

Healing Mass @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Fr. Augustine Vallooran is the Director of Divine Retreat Centre in India. DRC is the largest Catholic retreat centre in the world. Since 1990, over 10 million pilgrims from all over the world have attended retreats there. Weekly retreats in seven languages are held non-stop week after week throughout the year. Fr. Augustine will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday, 26th February at 7.30pm. There will be Healing and Eucharistic Adoration as well.

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 26 February 2019. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Verbum Dei is conducting a Half-day Retreat for Married Couples.

Title: **"Becoming What We Receive"** Venue: 4 Sommerville Rd Date: Sunday, 31 Mar 19 Time: 3.15pm to 6.00pm. The retreat is specifically for married couples and the purpose is to give them the time and space to be quiet and pray with the Word of God.

St. Raphael Singles

Sunday, 3 March 10am – 2pm. Venue: OLPS Canteen (Siglap). Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass. Cost: Bring Some Food to Share with Others FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp/> Email StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com to confirm your participation

food for thought

Jesus teaches his disciples to be merciful as God is merciful.



Today's gospel reading is a continuation of the teaching that began in last Sunday's gospel. We continue to hear Jesus' Sermon on the Plain. Recall that in Luke's Gospel, this teaching is addressed to Jesus' disciples. This is in contrast to the parallel found in Matthew's Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus' words are addressed to both the disciples and to the crowds.

These words from Jesus' teaching are familiar to us. They constitute the crux and the challenge of what it means to be a disciple: Love your enemies, turn the other cheek, give to those who ask, do unto others, lend without expecting repayment, judge not lest you be judged.

There are several similarities between Luke's and Matthew's report of Jesus' great teaching. Both begin with the Beatitudes. Matthew includes nearly all the content that Luke does; the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel is longer than Luke's Sermon on the Plain. There are, however, differences in language and nuance. For example, Matthew presents this portion of the teaching as a contrast between Jesus' teaching and the teachings of the law and the prophets. This is in keeping with Matthew's concern to address his predominantly Jewish audience. It is likely that Luke omits this contrast because it was unnecessary for the Gentile believers for whom Luke is writing.

Another point of contrast between Matthew and Luke's presentation is the terminology. In Luke, Jesus contrasts the behaviour of his followers with the behaviour of "sinners." In Matthew, Jesus contrasts the behaviour desired with the behaviour of tax collectors and Gentiles. Matthew concludes the teaching about love of enemies with the admonition to be perfect as God is perfect; Luke concludes by emphasizing God's mercy.

In both Gospels, Jesus' words challenge those who would follow him to be more like God. God loves us beyond our expectations, beyond anything we can possibly imagine. In response to God's love, we are to love as God loves, beyond expectations and with a depth beyond imagining.

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*"But I say this to you who are listening:
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly."
Luke 6:27-28*



Sunday Readings

First reading	1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 102:1-4,8,10,12-13
Second reading	1 Corinthians 15:45-49
Gospel	Luke 6:27-38

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 **Fridays at 12 noon** followed by Mass at 12.30pm and at **6pm** followed by Mass at 6.30pm. Please return the previous year's blessed palms by Sunday the 3rd of March 2019.

Holy Hour



"The Blessed Virgin is eager to make Jesus in the Eucharist known to all and to group them into a Eucharistic Guard of Honour, a court of devoted adorers!" - St. Peter Julian Eymard

"Our hours of adoration will be special hours of reparation for sins, and intercession for the needs of the whole world, exposing the sin-sick and suffering humanity to the healing, sustaining and transforming rays of Jesus, radiating from the Eucharist." - St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"By being faithful to our Holy Hour, and letting nothing interfere with it, we use it as the sign and symbol of our victimhood with Christ."

- Archbishop Fulton Sheen

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

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Through the chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will" (Diary, 1731)

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!

2019 Lent Reflection Booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Lent in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "Walking by Faith in Communion". Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-lent-2019>

Labourers in the Vineyard Retreat

Dates: 16 to 20 May 2019 Venue: Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor, Malaysia Cost: SGD 200 (Includes Accommodation, Meals, Transport) Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation and Gloria Patri Ministries. This retreat is open to Catholics above the age of 21. Come away and allow yourselves to be encountered by the Lord! Programme includes daily Eucharistic celebration, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks, praise & worship, and spiritual counselling. Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira, Episcopal Vicar for the New Evangelisation. To register visit: www.one.org.sg/events