

Catechetical Sessions 2020

The Catechetical Sessions at our parish will commence on Sunday 2 February 2020. If you have children aged from 5 years and above, who have not registered for the sessions, please do so immediately. Application forms are downloadable from our website. Closing date: 26 January 2020

Understanding the essentials of Canon Law In Marriage

Join in this programme offered by the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family and Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore to understand what the law of the Church teaches in relation to Marriage. Starts 31st January and runs every alternate Friday from 7.45pm to 10pm at the Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre. \$30 per person (Family Ministry Members) or \$60 per person (Non-Family Ministry Members). Register here: http://bit.ly/fpM3_ff
Conducted by Fr Adrian Yeo Dates: Jan 31, Feb 14 & 28, Mar 13 & 27 and Apr 17.
Venue: St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre. 2 Highland Road, S (549102) Cost: \$30 per person per module (for Family Ministry members), \$60 per person per module (for others)

WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

The Landings programme at Church of the Holy Spirit and at Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will commence on 10 February 2020, Monday. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 27 January 2020. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

GOTTMAN SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING MARRIAGE WORK

Covered in 2 sessions: 22 Feb 2020 9am to 5pm & 23 Feb 2020 2pm to 5pm. A weekend of discovery and learning about what it takes to have a great relationship. Register now bit.ly/gm7pb or call 64880278. Early bird price at \$288 per couple. (Register before 31 Jan)
By Family Life Society

Family Life Society presents **HAPPY IN MY SKIN** (Parents' Version) on 15 Feb 2020 from 9:00am - 12:30pm. Attend and be equipped with a deeper understanding of the 'know hows' to share gender identity & sexuality with children/youth. Register: 64880278! Only \$15 per pax.

food for thought

John testifies that Jesus is the Lamb of God, God's own Son.

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

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19 JAN 2020

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Isaiah 49:3,5-6
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 39:2,4,7-10
Second reading
1 Corinthians 1:1-3
Gospel
John 1:29-34

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!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 2020

9 Day Novena will begin on Thursday the 30th of January 2020 till Friday the 7th of February 2020. **OLOL Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday the 8th of February 2020.**

Weekdays: Rosary 5.30pm, Praise and Worship 6pm and Mass at 6.30pm.
Saturday: Rosary 5.15pm, Mass at 6pm and 7.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 11.30am and 1pm (Mass in English)
9.30am and 6.30pm (Mass in Tamil)

Feast Day: Praise and Worship 5.30pm.
Mass at 6pm will be presided by Archbishop William Goh

Chinese New Year Mass Schedule

25th January 2020 Saturday

9:00am: Mass (English)
6:00pm: Mass (English)
7:30pm: Mass (English)

26th January 2020 Sunday

7:30am: Mass (English)
9:30am: Mass (Tamil)
11:30am: Mass (English)
1pm: Mass (English)
6:30pm: Mass (Tamil)

27th January 2020 Monday (Public Holiday*)

9:00am: Mass (English)
10:30am: Mass (Tamil)

*Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass.
The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.

Blessed oranges will distributed at all weekend Masses.



Abstinence for Chinese New Year 2020

The Chancery wishes to inform the faithful that on the date of Friday, 24th of February 2020, His Grace Archbishop William Goh DD has granted a dispensation from the regular discipline of abstinence from meat in accordance with can 87. As the date falls on the eve of the Lunar New Year when many families in the Archdiocese are expected to celebrate a reunion dinner with their families and friends, this dispensation is granted to allow families to celebrate and appreciate the gift of family and friends.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." (Diary, 390)

There will be no DMD session on Sat 25 Jan 2020 being Chinese New Year. DMD session will resume from 1 Feb. 2020. Wishing the community a very Blessed and Happy Chinese New Year!



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 19 January 2020. Time: 2.30pm
Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.