

'Review of Life' Workshop by Caritas Singapore Formation Committee

How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the 'Review of Life' (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. 26 and 27 February 2019 (Tues and Wed); 7.30pm. to 9.30pm.; in Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh). For more information and registration, please refer to www.caritas-singapore.org

COME ALIVE: A WEEKEND RETREAT – 2ND RUN Pray with the songs from the movie, "The Greatest Showman". Discover who you are and discern God's dream for you. Where are you fully alive, and what keeps you from being fully alive? Presented at Montfort Centre. 8 – 10 March. Contribution: \$345 (Single) \$270 (Twin). Details/Registration: anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com or 96311943.

Symposium on Divorce, Separation and Annulment

To help Catholics understand the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment, the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is collaborating with the Archdiocesan Tribunal to organise a Symposium on Divorce, Separation and Annulment. Date: 16 February 2019 (Saturday) Time: 9am to 1pm (includes 1 tea break) St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102) Speaker: Fr Terence Pereira Contribution: Love Offering Register at: <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/dsa>

food for thought *In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.*

Today's Gospel reading combines two separate passages taken from the Gospel of Luke. First we hear the opening verses where Luke establishes the purpose of his Gospel. His style is typical of polished Greek and Roman literature. In this passage, we learn that Luke may have written to a specific person, Theophilus; but the word Theophilus may also be a general reference, functioning as the phrase "Dear Reader" might in contemporary writing. In Greek, the word Theophilus translates as "lover of God."

Today's Gospel reading then skips several chapters in which one would find the Infancy Narratives, Jesus' baptism by John, the temptations Jesus faced in the desert, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In chapter four of Luke's Gospel, we hear that Jesus is in his hometown of Nazareth, attending the synagogue on the Sabbath, which is said to be his custom. In this account, we find another important clue that Jesus lived as a faithful, observant Jew. We will continue to read from Luke's Gospel in sequence for the next two Sundays.

As Jesus stands in the synagogue, he reads from the scroll handed to him; it contains the words of the prophet Isaiah. At this early moment in his ministry, Jesus announces his mission in continuity with Israel's prophetic tradition. This reading from Isaiah defines Jesus' ministry. We will find more evidence of this as we continue to read from Luke's Gospel throughout the year. Jesus' ministry will include bringing glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, freedom to the oppressed, and proclaiming a year acceptable to the Lord.

Through this text from Isaiah, Jesus announces God's salvation. The "year acceptable to the Lord" is a reference to the Jewish tradition of Sabbath years and jubilee. The Sabbath year was observed every seventh year. It was a year of rest when land was left fallow and food stores were to be shared equally with all. A year of Jubilee was celebrated every fiftieth year, the conclusion of seven cycles of Sabbath years. It was a year of renewal in which debts were forgiven and slaves were freed.

This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation. And yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand. It is made present in Jesus, in his life, death, and Resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled.

The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus. When we do what Jesus did—bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing to the sick, and freedom to the oppressed—we serve the Kingdom of God.

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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 18:8-10,15
 Second reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30
 Gospel Luke 1:1-4,4:14-21

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 <i>No 7.30pm Mass</i>

Parish Priest on Medical Leave

Fr. Michael Sitaram had a knee operation on the 17th of January 2019. Please keep him in your prayers and pray for 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.



No **Holy Hour** in February. Please come for the Novena in preparation for our parish feast day on the 9th of February 2019. Do invite your friends and family to this special celebration!

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

“To priests who proclaim and extol my mercy, I will give wondrous power; I will anoint their words and touch the hearts of those to whom they will speak” (Diary, No. 1521). “The flames of mercy are burning me - clamouring to be spent; I want to keep pouring them out upon souls; souls just don’t want to believe in my goodness” (Diary, No. 177).

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!