



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.

12th February 2017 - Year A
6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings for 12th February 2017

Sir	15: 16-21	Ps	118 : 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34.
1 Cor	2: 6-10.	Mt	5: 17-37. (or 20-22a. 27-28. 33-34a. 37)

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#204. We can no longer trust in the unseen forces and the invisible hand of the market. Growth in justice requires more than economic growth, while presupposing such growth: it requires decisions, programmes, mechanisms and processes specifically geared to a better distribution of income, the creation of sources of employment and an integral promotion of the poor which goes beyond a simple welfare mentality. I am far from proposing an irresponsible populism, but the economy can no longer turn to remedies that are a new poison, such as attempting to increase profits by reducing the work force and thereby adding to the ranks of the excluded.

#205. I ask God to give us more politicians capable of sincere and effective dialogue aimed at healing the deepest roots – and not simply the appearances – of the evils in our world! Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good. We need to be convinced that charity “is the principle not only of micro-relationships (with friends, with family members or within small groups) but also of macro-relationships (social, economic and political ones)”. I beg the Lord to grant us more politicians who are genuinely disturbed by the state of society, the people, the lives of the poor! It is vital that government leaders and financial leaders take heed and broaden their horizons, working to ensure that all citizens have dignified work, education and healthcare. Why not turn to God and ask him to inspire their plans? I am firmly convinced that openness to the transcendent can bring about a new political and economic mindset which would help to break down the wall of separation between the economy and the common good of society.

#206. Economy, as the very word indicates, should be the art of achieving a fitting management of our common home, which is the world as a whole. Each meaningful economic decision made in one part of the world has repercussions everywhere else; consequently, no government can act without regard for shared responsibility. Indeed, it is becoming increasingly difficult to find local solutions for enormous global problems which overwhelm local politics with difficulties to resolve. If we really want to achieve a healthy world economy, what is needed at this juncture of history is a more efficient way of interacting which, with due regard for the sovereignty of each nation, ensures the economic well-being of all countries, not just of a few.

In and Around the Parish



The Priests of the Parish wish all Parishioners a
Blessed and a Joyous Feast Day!



SSVP Collections -

the cash collected on the first
Sunday of this month for the Society of
St. Vincent De Paul was \$3,479.00

Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need)
is \$5,950.00

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.

Celebration of Dedication of our Mother Church Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Dedication of the Cathedral on 14th Feb 2017 at 7.00pm.

Following the Dedication there will be 12 days of celebrations by all the churches within the Archdiocese.

City District churches will host Mass on 15th Feb at 7.30pm at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. The theme will
be Hospitality. Our Parish being in the City District, parishioners are strongly urged to be at the Mass as this is a great
opportunity to be involved in the Dedication of Our Mother Church.

There will be **No** 6.30pm Evening Mass at our Parish on the 14th and 15th February 2017

Second collection for GIFT envelopes

Next weekend, being the third weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly
pledges to Catholic Foundation's GIFT campaign if you are giving by cash/cheque. GIFT is Catholic Foundation's
regular giving campaign to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc, as well
as building projects in the archdiocese. Kindly bring your pledge envelopes with the cash/cheque enclosed and drop
them into the collection bags that will be passed round. If you need the pledge envelopes, these can be found along
the pews.

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

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

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;

What the Catholic Church teaches about Divorce, Separation and Annulment

Date / Time: Saturday, 4th March 2017, 1pm – 4.30pm

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

Register at <http://catholicfamily.org.sg/dsa2017>

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>

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, or visit www.cep-sg.org or [fb.com/sg.cep](https://www.facebook.com/sg.cep)

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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
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

- *Are all laws important in the same way? Why or why not? What are some examples?*
- *What makes laws important?*
- *What happens when we don't follow laws?*

The Gospel in Life

Love is the basis for good actions. Jesus teaches us to exercise our free will responsibly.



Parish Details

Priests

Rev Fr Michael Sitaram - Parish Priest

Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj Devarajan -
Assistant Parish Priest

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Rev Fr Antony Maria Joseph
Assistant Priest & Spiritual Director to the
Archdiocesan Commission for the Apostolate of
Tamil-Speaking (ACTS)

Email : antony.m.joseph@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