

Fr. Michael Sitaram, Fr. Paul Yeo, Fr. Nithiya Sagayaraj,  
Fr Stanislaus Udaya Kumar, Fr. Kommu Anthony and Fr. Victor Emmanuel  
would like to wish all parishioners a very happy and prosperous Chinese  
New Year filled with God's blessings, peace, joy and good health.  
Gong Xi Fa Cai!



### 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.



*'Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for  
one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.'*  
St. Francis Xavier

## food for thought Jesus is rejected in his hometown of Nazareth.

This Sunday we read from the Gospel of Luke, continuing immediately from last week's Gospel. Recall that in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and announced that this Scripture was now fulfilled. In today's Gospel, we learn that the people of Nazareth are impressed by Jesus' words, and yet they seem surprised. They still think of Jesus as merely Joseph's son. They do not expect such words from someone they believe that they know.

This Gospel is about who Jesus is and who people believe him to be. The story of Jesus' preaching and rejection at Nazareth is found in each of the Synoptic Gospels. In Luke's Gospel, this incident is told in a way that foretells Jesus' passion and death and helps explain the inclusion of the Gentiles in the promise of salvation. In Luke's Gospel this incident appears at the beginning of Jesus' ministry; in Matthew and Mark, this event is placed considerably later, after Jesus has preached and taught elsewhere. Only Luke identifies the content of Jesus' teaching in any detail, telling us that Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue. In Mark and Matthew's Gospels, Jesus teaches in the synagogue in Nazareth, and the townspeople take offense because Jesus is only the son of a carpenter. They reject his authority to teach them. In Matthew and Mark, it is only after Jesus is rejected that he observes times when Israel has rejected prophets.

In Luke's Gospel, the people are surprised but not immediately offended by Jesus' words in the synagogue. It is the words that follow his reading from the prophet Isaiah that seem to offend them. Jesus challenges and provokes the people of Nazareth by referring to examples in which Israel rejected the prophets. He also challenges them to respond to his message, the message of a prophet, in a way that is different from their ancestors. This call for a new response leads to his rejection.

It is helpful to consider the historical context of Luke's Gospel. Luke has witnessed the acceptance of the gospel message among many Gentiles. He endeavors to explain why the Good News of Jesus has not been as well-received by his Jewish contemporaries. Luke's report interprets the cause of Jesus' rejection at Nazareth in the context of this later Christian history. Just as the people at Nazareth did not welcome the Good News that Jesus announced, so too many among the people of Israel will not accept the preaching of the gospel.

After Jesus' words of challenge, Luke reports that there was a movement to kill Jesus by throwing him over a cliff. This differs from the reports found in Mark and Matthew's Gospels, where Jesus is said to be unable to perform miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Luke says that Jesus walks away from the crowd that intended to kill him; it is not yet his time. The animosity of the people of Nazareth prefigures and prepares the reader of Luke's Gospel for the cross. Luke wants all to understand that it is through his death on the cross that Jesus offers God's salvation to all.

## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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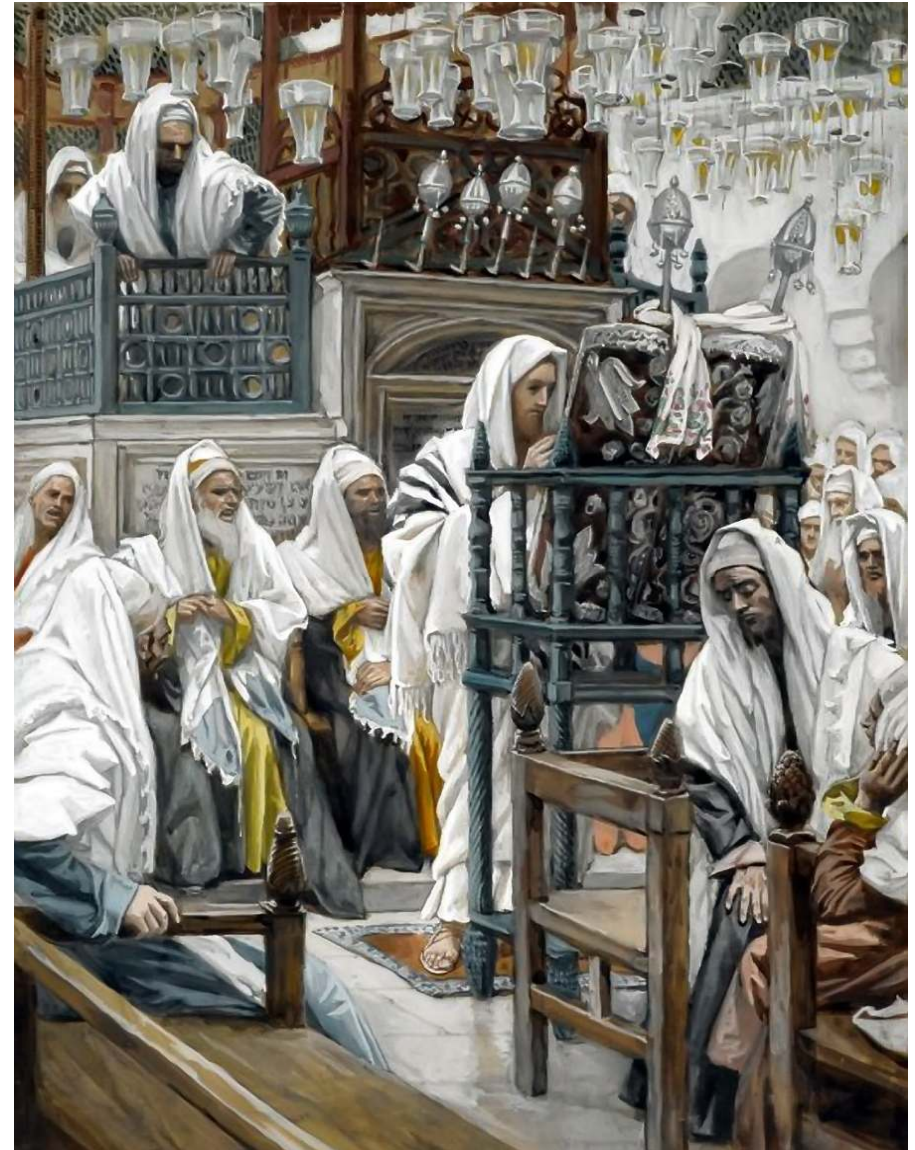
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4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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## Sunday Readings

First reading  
 Responsorial Psalm  
 Second reading  
 Gospel

Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19  
 Psalm 70:1-6,15,17  
 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13  
 Luke 4:21-30

## 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
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

Please keep him in your prayers and pray for his swift recovery.

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!

Dear friends in Christ, if you wish to share your gift of talents to Proclaim, Lead and Sing!  
 You are called by the Lord God to be HIS worthy Instrument!  
 Come and join our team of **'SACRED HEART OF JESUS'**  
 Devotion prayer, held on Fridays 7pm.  
 Contact: Alice Anthony  
 e-mail : aliceanthony@usa.net

### Blessed Palms

The previous year's blessed palms will be burnt and used as blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday. If you wish to return the palms, we will have a collection bin in Church starting next Sunday, the 10th of February 2019.

### Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

*“Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of God. All the works of My hands are crowned with mercy.” (Diary, 301)*

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!