



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.

8th January 2017 - Year A
Epiphany of the Lord

Readings for 8th January 2017

Is	60:1-6	Ps	71:1-2.7-8.10-11.12-13.
Eph	3:2-3a.5-6.	Mt	2:1-12.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL BY POPE FRANCIS

#192. Yet we desire even more than this; our dream soars higher. We are not simply talking about ensuring nourishment or a “dignified sustenance” for all people, but also their “general temporal welfare and prosperity”.^[159] This means education, access to health care, and above all employment, for it is through free, creative, participatory and mutually supportive labour that human beings express and enhance the dignity of their lives. A just wage enables them to have adequate access to all the other goods which are destined for our common use.

#193. We incarnate the duty of hearing the cry of the poor when we are deeply moved by the suffering of others. Let us listen to what God’s word teaches us about mercy, and allow that word to resound in the life of the Church. The Gospel tells us: “Blessed are the merciful, because they shall obtain mercy” (Mt 5:7). The apostle James teaches that our mercy to others will vindicate us on the day of God’s judgment: “So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy, yet mercy triumphs over judgment” (Jas 2:12-13). Here James is faithful to the finest tradition of post-exilic Jewish spirituality, which attributed a particular salutary value to mercy: “Break off your sins by practising righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your tranquillity” (Dan 4:27). The wisdom literature sees almsgiving as a concrete exercise of mercy towards those in need: “Almsgiving delivers from death, and it will purge away every sin” (Tob 12:9). The idea is expressed even more graphically by Sirach: “Water extinguishes blazing fire: so almsgiving atones for sin” (Sir 3:30). The same synthesis appears in the New Testament: “Maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins” (1 Pet 4:8). This truth greatly influenced the thinking of the Fathers of the Church and helped create a prophetic, counter-cultural resistance to the self-centred hedonism of paganism. We can recall a single example: “If we were in peril from fire, we would certainly run to water in order to extinguish the fire... in the same way, if a spark of sin flares up from our straw, and we are troubled on that account, whenever we have an opportunity to perform a work of mercy, we should rejoice, as if a fountain opened before so that the fire might be extinguished”.

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.

Every Sacerdotal Ordination is God's gift to the Church. As members of the Church, let us pray, support, encourage and honour our priests who have committed their lives for Christ, especially on the anniversary of their sacerdotal ordination.

May God bless our Parish Priest, Rev Fr Michael Sitaram
on his 27th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Saturday, 7th January 2017

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service... - 1 Timothy 1:12

Chinese New Year Mass

Date : Saturday, 28th January 2017
Time : 10.00am (English Mass)



SSVP Collections - the cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$5,067.10

Thank you for your generous donation.

The amount given to fins (friends in need) is \$6,290.00

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.

Archdiocesan News

Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate Singapore Presents 14 Weeks Of Exploring St Paul & The Letters To The Corinthians - Conducted By Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Dates : 14th February To 16th May 2017 (Every Tuesday)

Time : 9.30am to 11.30am

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

Contribution: \$120.00

For more information/registration: Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Website: <https://biblicalapostolate.wordpress.com>

Tel: 62800354 (Office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

CHARIS Mission Trip (12 – 18 February, 2017)

Join us in building a Biosand water filter with the local community in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Slots for 9 participants only. S\$850 per pax. Closing date to register: 13 January 2017. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), victoria@charis-singapore.org or T: 6337-4119

Talk: 'God is love' (1 John 4:8)

Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain?

Date : Wednesday, 18 January 2017, 730pm to 9pm (begins with Vespers)
Venue : St Joseph's Church, Victoria Street, Conference room
Topic title : "'God is love' (1 John 4:8). Why did God allow my mum to suffer four bouts of cancer and years of pain?"

Synopsis : A person's faith can often be shaken by such apparent contradiction. This talk is an invitation to an alternative way of understanding suffering and God's love

Presenter : Simon Longman

About the presenter: Simon Longman was a former director of National Parks (NP), retiring after 33 years of service. He has just completed a degree in Theology from the Priory Institute, a Dominican run institution in Dublin, Ireland. He speaks from personal experience in the light of the Church's teaching on suffering.

Caritas Singapore Annual Mass and Appreciation Lunch

An invitation to catholic social workers, volunteers, and all involved in the social mission of the Church.

Mass Celebrant : Archbishop William Goh
Date : 14th January 2017 (Saturday)
Time : 11am-1pm
Venue : Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh (Level 1 - Multi-Purpose Hall). Singapore 319264

Come join our annual celebration to pray as a community for the social mission of the Church in Singapore.

For RSVP & enquiries, please call Raymond Yong at Caritas Singapore.
Tel: 6337 7854 or email: raymond@caritas-singapore.org

Working With Our Dreams

20 Jan (Fri), 8 pm to 22 Jan (Sun), 1 pm @ Choice Retreat House

This retreat/workshop helps us with our dreams, to understand their symbolic language, to listen and experience them as a way in which the Divine can speak to us. Participants are to bring a significant dream to work on.

Organised by the Cenacle Sisters. Contribution: \$200.00
Tel. No. 6565-2895; 9722-3148; Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

Personal Moral Compass Course

Module 1: Who decides what is right or wrong? By Fr David Garcia, OP

This is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology. It is a course for all Catholics and non-Catholics interested in their formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is also recommended for those involved in guiding and forming others and those involved in related work or ministry.

The next module of this course, Who decides what is right or wrong?, will start on 10th of January 2017 and it takes place on Tuesday nights, 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m in Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

For more information and registration, go to: www.caritas-singapore.org OR email: formation@caritas-singapore.org

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
1 st 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

- *What is the meaning of Epiphany?*
- *How did the magi honor the Christ child?*
- *How do you honor Jesus?*

The Gospel in Life

How can you help others find their way to Jesus?



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)

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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