

## MY SOUL HAS A HAT

*I counted my years  
& realized that I have  
Less time to live by,  
Than I have lived so far.*

*I feel like a child who won a pack of candies: at first he ate them with pleasure,  
But when he realized that there was little left, he began to taste them intensely.*

*I have no time for endless meetings where the statutes, rules, procedures &  
internal regulations are discussed,  
knowing that nothing will be done.*

*I no longer have the patience  
To stand absurd people who,  
despite their chronological age,  
have not grown up.*

*My time is too short:  
I want the essence,  
my spirit is in a hurry.  
I do not have much candy  
In the package anymore.*

*I want to live next to humans,  
very realistic people who know  
How to laugh at their mistakes,  
Who are not inflated by their own triumphs  
& who take responsibility for their actions.  
In this way, human dignity is defended  
and we live in truth and honesty.*

*It is the essentials that make life useful.  
I want to surround myself with people  
who know how to touch the hearts of those whom hard strokes of life  
have learned to grow, with sweet touches of the soul.*

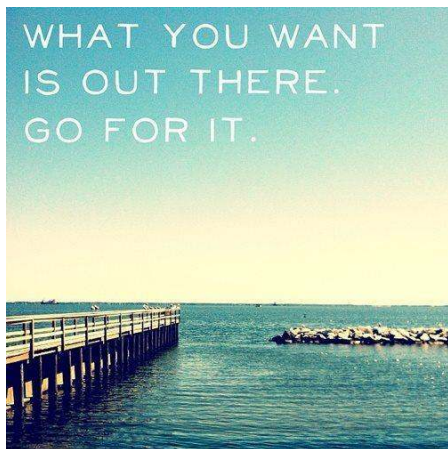
*Yes, I'm in a hurry.  
I'm in a hurry to live with the intensity that only maturity can give.  
I do not intend to waste any of the remaining desserts.*

*I am sure they will be exquisite,  
much more than those eaten so far.  
My goal is to reach the end satisfied  
and at peace with my loved ones and my conscience.*

*We have two lives  
& the second begins when you realize you only have one.*

*Life is short...don't wait to do the things you want to do but do it as if tomorrow  
may never come...*

This lovely poem was written by Mario de Andrade (San Paolo 1893-1945). Poet, novelist, essayist and musicologist. He was one of the founders of Brazilian modernism.



## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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31 MAR 2019

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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## Sunday Readings

First reading Joshua 5:9-12  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 33:2-7  
 Second reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21  
 Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

## 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 9:00am (English) 10:00am (Tamil)

## 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 July 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

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.

## Lenten Penitential Service For City District

1 Apr Mon Sts Peter & Paul 8pm  
 2 Apr Tue St Bernadette's 8pm  
 3 Apr Wed Our Lady of Lourdes 8pm  
 4 Apr Thu Novena Church 8pm  
 8 Apr Mon St Teresa's 8pm  
 9 Apr Tue St Michael's 8pm  
 10 Apr Wed Sacred Heart 8pm

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday:** Sunset Masses at 6.00pm and 7.30pm (English).  
 Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm (English).  
 9.00am & 6.00pm (Tamil) - Both Masses half an hour earlier than usual.

**April 18 - Holy Thursday:** Mass at 8:00pm Only (Bilingual - English & Tamil).  
 No 12.30pm & 6.30pm Mass.

**April 19 - Good Friday:** Stations of the Cross at 2.30pm followed by Service at 3:00pm.  
 (English). Service at 6:00pm (Tamil) followed by Stations of the Cross.

**April 20 - Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil at 7:30pm (English). Tamil Mass at 11.30pm.

**April 21 - Easter Sunday:** English Masses at 7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm.  
 Tamil Masses at 9:30am & 6.30pm.



## Holy Hour

No Holy Hour on the 5 April 2019. Please check the bulletin for updates.

## Charities Week 2019

The season of Lent is the time when the Church conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2019. Your donation will provide much needed funding to support Caritas Singapore family to serve diverse and marginalised groups including low-income families, youths-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and also people with mental health problems. Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. It will enable our Catholic charities to further their cause and do more to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in need." All Donations are eligible for 250% Tax Deduction.

## 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!

## CATHOLIC JUNIOR COLLEGE PARENTS INFORMATION DAY (PID)

Date: 27 April 2019, Saturday Time: 9am to 11am. 9am to 10am: Principal's Talk.  
 10am to 11am: General enquiries / Subject Consultations & Guided Tours of the College Campus  
 Sign up now: <https://tinyurl.com/2019CJCPID> by 19 April.

The **Landings** programme at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd will take place from 25 April 2019 to 11 July 2019, with weekly meetings (7.30-9.30pm) mostly on Thursdays. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this programme. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 18 April 2019. Please email [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or find out more at [www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg)



*"To receive Jesus and to take him to others is the true joy of the Christian!" Pope Benedict XVI*