



Fr. Michael Sitaram, Fr. Paul Yeo, Fr. Nithiya Sagayaraj and Fr. Thomas Korivi would like to wish all parishioners a very happy and prosperous Chinese New Year filled with God's blessings, peace, joy and good health. Gong Xi Fa Cai!

AT HOME RETREAT

20 February – 23 April, Thursdays Journey from Ashes to Easter – a BECOME A JESUIT If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.masjesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for more information. You may also contact Fr Jerome Leon SJ or Fr Adrian Danker SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola. Choice of 2 time slots. Either *MORNING*: 9.30am to 11.30am; LaSalle Centre – St Patrick School; *OR EVENING*: 7.30pm to 9.30pm; Cana – the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St Contribution: \$250.00 Register: call 9298 5808/9722 3148 W: www.cenaclemission.com E: cenaclesingapore@gmail.com

ACMI Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, 15 February @ 7.00, St Joseph's Institution Junior. The Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People (ACMI) provides support in areas of Case Management; Skills Development – equipping migrants with vocational and language skills; and Community Outreach - Programmes that foster interaction and understanding between migrant and local communities. Tables at: \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 & \$700. Book your table today and make a difference to the lives of vulnerable migrants in Singapore. Email: acmi@catholic.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

food for thought

Jesus begins to preach in Galilee and calls his first disciples.

Today's Gospel describes the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (called the Synoptic Gospels), Jesus' public ministry begins after his baptism by John the Baptist and after his retreat to the desert where he was tempted by the devil.

When Jesus returns from the desert, he hears that John has been arrested.

The first part of today's Gospel places Jesus' ministry in the context of the writings of the prophet, Isaiah. Matthew wants to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the prophecies given to the people of Israel, and he refers to Isaiah to do so. Isaiah says that the Messiah will begin his ministry in Galilee, the land of the Gentiles. When Jesus begins to preach in Galilee, Matthew points to his ministry as a fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, proof that Jesus is the Messiah.

When Jesus called his first disciples, the Gospel tells us that the fishermen (Peter and Andrew, James and John) dropped everything to follow Jesus immediately. Yet this Gospel tells us little about the prior experience that the fishermen had of Jesus. Did they know him? Had they heard him preach? What kind of person must Jesus have been to invoke such a response? We can imagine that Jesus was a powerful presence to elicit a response as immediate and complete as these first disciples gave.

The Gospel concludes with a description of the ministry that Jesus begins in Galilee. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God with his work. He teaches in the synagogue and preaches the kingdom. His ability to cure people's diseases and illness is a sign of the kingdom. In Jesus' ministry, we already begin to see the Kingdom of God among us.



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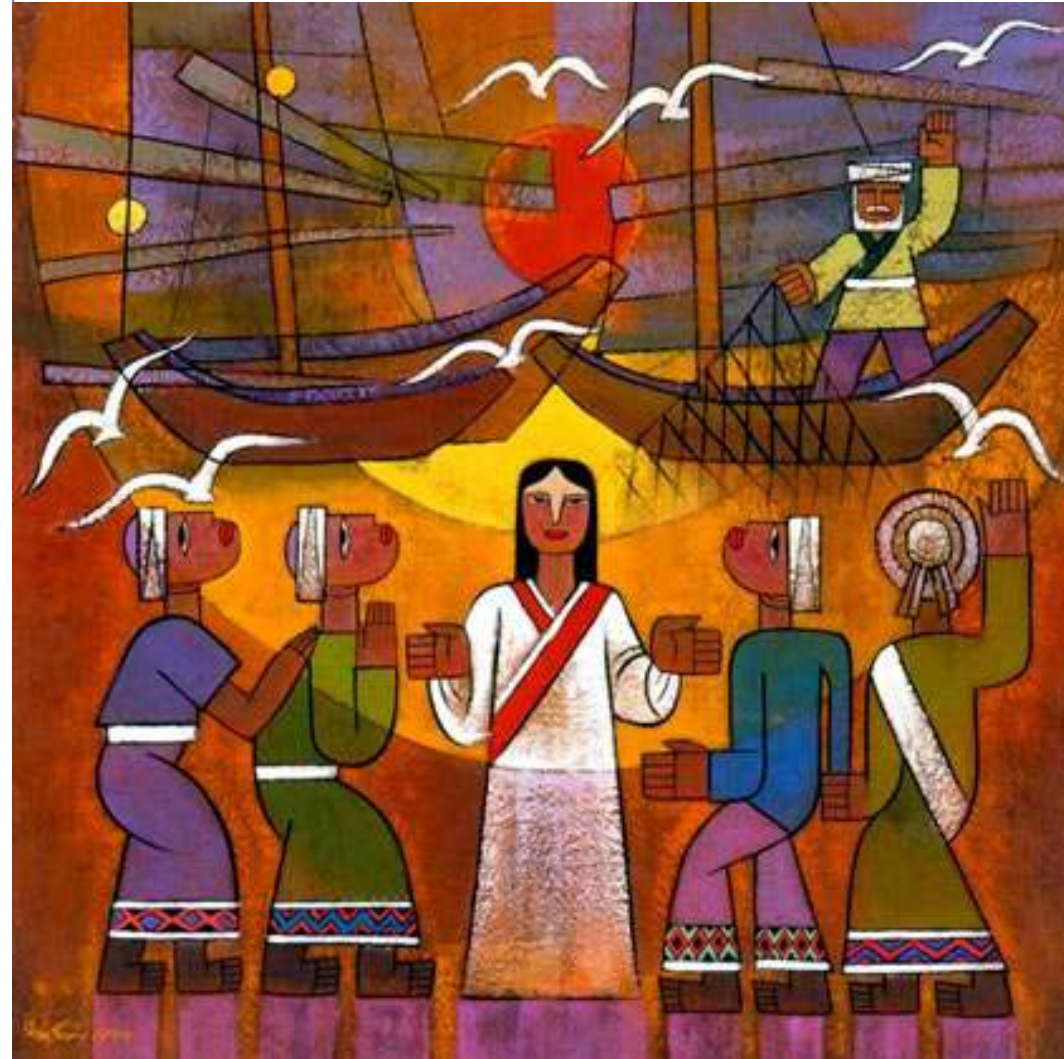
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26 JAN 2020

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Isaiah 8:23-9:3
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 26:1,4,13-14
Second reading
1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17
Gospel
Matthew 4:12-23

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
No 7.30pm Mass.

Chinese New Year Mass Schedule

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.*



No **Holy Hour** in February. Please come for the Novena in preparation for our parish feast day on the 8th of February 2020. Do invite your friends and family to this special celebration!

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

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"A single act of pure love pleases Me more than a thousand imperfect prayers. A smallest act of virtue has unlimited value in My eyes because of your great love for Me. In a soul that lives on My love alone, I reign as in heaven. In it I find My happiness; My ear is attentive to each request of its heart; often I anticipate it's requests. (Diary, 1488).

DMD session will resume from 1 Feb. 2020. Wishing the community a very Blessed and Happy Chinese New Year!

Make your marriage a priority!

"Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth." - Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the upcoming **Marriage Encounter Weekends: 21-23 Feb; 6-8 March; 20-22 March (Mandarin) & 1-3 May 2020.** Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

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.