

'MY CHILD IS MADE FOR MORE' – This is a program that addresses sexuality issues facing your child, including pornography and pre-marital/casual sex. The Program will enable you to be the primary sexuality educator of your child. The approach is to focus is on dignity, respect, sexual honesty and authentic freedom, not consequences.
 Dates: 3 November 9am-1.30pm & 10 November 9am-4.30pm Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute 11 Eunus Road 8 S408601 (MRT station: Paya Lebar) Ticketing: \$50 single ticket, \$80 two tickets; Contact: Hershey/Sophia at 6488 0278 Online purchase: madeformore.peatix.com

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 25 Sep 2018. Email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Mission is Obedience

The Church celebrates Mission Sunday on 21 Oct 2018. The Office for the New Evangelisation will be publishing weekly reflections leading up to the celebration.
 The e-booklet, Mission is Obedience, will be available for download at www.one.org.sg from 26 Sep 2018 onwards.

Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation will be organising a dinner hosted by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh to raise the needed funds to fulfil the vision of our archdiocese. Tables are available for sale at this fully sponsored dinner held at the Fullerton Hotel on 29 October 2018. To book a table or for more information, please contact Ms Caroline Kung at 6338-0348 or cfddinner@catholic.org.sg

food for thought *Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.*

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus again predict his passion, death, and Resurrection to his disciples. The setting here is important. Jesus and his disciples are preparing to journey through Galilee, a Jewish territory in which Jesus has already encountered problems with the Pharisees. Perhaps this is why Mark indicates that Jesus was trying to journey in secret. In predicting his passion, Jesus is acknowledging the danger they will face and is trying to preparing his disciples for it. Yet Mark tells us that the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying and were afraid to ask what he meant. Such hesitation on the part of the disciples is not characteristic behavior. Peter had no fear about rebuking Jesus in last week's Gospel. Perhaps this is an indication that the disciples were aware that a new situation was emerging.

Mark paints a vivid picture in today's Gospel. Having arrived at Capernaum, Jesus and his disciples enter a house. In this private place, Jesus asks his disciples about the argument they had while they were journeying. Again, the disciples are uncharacteristically silent and afraid to answer. They have been found out. Jesus then summons the Twelve, whom Mark identified earlier in his Gospel as those chosen by Jesus to preach and to drive out demons. To this select group of disciples, Jesus teaches that those who would be first in God's kingdom must be servants of all.

Jesus then calls forward a child and teaches the Twelve that to receive a child in Jesus' name is to receive both Jesus and the One who sent him. We might easily fail to understand the significance of this action. In first-century Palestine, children were without status or power, possessing no legal rights. In this action, Jesus is teaching his disciples and us that when we serve the least ones among us, we serve Jesus himself. Who are the people without power or status in our society that Jesus is calling us to serve? Do we do so willingly? Jesus teaches that God's judgment of us will be based on this criterion alone.



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23 SEP 2018

25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Wisdom 2:12,17-20
Psalm 53:3-6,8
James 3:16-4:3
Mark 9:30-37

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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| 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

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| 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 LOL 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

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| 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!

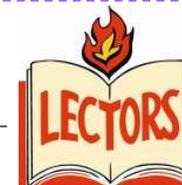
Recruitment of Catechists

Catechesis is not just about sacramental preparation for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation; it is part of an initiation into the entire Christian life, which culminates with initiation for community and mission. (General Directory for Catechesis #67) The role of the catechist and facilitator then is as a 'steward of the mystery' (1 Cor 4:1), facilitating the candidate's encounter with Jesus and His Church as there is "only one Teacher, the Christ." (Mt 23:10). The catechist's goal always is to set hearts aflame for Christ. If you are interested to become a catechist, please contact Lucy Netto at 97876009 or email lucynetto@gmail.com on or before 31 October 2018.



Call for Ministers of the Word/Lectors

We as a faith community have a sacred mission to proclaim the Word of God at Eucharist celebrations. Humbly accepting this ministry can deepen your own faith as you enrich the faith of others. Training will be provided for new lectors. If you would like to answer God's call to serve in this way please contact the Parish Office or email Helen Chandran at helenrc24@yahoo.com or Lucy Netto at lucynetto@gmail.com.



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!

Holy Hour

"Every Holy Hour we make so pleases the Heart of Jesus that it is recorded in Heaven and retold for all eternity!" - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta
"You can come to me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and I desire to grant you grace!"
- Jesus to St. Faustina

"Offering their entire lives with Christ (at Eucharistic Adoration) to the Father in the Holy Spirit, they derive from this an increase of faith, hope, and charity." - Congregation of Divine Worship (2001)

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 5th October 2018 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.



St Mary's Choir

The choir is currently recruiting new members to sing for the 6 pm Saturday sunset Mass. They sing on the first and fifth Saturday of the month. If you have a calling to sing for the Lord, you may call Susan Bong at 96559647 or Laurentia Roch at 98638231.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." (Diary, 390)
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!