebrate the Joy of Consecrated Life with Us!

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Date : Thursday, 2nd February 2017
Time & Venue : 11 am @ Church of Sts Peter and Paul, Queen St.

Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop William Goh. Reception and Fellowship follows.

Understanding Relationships

Organised by Cenacle Sisters
10 Feb (8pm) to 12 Feb (1pm) @ Choice Retreat House

A psycho-spiritual programme designed to help individuals / couples understand aspects of human sexuality and different kinds of intimacy from a developmental and Christian perspective. The weekend will help us see how healthy sexuality allows us to grow in relationships, and how this is lived out in our daily life. Open to all states of life: single, married, engaged, divorced.

Call or SMS: 9722-3148; E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com; W: www.cenaclemission.com

Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor

Sign up for the CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair (HFF) Pre-Event: Listening to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor a fulfilling workshop that explores environmental climate change and how it affects vulnerable communities and discuss how, together, we can make a positive difference on Sat, 11 Feb 2017 from 2:30to 5:30pm at CANA, 55 Waterloo Street, Catholic Centre, Level 2, Singapore 187954.

Admission is Free. To register email Gabriel Lee at gabriel@charis-singapore.org or call 63374119



CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY 2017

Church as Communion

Weekdays Rosary @ 6.30pm & Masses at 7pm
Saturday Rosary @ 5.30pm & Masses at 6pm & 7.30pm
Sundays Masses @ 7.30am, 11.30am & 1.00pm

Day 1	Thursday, 2 nd Feb 2017	Communion with God
Day 2	Friday, 3 rd Feb 2017	Koinonia - Communion among Men
Day 3	Saturday, 4 th Feb 2017	Church as a Sign of Communion
Day 4	Sunday, 5 th Feb 2017	Communion & Mission
Day 5	Monday, 6 th Feb 2017	Characteristics of Communion
Day 6	Tuesday, 7 th Feb 2017	Communion & The Individual
Day 7	Wednesday, 8 th Feb 2017	Challenges to Communion
Day 8	Thursday, 9 th Feb 2017	Communion & The New Evangelization
Day 9	Friday, 10 th Feb 2017	Source of Communion - The Trinity

Feast Day Weekend - Mary, Mother of the Church

Saturday, 11th of February 2017, Mass at 6.00pm followed by Procession

Celebrant : His Grace Archbishop William Goh, DD

Donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

Dear Parishioners, we are collecting donations for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. Kindly make your donations at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generous contributions towards our Feast Day.

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
Sunday (Sinhala)	12noon
1st Sunday (Malayalam)	4:00pm
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

- *How do today's readings show us how to live a moral life?*
- *How does Jesus' Sermon on the Mount help us to live as Christians?*
- *Where can people find true happiness?*

The Gospel in Life

Use your "book of blessings" to write down each good and loving choice that you make this week.

Blessings
COUNT THEM ONE BY ONE



Parish Details

Priests

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Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest

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Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the
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Parish Office

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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