

Get Ready! Youth Advent Vigil by the Office for the New Evangelisation (ONE)

A time to experience what it means to prepare ourselves and how to get ready for the coming of Jesus. There will be activities, worship, sharing, and talks that will lead us to knowing why, how, and who are we getting ready for. We will end with the Eucharistic Celebration just before dawn. 7th Dec (10pm) - 8th Dec (7am) @ Catholic Spirituality Centre. Age: 13-16 years old
Register: <https://tinyurl.com/youthadvent>. Enquires: sheila@one.org.sg or 6911 0426

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY - UPCOMING HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

1. *Happy In My Skin*. 22 November 2019 from 9:00am to 1:00pm. What does it really mean to be a MALE or a FEMALE? Is it really true that there is a "Third Gender"? What is gender in the first place? And most importantly, what makes me a unique & special person? Come and join us during this school hols to get some real powerful answers to these questions. Register now bit.ly/hims_bt or call 64880278! Only \$15 per pax.

2. *Bullet Proof Friendships*. 6 December 2019 from 8:30am to 1:00pm. Who makes a really good friend? Why making a solid BFF is important for me? Where do I find one? And how do I make such bulletproof friendship? What makes a healthy BGR? Get your answers this school hols. Register now bit.ly/bpf_bt or call 64880278! Only \$15 per pax.

Choice Weekend

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. 29 Nov - 01 Dec 2019 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) @ Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368 Enquiries: Celia (9876 3214) Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8

LIVING UNTIL WE DIE -

THE SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF THE LAST ACT OF THE 2ND HALF OF LIFE

This retreat focuses on the invitations for life's final stage and attempts to respond to questions like: What is retirement for? How can I grow old well? What is the meaning of my life at this time? What fears am I facing as I ponder the end of my life? How do I open myself to the joy that this stage of life is offering me? What is the intimacy of old age? What provision do I need for the onward journey? Recommended age: 60 years and above. By Sr Linda Lizada, rc. 22 November 8 pm - 24 November 1 pm @ Montfort Centre, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Rd. Contribution: \$300. Please register at www.cenaclemission.com

food for thought

In Jesus' day, tax collectors were not popular people. They were collaborators with the Romans and were despised by many Jewish people. The tax system allowed them to charge more than what was required so that they could make a profit for themselves. Thus, they were considered sinners by their countrymen. Observers in the crowd that day grumble because Jesus dines with a sinner. Throughout Scripture, Jesus' choice of dinner companions set him apart from other observant Jews of his time. In first century Jewish culture, to dine together was to show a bond of fellowship and peace among those at the table. Observant Jews did not generally dine with foreigners and sinners. Yet, Jesus chooses to honour the tax collector, Zacchaeus, by staying at his house.

Even before Jesus comes to his home, Zacchaeus shows himself to be someone in search of salvation. Zacchaeus, described as short in stature, climbs a tree in order to see Jesus. We know from Luke's description that Zacchaeus was no ordinary tax collector; he was, in fact, the chief tax collector and a person of some wealth. In his search for salvation, he humbled himself by making a spectacle of himself by climbing a tree.

Jesus recognizes the faith of this tax collector exhibited in his search for salvation and calls him down from the tree. In the hospitality he extends to Jesus and in his conversion of heart, Zacchaeus is raised up by Jesus as a model of salvation.



Jesus stays at the house of Zacchaeus, the tax collector.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

50 Ophir Road, Singapore 188690 Tel: 6294 0624
www.lourdes.sg

Parish Priest: Rev Fr Michael Sitaram

Email: frmichaelsitaram@gmail.com

Asst. Parish Priest: Rev Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj

Email: nithiya@catholic.org.sg

Asst. Parish Priest: Rev Fr Paul Yeo

Email: fryeopaul@gmail.com

Parish Secretariat: ololsec@gmail.com

and ololpastoral@gmail.com

3 NOV 2019

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR C





Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Wisdom 11:22-12:2
 Psalm 144:1-2,8-11,13b-14
 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2
 Luke 19:1-10

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 (Last Friday of the month) 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 soon. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back. Please give generously!

So thankful

for the blessing you are

and the special gift of having a priest

who reflects the love of Christ.

Happy Birthday

As we join well-wishers to celebrate your special day, we pray the Lord continues to strengthen your faith, establish all your steps, purify you and hold you firm on the right path of life.

Happy Birthday Fr. Michael Sitaram!
 6th November 2019

"Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in preaching and teaching." – Timothy 5:17

Is God calling you to be a Catechist?

Would you like to see a more Vibrant, Evangelising and Missionary Church with Families who Pray? Be a Catechist – **YOU** can make a difference.
 Email lucynetto@gmail.com with your queries.

Recruitment of Lectors

If you have a desire to give a voice to the written words of Scripture, to participate faithfully in the celebration of the Eucharist and to sincerely live the Gospel message in your life, we welcome you to join as a Lector. Contact us at helenrc24@yahoo.com or lucynetto@gmail.com

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.



Lourdes Experience 2019 @ Singapore Indoor Stadium

Saturday 7 December from 2pm. For those interested, please collect tickets from the Parish Office from 2 – 3 Nov weekend onwards. Each adult is entitled to 2 tickets and distributed on a first come, first served basis. Due to limited tickets, parish office will not entertain any reservations. The tickets are free. No food and drink allowed. However, you may bring an empty water bottle to fill up at the stadium. For more information, please check the church bulletin board at the exit gate. www.orderofmaltasingapore.org or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1023515518040439>.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Know that whatever good you do to any soul, I accept it as if you had done it to Me." (Diary, 1768)

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!

WALKING TOGETHER 2019

The Caritas Singapore Agape Fund WALKING TOGETHER is a leisurely 3km walk, followed by an indoor picnic with music. All participating walkers will be contacted via email to collect their exclusive walker packs which include a dri-fit shirt and other specially-curated items. Saturday 23 November, 8am to 12pm. Only one child (below 12) walks for free if accompanied by a paying adult. Register: bit.ly Email: pamela@caritas-singapore.org or call 6337 6197, 9271 3335