

Bishop's Catechesis for Neophytes

Calling all neophytes who were baptised in the last 3 years! Come and listen to Archbishop William Goh, chief shepherd of our archdiocese, as he shares how we can live fully alive as part of the Body of Christ. Saturday, 18 May 2019 Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm @ St Joseph's Church, 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678116 Theme: Body of Christ
Find out more at www.catechesis.org.sg

food for thought *Jesus appears to the disciples for a third time after his Resurrection and shares a meal with them.*

In Lectionary Cycle C, our Sunday Gospels are usually taken from the Gospel of Luke. The Gospels for the Easter Season, however, are taken from the Gospel of John. Today's Gospel is one of the post-Resurrection appearances reported by John. Recall that in John's Gospel, Jesus appears first to Mary of Magdala, second to all of the disciples except Thomas, and finally to Thomas and the disciples (which we heard last Sunday). After those appearances, John's Gospel seems to conclude with a reference to other signs that Jesus gave after his Resurrection, which have not been recorded.

Because it follows this apparent conclusion, most scholars believe today's Gospel passage (and all of John 21) to have been an addition to John's original text. Because there are significant differences between this report and the other appearances described in John's Gospel, it is quite likely that this story is from a different source. There are details in the story that recall Jesus' call to Simon Peter and the other fishermen as well as the miraculous catch of fish (found in the Gospel of Luke, with parallels in the other Synoptic Gospels). The end of the chapter, where Jesus asks Peter three times whether he loves him, most likely is meant to represent the reconciliation that occurred between the community represented by John's Gospel with the larger Christian community represented by Peter. This Gospel reading is a rich and textured story that speaks of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist and our commission to serve others as Jesus did.

Last week we heard that Jesus appeared to the gathered disciples in a locked room, probably in Jerusalem. In today's Gospel, the disciples are no longer in Jerusalem; they are in Galilee, returning to their work of fishing. Simon Peter is still presented in the role of leader: when he announces that he is going fishing, the other disciples follow. They spend the night fishing but are unsuccessful.

Jesus calls to them from the shore, but just as when Jesus first appeared to Mary of Magdala, the disciples do not recognize him immediately. Still, they follow the stranger's instructions and bring in a large haul of fish. It is at this point that one of the disciples (the "disciple whom Jesus loved") realizes that Jesus is appearing to them. Upon hearing this news, Simon Peter leads the way again, jumping from the boat and swimming to shore. The other disciples follow in the boat, dragging the fish.

The disciples have brought to shore a tremendous catch of fish that Jesus has directed them to find. But once on the shore, they see that Jesus has already prepared fish and bread on a charcoal fire. Jesus directs the disciples to bring their catch of fish as well. Jesus is host at the meal that follows, feeding the disciples the bread and fish. In this detail we see allusions to the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes told in John 6.

There are also allusions in the Gospel to our gathering for the celebration of the Mass. In the Eucharist, we too are fed by Jesus in the bread and wine that have become his very Body and Blood. We also find in this story insight about the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass. The gifts we bring to the altar, bread and wine, are made from gifts that God gave first to us: grain and grapes, the fruit of the earth. God has no need of anything further. Yet God accepts the offering we bring—bread and wine, "the work of human hands"—and transforms our offering into the gift of his very presence.

After the meal, Jesus directs himself to Simon Peter. The community of John's Gospel probably looked down on Peter because of his denial of Jesus. This dialogue with Simon Peter is a reversal of Peter's three denials. Peter is forgiven. Having been restored to friendship with Jesus, Simon Peter is sent on a mission. "Feed my lambs . . . Tend my sheep . . . Feed my sheep." These commands indicate that Peter is to be as Jesus, even unto sacrificing for the flock. As Jesus has fed Peter in this meal and as Jesus feeds us in the Eucharist, so he also sends us to follow him, asking that we offer our lives in service and sacrifice.

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5 MAY 2019

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Sunday Readings

First reading Acts 5:27-32,40-41
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 117:2-4,22-27
 Second reading Apocalypse 5:11-14
 Gospel John 21:1-19

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.



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)

The Daughters of St. Paul will be in our parish next weekend 11 & 12 May 19 for our annual parish media outreach with a variety of media materials - Books, DVDS, CDS for your spiritual nourishment. Do come and browse to see if there is any material that may help you and your loved ones come closer to the Lord.

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



Public Holiday Mass Times

Date : Monday, 20th May 2019
 Time : 9.00am in English
 10.00am in Tamil

*Parish office will be closed. *Main Entrance Gates will close at 12 noon.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Entrust everything to Me and do nothing on your own, and you will always have great freedom of spirit." (Diary, 1681)

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!

Jesus Mary Rally 2019

25 May 2019. 2pm - 8pm. Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 24 Highland Rd
 Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation, The Legion of Mary, Gloria Patri Ministries, and IHM. Come and encounter Jesus Christ through Mary our Mother. Program includes Talks, the Rosary, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Eucharistic Celebration, and Consecration to Our Lady. Speaker: Rev Fr Simon Pereira, CSsR. To register visit: www.one.org.sg/events

Cancer Support Group

Date: 6 May 2019 (Mon) Venue: Main Church Hall @ Holy Family Church. 7.30 pm - 9.45 pm. Perfect Joy... a realization. A personal sharing of JENNIFER YEO's encounter with God. To be followed by Eucharistic Adoration. For more details, please contact Helen @ 98389767 or Nicholas @ 96780595.

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.

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!

Marriage Encounter Singapore (WWMESG)

As part of the 40th anniversary celebrations this year, ME Singapore is organising our gala dinner & dance at the Orchard Hotel on Saturday 24 August. We welcome all encountered couples to join us and celebrate our 40th anniversary in Classic Vintage Marvellous 70s style. Come on and boogie with us! Let's gather all the cool cats in your love circle and get down! We welcome ticket enquiries at this email address: me40.tickets@gmail.com.

