

'Live the Gospel in the World'. This is a 2-part Formation Series facilitated by Fr David Garcia, OP. This retreat and the follow up sessions bring participants on a journey of discovery of how we are called to live our faith more intentionally in our daily lives.

Part 1: Weekend Retreat Dates: 30 - 31 March 2019. Venue: Lifesprings Canossian Spirituality Centre. *Part 2:* 3 Evening Sessions Dates: 9, 16 & 23 April 2019. Time: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm
Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org

Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend

Marriage Encounter facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, it forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Slots are still open for the next ME Weekend from Mar 1-3. E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org



*'The minute you walk outside your church on Sunday,
you're in mission territory.'*
Bishop Robert Barron

food for thought

Jesus teaches the crowd the way to happiness.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus call Peter to be his disciple. Jesus then travels with Peter and the other disciples. Luke reports acts of healing (a person with leprosy and a paralytic man) and the call of Levi, the tax collector. Jesus also replies to questions from the Pharisees regarding fasting and the observance of the Sabbath. In the verses immediately before today's gospel reading, Jesus is reported to have chosen 12 men from among his disciples to be apostles. Apostle is a Greek word that means "one who is sent."

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings.

When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us.

Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel—Luke uses the article "you" whereas Matthew uses "they" or "those." There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning.

The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word blessed in this context might be translated as "happy," "fortunate," or "favoured."

As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of "woes," those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness.

The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.

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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading	Jeremiah 17:5-8
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 1:1-4,6
Second reading	1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20
Gospel	Luke 6:17,20-26

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!

Lenten Information

Ash Wednesday 6th of March 2019

Ash Wednesday begins the season of Lent. **It is a day of fast and abstinence.**
Times of Masses: 12.30pm (English), 6.30pm (English) and 8pm (Tamil)
Blessing and distribution of ashes at all masses. Kindly leave your old palms in the baskets near the entrance of the church before the 3rd of March 2019.

During the Season of Lent, **Stations of the Cross** will take place on **Friday at 12 noon** followed by Mass at 12.30pm and at **6pm** followed by Mass at 6.30pm.



Holy Hour

"Our Lord is hidden there in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for us to come and visit Him, and make our requests to Him." - St. John Vianney
"Christians should make expiatory supplications and prayers, prolonged for a whole hour, which is rightly called a "Holy Hour". - Pope Pius XI

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 1st March 2019 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.

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



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 17th February 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.



GIFT

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"I desire trust from My creatures," He said. "Encourage souls to place great trust in My fathomless mercy" (1059).

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!

CANA invites you to the screening of **SISTER** - Sr Gerard Fernandez became a death row counselor after her experience with the 2 wives of the infamous Adrian Lim - a spirit medium whose outrageous story of sex and rituals shocked the entire nation. Join us for the screening and panel discussion which will include Sr Gerard of course! and the film maker Chai Yee Wei and producer Jeanne Tai, who will share their collective experiences. In fact, the entire cast will join us. Light refreshments will be served. Saturday 23 February, 3 pm at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, 2nd Floor. Registration: 63384080 or email canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com