



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.

5th February 2017 - Year A
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 5th February 2017

Is	58:7-10	Ps	111:4-5.6-7.8a and 9.
1 Cor	2:1-5.	Mt	5:13-16.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#201. No one must say that they cannot be close to the poor because their own lifestyle demands more attention to other areas. This is an excuse commonly heard in academic, business or professional, and even ecclesial circles. While it is quite true that the essential vocation and mission of the lay faithful is to strive that earthly realities and all human activity may be transformed by the Gospel, none of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice: “Spiritual conversion, the intensity of the love of God and neighbour, zeal for justice and peace, the Gospel meaning of the poor and of poverty, are required of everyone”. I fear that these words too may give rise to commentary or discussion with no real practical effect. That being said, I trust in the openness and readiness of all Christians, and I ask you to seek, as a community, creative ways of accepting this renewed call.

#202. The need to resolve the structural causes of poverty cannot be delayed, not only for the pragmatic reason of its urgency for the good order of society, but because society needs to be cured of a sickness which is weakening and frustrating it, and which can only lead to new crises. Welfare projects, which meet certain urgent needs, should be considered merely temporary responses. As long as the problems of the poor are not radically resolved by rejecting the absolute autonomy of markets and financial speculation and by attacking the structural causes of inequality, no solution will be found for the world’s problems or, for that matter, to any problems. Inequality is the root of social ills.

#203. The dignity of each human person and the pursuit of the common good are concerns which ought to shape all economic policies. At times, however, they seem to be a mere addendum imported from without in order to fill out a political discourse lacking in perspectives or plans for true and integral development. How many words prove irksome to this system! It is irksome when the question of ethics is raised, when global solidarity is invoked, when the distribution of goods is mentioned, when reference is made to protecting labour and defending the dignity of the powerless, when allusion is made to a God who demands a commitment to justice. At other times these issues are exploited by a rhetoric which cheapens them. Casual indifference in the face of such questions empties our lives and our words of all meaning. Business is a vocation, and a noble vocation, provided that those engaged in it see themselves challenged by a greater meaning in life; this will enable them truly to serve the common good by striving to increase the goods of this world and to make them more accessible to all.

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.



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

2nd Collection

2nd Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent De Paul Society. Thank you for your kind donation.



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.

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

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

PRAYING OUR LIFE'S QUESTIONS : A Vocation Recollection by Cenacle Sisters

25 Feb (9.00am) - 26 Feb (1.00pm) @Choice Retreat House

This retreat will help young women pray and discern some common questions: What will I do with my life? Is this all there is to life? Does God have a plan for me? It offers you a glimpse into one's life option - religious life in the Cenacle, by providing you information and experiences about the Sisters. Open only to single women, 21-35 years .

To register : www.cenaclemission.com

Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com;

Choice Weekend

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about.

Date : 24 - 26 Feb 2017 (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue : Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680

Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=131

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 people who help the poor let their light shine?*
- *How can you let your light shine?*
- *Where do you see signs that people are following Jesus' commandment to love one another?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you show love for others this week—especially the poor?



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
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Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the
Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of
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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