

Landings - Welcoming returning Catholics

A new Landings run will commence at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (24 August Friday), Church of the Holy Spirit and Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (27 August Monday). We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week run ending in November 2018. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 19 August. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

Diocesan Vocation Retreat 2018

"Follow Christ loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering." –Eph 5:2. Date: Fri, 10 Aug 7.30pm to Sun, 12 Aug 5pm. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William Goh. Venue: St Francis Xavier Major Seminary 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678214. Love Offering: \$70. Closing date: Sat, 4 Aug 2018. To register, email seminarian-online@gmail.com or diocesanvocations@catholic.org.sg

ART AND SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART

24 Aug, 8 pm - 26 Aug, 1 pm @ Montfort Centre

This weekend retreat invites us to see that art is not separate from life and in experiencing their own and others' creativity, they will learn to 'find God in all things.' This is not an art workshop. Non-artists are most welcome. By Cenacle Sisters and Ms. Joanna Tan (Art Therapist) For registration, please go to www.cenaclemission.com

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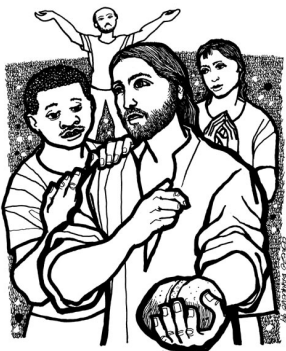
Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the "bread of life."

In today's Gospel, there are four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus replies by naming their motivation in pursuing him. They have been fed. Jesus acknowledges this, yet challenges them to see beyond the fulfillment of their material needs. The crowds have followed Jesus because they have been fed. They ought to be seeking out Jesus because he can give them eternal life.

As the second dialogue begins, it seems that the crowd might be on their way to accepting Jesus and his mission. They ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. They show this in their interpretation of the sign that came from Moses. In their description, they identify Jesus with Moses, as if to say, as Moses gave the people manna in the desert, give us a sign so that we will know that you are from God. They are looking to identify a prophet without realizing that God is standing before them. Jesus corrects their misinterpretation, saying that the manna received by their ancestors came from God. As God fulfilled their ancestors' needs in the desert, so God has provided them with food for eternal life. In the bread that they have received from Jesus, they have received physical nourishment and also spiritual nourishment. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself. In the weeks ahead, we will see the offense that this gives to the people.



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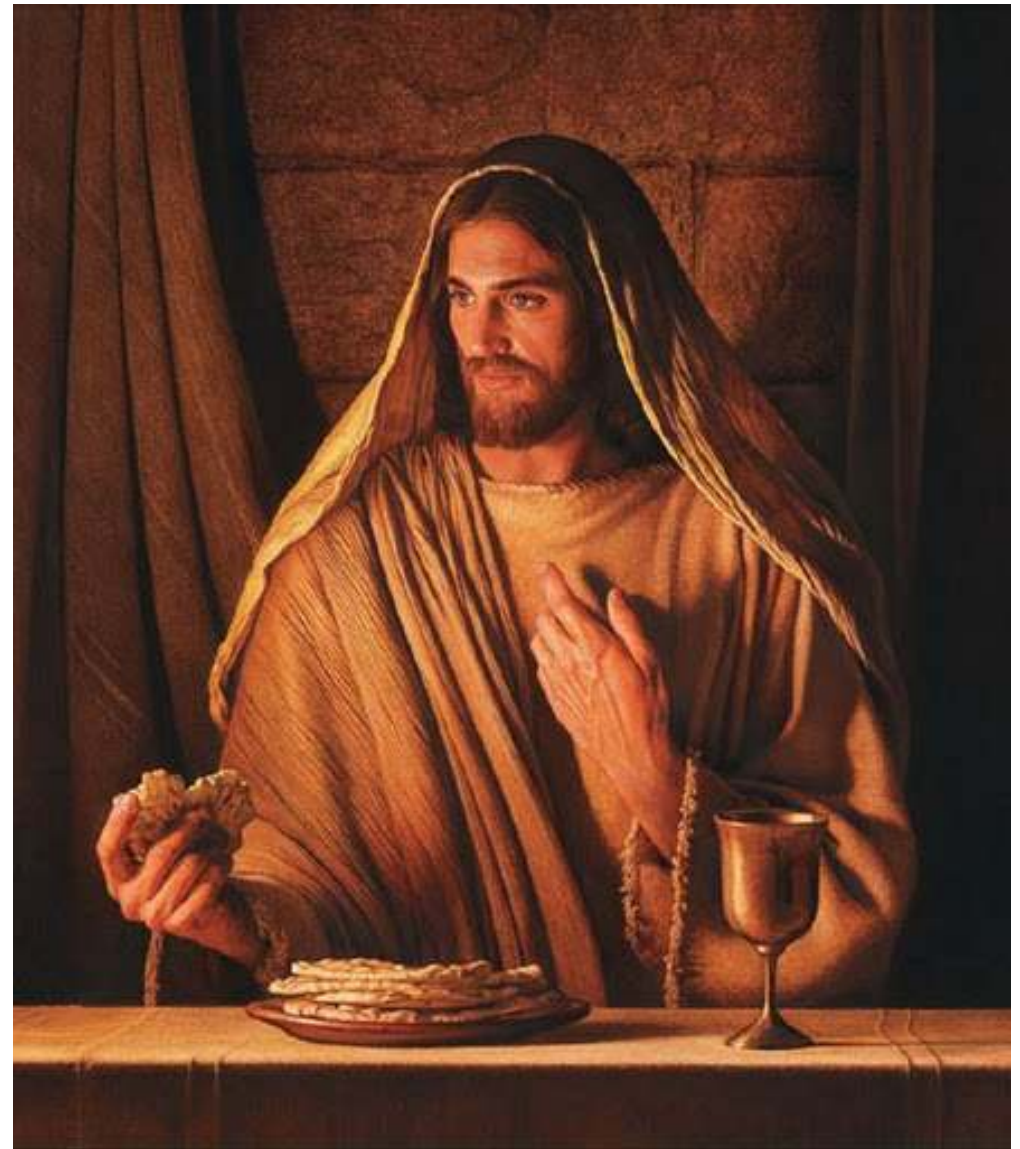
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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Exodus 16:2-4,12-15
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 77:3-4,23-25,54
 Second reading Ephesians 4:17,20-24
 Gospel John 6:24-35

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English) 12:30pm and 6:30pm
 Saturday (Sunset - English) 6:00pm and 7:30pm
 Sunday (English) 7:30am, 11:30am and 1.00pm
 Sunday (Tamil) 9:30am and 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 and Wednesday 5.55pm
- Holy Hour with Benediction (1st Friday) 7.00pm
- Sacred Heart Devotion (Friday) 7.00pm
- Divine Mercy (Tuesday) 5:45pm
- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays) 7.30pm
- Infant Jesus (Thursday) 5:45pm
- Charismatic (Friday) 7.45pm
- Divine Mercy (Saturday) 3.00pm
- Legion of Mary (Sundays) 9.45am

Tamil

- Infant Jesus (Tuesday) 4:30pm
- Divine Mercy (Friday) 5:45pm
- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday) 8:30pm
- Rosary and OLOL Devotion (Sunday) 8:30am
- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday) 9.30pm to 5.30am

Indonesian

- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday) 2.30pm
- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd and 4th Friday) 7.30pm
- Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday) 3.30pm

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 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 7pm on Friday** 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 restoration of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will begin in April 2019. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Day of Obligation

Sunset Mass - Tuesday, 14th August 2018
 Time : 6:30pm (English) & 8:00pm (English)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Wednesday, 15th August 2018
 Time : 12:30pm & 6:30pm (English)
 & 8:00pm (Tamil)

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"My spirit is with God, and my interior being is filled with God, so I do not look for Him outside myself. He, the Lord, penetrates my soul just as a ray from the sun penetrates a clear glass. ... it is the fullness of reality and the consciousness of union". (883)

Come and pray with us every Tuesday at 5:45pm (Divine Mercy in Tamil on Fridays at 5.45pm) and on every Saturday at 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy and Great Grace, in the main worship hall of the Church. Bring your prayer petitions!



National Day Celebrations

Public Holiday Mass Times
 Date : Thursday, 9th August 2018
 Time : 9.00am in English
 10.00am in Tamil

***Parish office will be closed.
 *Main Entrance Gates will be closed at 12 noon.**

2nd Collection This Weekend

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

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni 2018 @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass in English on 8th of September 2018 at 6pm and 9th of September 2018 at 11.30am.
 High Mass in Tamil on 9th of September 2018 at 6pm followed by Our Lady of Vailankanni procession with Rosary recitation and special blessing.

We welcome all donations, contributions and offerings for the Feast day. Please contact the parish office for more details.



Office for Young People (OYP)

JC/IB Mass & Outreach

Shoutout to all JC/IB students! This coming September break we want to meet you for a time of worship, Mass, and prayer ministry at OYP. Come and experience the truth that GOD IS WITH US at all times and in every circumstance. Date & Time: 8 Sep 2018, 10am – 1pm Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, Singapore 536449 Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/JCIBOutreach2018> - or contact shaun.oyp@catholic.org.sg for more information

Treasure Retreat

As young working adults, we spend our lives searching for the one treasure that can satisfy our hungry hearts. What are you seeking? Come and see what the Lord has in store for you at this encounter retreat! Date & Time: 20 Sep (Thu) 7:30pm – 23 Sep (Sun) 6:00pm Venue: Office for Young People, 2 Lorong Low Koon, Singapore 536449 Registration fee: \$130 Sign up: <http://oyp.org.sg/treasure10/> - or contact treasureretreat@gmail.com for more information