

LOVE AND BANANAS - Cana invites you to the screening of LOVE AND BANANAS, brought back by popular demand from the Cana Film Festival 2018. This film features TIME Magazine's Hero of Asia Lek Challert and actor/director Ashley Bell and their works of elephant conservation in Thailand. The film aims to ignite a new way of thinking about this species, and all God's creatures. It will make you laugh, make you cry but most of all it will help you ponder on our role in the care of God's creation. Panel discussion will follow the screening with panelists Mr Tony O'Dempsey, President of the Nature Society and Sr Jacinta Kow FMDM. Date: Saturday 26 January, 3.00 pm at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Registration: canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call 63384080. Love offering.

Commencement of School Year 2019

This year, 7 principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools and preschools. ACCS invites all educators to join us in a Mass to commemorate the occasion and to pray for all our Catholic schools and pre-schools. The event will take place at **3.00pm on Sunday, 27 January 2019 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd**. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant. As parking is limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in carparks around the vicinity.

St. Joseph's Institution Open House

SJI is having an Open House for graduating GCE 'O' Level students who may wish to consider the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme at SJI for their pre-university education. 38 Malcolm Road, Singapore 308274. 15 January 2019, 9am - 3pm. For more information, please visit www.sji.edu.sg or follow SJI on our Facebook and Instagram.

TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group

Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women. Please call 92985808 to confirm session. Date: Every Wednesday beginning 23 January Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am Venue: La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd Contribution: Love Offering

food for thought

Jesus is baptized by John.

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father.

The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 103:1-4,24-25,27-30
Second reading	Titus 2:11-14,3:4-7
Gospel	Luke 3:15-16,21-22

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	- 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!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 2019

DATE /DAY	THEME	TIMING
31. 01.19 Thursday	The Cana Sign	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
01. 02.19 Friday	The Setting of a Wedding	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
02. 02.19 Saturday	The Miracle – Sought by a Woman	Rosary: 5.15pm Mass: 6pm & 7.30pm
03. 02.19 Sunday	The Miracle – Water Pots were the Subject	Rosary: 10.45am Mass: Usual Mass Times
04. 02.19 Monday	The Miracle – Water was the Supply	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm
05. 02.19 Tuesday (PH)	The Miracle – Wine was the Success	Rosary: 8.30am Mass: 9.00 am (English) 10.30 am (Tamil)
06. 02.19 Wednesday (PH)	Calling Your Mother “Woman”	Rosary: 8.30am Mass: 9.00 am (English) 10.30 am (Tamil)
07. 02.19 Thursday	The Power of Faith and Prayer	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm (English) 8.00pm (Tamil)
08. 02.19 Friday	Do What He Tells You	Rosary: 5.30pm P & W: 6pm – 6.25pm Mass: 6.30pm (English) 8.00pm (Tamil)
09. 02.19 Saturday	They Have No Wine <i>Feast Day Mass will be presided by Archbishop William Goh</i>	P & W: 5.30pm-5.50pm Mass: 6.00pm

Parish Priest on Medical Leave

Fr. Michael Sitaram will be going for a knee operation on the 17th of January 2019 and will rest to recuperate. Let us pray for a successful operation and his swift recovery.



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 27th January 2019

Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$3506.15. The amount given to FINS (friends in need) was \$6630. Thank you for your generous donation.

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!