

## 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://bit.ly/bpf_bt) or call 64880278! Only \$15 per pax.

**SSVP YOUTH CAMP** "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is organising a 3D2N camp for youth looking to deepen their faith by serving the Lord's poor. We welcome all youths aged 15-25. Registration Fee \$30/person. When 29 Nov - 1 Dec. Venue Church of Transfiguration. Sign up now at [tinyurl.com/ssvpcamp](http://tinyurl.com/ssvpcamp) Please contact Jaime at 9747 5541 for more queries.

## food for thought

*Jesus answers a question from some Sadducees about the resurrection of the dead.*

In today's Gospel, we hear about an encounter between Jesus and some Sadducees. The Sadducees were a party of Judaism active in Jesus' time, descended from the priestly family of Zadok. They were literal interpreters of the written Law of Moses, which means that they were in disagreement with the position of the Pharisees, who offered an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses.

The Sadducees are described in this Gospel as opponents to the belief in resurrection. In the dialogue presented here, we see an example of the means of disputation that was common in first century Judaism. The Sadducees use the example of Levirate marriage, found in the Law of Moses, to disprove belief in the resurrection. According to Deuteronomy 25:5-10, if a man died without producing an heir, the man's brother should marry his wife and the offspring of this union would inherit the property and carry on the name of the man who had died. The Sadducees use this as an example to challenge belief in the resurrection.

Jesus argues from the same written Law of Moses to show that there is resurrection. Using the texts from the Book of Exodus (Chapter 3) that describe Moses' encounter with God in the burning bush, Jesus shows that God is the God of the living, not the dead. Here Jesus uses the same method and texts of the Sadducees to counter them. As the Gospel text suggests, he beat them at their own game!

More importantly, in this discourse Jesus shows the limits of our imaginations when it comes to eternal life. The Sadducees argued against resurrection because of the limits of earthly existence. They did not imagine another possibility for existence and relationship with God. Jesus proposes that the possibilities of resurrected life are beyond our imaginations. Jesus' conclusion suggests something else as well: To spend time worrying about resurrected life is to miss the point. The point is eternal relationship with God is possible, for God is the God of the living, "... for to him all are alive."



## Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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## Sunday Readings

First reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14  
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 16:1,5-6,8,15  
 Second reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5  
 Gospel Luke 20:27-38

## 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 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!**

## SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4976.55. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$6840.00. Thank you for your generous donation.



## Holy Hour

*"We have rediscovered that the ability to celebrate His sacrifice...loses its profundity and human richness if adoration is lacking, adoration as the act that follows receiving Communion."* - Pope Benedict XVI  
*"One of the by-products of a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is the sensitivity to the Eucharistic Presence of Our Divine Lord."*  
 - Archbishop Fulton Sheen

**Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month. 6th December 2019 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.**

## Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 17th November 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.



## Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

*"Let our judgement of souls cease, for God's mercy upon them is extraordinary."* (Diary, 1684)  
 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!

## 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](http://www.orderofmaltasingapore.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/events/1023515518040439>.

## GIFT

Next weekend being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

## MASS FOLLOWED BY PRAYERS FOR HEALING

All are welcome and no registration is needed. Time: 2pm-4pm. You are invited to join us for praise and worship and Mass followed by prayers for healing. After mass, prayer teams will be available to pray with you for healing. Please spread the word to your family and friends. Organised by Praise@Work. Celebrant. Fr. Charlie Oasan. Venue: Church of Sts Peter & Paul. For more information, E:[praiseatworksg@yahoo.com](mailto:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com); T: 97472467