

Christian Life Program (CLP) - Couples for Christ @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

The CLP is an integrated course intended to lead the program participants into a renewed understanding of God's call to them as Christian couples or individuals. Topics covered will include areas such as basic truths of Christianity, living authentic and Spirit filled Christian life. **This 10 session program will begin on the 14th of September 2018 from 7pm to 10pm. Annex Building (above St. Bernadette's Hall) Level 3 Room 3.5.** Light dinner will be served. For more information and registration, call Bro Jun Frias at 9388 4473 or Sis Rina Frias at 9338 4103, All over the age of 21 are welcome!

Discernment in Daily Life

14 - 16 September 2018 Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, S 649368
"God speaks to us in a language we can understand." This weekend programme will offer ways of learning this "language" so that we can live mindfully and meaningfully. Discernment will be presented as a habitual way of responding to God in everyday life. By Sr. Linda Lizada, rc and Team. Contribution: \$250.00 per person (on twin-sharing). To register call 9722-3148.

food for thought

Jesus teaches that it is that which comes from our hearts that defiles us.

In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul with regard to table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses.

Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the conclusion of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples. Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning.

Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.

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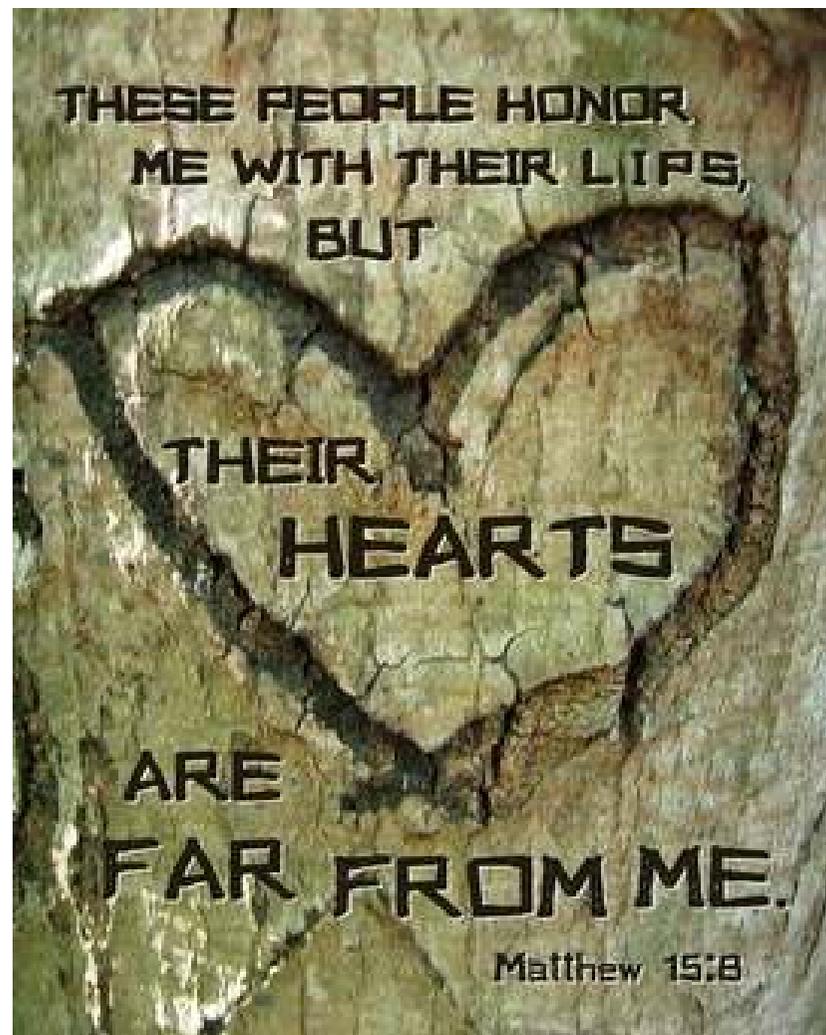
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2 SEP 2018

22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 14:2-5
 Second reading James 1:17-18,21-22,27
 Gospel Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

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) 5:15pm
- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays) 11.55am
- Monday and Wednesday 5.55pm (Sunday @ 10.55am)
- 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. Please give generously!

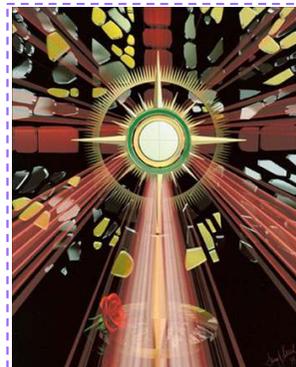
The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health Vailankanni 2018 @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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.

Floral arrangements and candles will be on sale.
Special holy oils and beautiful rosaries from Vailankanni will also be available for purchase.



Holy Hour



"It is our duty to adore the Blessed Sacrament. No one receives the Blessed Sacrament unless he adores it...and not only do we not sin by adoring, we do sin by not adoring." - St. Augustine
"You must propagate veneration of the Most Blessed Sacrament with all your might, for the devotion to the Holy Eucharist is the queen of all devotions." - Pope Benedict XV
"There is no doubt that a flood of graces will descend upon your family and the world if more souls would become docile pupils of adoration. - Blessed Pope John XXIII

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 7th September 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.



Rite of Acceptance

Please pray for our 10 Inquirers who will be going for the Rite of Acceptance on the 9th of September 2018 at 1pm. Please keep our Inquirers and Sponsors in your prayers.



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.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 16th September 2018
 Time : 2.30pm
 Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 All are welcome to help!
 Registration is not required.



Catholic Education Sunday @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Archdiocese has designated 9 September 2018 as Catholic Education Sunday. The theme is "Catholic Education in Singapore: Nurturing the Whole Child since 1852". Besides a prayer of blessing for Catholic teachers, screening of a 2-min video and distribution of brochures in all parishes, school students will join the congregation in worship at the 1pm Mass.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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!