

Lord's love for us and glorify Him through the songs of our prayers! Tickets are on sale now at \$20. For ticketing details and event information, visit www.liveloudsg.com.

THE OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent to Christmas in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The Advent theme is "Watching & Active Waiting in Communion" and Christmas theme is 'Celebrating in Communion'. Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the **GIFT** (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.

catholicfoundation.sg.

'REVIEW OF LIFE' Workshop by Caritas Singapore. How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the Review of Life (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. Dates: 20 and 21 Nov '18 (Tues & Wed) Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org.

Qualified therapists from **FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY** is providing counselling service on Tuesday & Wednesday nights at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, #02-01, S(187954). Counselling is strictly by appointment. If you need help on issues like marital, relationship, grief, loss, parenting, anxiety, stress etc, please call 64880278 during office hours.

Sunset Mass : 5.30pm
Rosary : 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses : 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses : 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion : 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion : 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour : 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy : 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel : 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm (Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours : Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours : Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- (i) **Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings;
- (ii) **Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation;
- (iii) **Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)** - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 810

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 19 November - SAT 24 November 2018

MON: RV 1:1-4; 2:1-5, LK 18:35-43 **TUE:** RV 3:1-6, 14-22, LK 19:1-10 **WED:** RV 4:1-11, LK 19:11-28 **THU:** RV 5:1-10, LK 19:41-44 **FRI:** RV 10:8-11, LK 19:45-48 **SAT:** RV 11:4-12, LK 20:27-40

As we near the end of the Liturgical Year, we have more "end time" readings. On the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear about being ready for the end of time. "In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates." It is the good news that we can stay alert and will be ready when it is our time to recognise the Lord's coming in our own life's challenges today.

Wednesday is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thursday we remember Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr. Saturday is the Memorial of the Vietnamese Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, priest and martyr, and his companions, martyrs.

During these last two weeks of Ordinary Time, the first reading is from the Book of Revelation, with its mystic imagery. Written for readers who were familiar with apocalyptic writings, the writings send a hidden message of salvation to the earliest communities of Christians, and to us.

Luke's Gospel continues with the story of the blind man who hails him, "Jesus, Son of David, have pity on me!" An unpopular tax collector, Zacchaeus, climbs a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus and is given personal recognition as Jesus says, "Zacchaeus, today I must stay at your house." Luke's version of the parable of

the talents offers praise for the servant who has invested the ten coins and earned another ten. "Well done, good servant! You have been faithful in this very small matter; take charge of ten cities." In Jerusalem, Jesus weeps over the city, foreseeing the destruction that is coming, "because you did not recognise the time of your visitation." Jesus drives out the sellers from the temple while the chief priests plot against him. Religious leaders try to trap him with a trick question about a woman who marries seven brothers but Jesus refutes them.

On the Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In the first reading from the Book of Daniel, we read of a vision he has of "one like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven." In John's Gospel Jesus tells Pilate, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

Daily Prayer This Week

Making changes in our lives and the fear of making those changes are both themes in this week's gospels. Zacchaeus boldly reforms his life after he allows Jesus into it. The servant who is given a gold coin hides it in a handkerchief because he is afraid of his master. He has a chance to be given responsibilities

but his fear keeps him from doing anything.

We are often afraid when we consider making a change in our lives. We can see habits that are not healthy, a benign neglect of those we love and patterns that are deeply set in our lives. We may know deep down that we want to change them but we don't have the confidence to believe we can do it. This week we are invited by Jesus to know that while we can't make those changes alone, we can if we allow Jesus to be with us in them.

Where do we start? With a small prayer. In those tiny pockets of time during our week, when we travel, ride to work, do dishes or even in the shower, we can take these reflective moments to ask for help. Just as Jesus asked the blind man, "What do you want me to do for you?" he is asking us the same question.

What do we want Jesus to do for us? Where do we want to make changes in the patterns of our lives? What changes are we afraid to make?

Dear Jesus, I ask for your help. Heal my fears. You have asked how you can help me and I am afraid to answer. I know what changes need to be made in my life but it seems overwhelming. Help me to open my heart to what you are asking - and to what I know I need. Be with me when I don't always know how to live in these new patterns and give me the humility to keep asking you for help over and over.

Let me feel your presence in my life and that will give me the strength and courage I need to live my life more faithfully.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection

We are in the part of Mark's gospel where we hear Jesus consoling his disciples about the trouble to come for them. Of course, this is really important for Mark's disciples - the first to read this gospel - for the troubles they are

facing. And, it is really important for us, as we face the troubles of our time.

When Jesus said that no one knows when the end of time would be, he sure was right. For us today, while we might be deeply concerned about the growing critical condition of our planet, the real issue of our concern is about the end of our lives. Who among us hasn't had a relative or friend die recently. I'm most affected by it when the death involves someone who is younger than me - something that happens more and more frequently.

Every other trouble we face is some kind of mini-death, which is difficult to face. The common effect of these experiences is that they can shake us. They can disturb our confidence and upset our sense of security.

What Jesus wants to do for us today is what he did for his first disciples. He wants us to not let our hearts be troubled. Jesus knows he will be with us in the midst of everything. He wants us to have confidence that we are never alone. And, he wants us to trust that he has won the victory over sin and death - over every sin; over every death.

The way we can let our faith be deepened is to express our gratitude to our Lord at very times each day. We can thank the Lord for being with us - in whatever situation in which we might find ourselves. And, the more we place our trust in the promise of eternal life, the more fearless we can become. To be without fear is so empowering. It is so liberating. It can allow us to face any challenge - even death itself. Death is just a scarecrow. It isn't frightening for us at all. Therefore, we can be bold. We can be courageous. We can face great difficulties, knowing that we will fall into the hands of a loving Saviour. This lack of fear, this freedom, makes selfless love so much easier. I don't have to "calculate" what this or that act of love will "cost" me. In fact, Jesus has assured us that the secret to happiness is that we will really find ourselves when we lose ourselves in love.

We can practice this faith - really exercise it and strengthen it, perhaps like a muscle we haven't used much - by simply practicing surrender. Not being so cautious becomes less scary and helps us to be more confident in loving. We can say, "Lord, I know that nothing can separate me from your care for me. Help me love this person with your own

PARISH NEWS

LAUDAMUS TE - an evening of praise for the gift of Christ. on 31 Dec '18. Programme are as follows: 4.00pm - Reflection on the 'Gloria', 4.15pm - Vivaldi's 'Gloria' RV589. 5.30pm Mary Mother of God (Vigil Mass)

THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER - 31 December '18. Dinner: 7.00pm. Venue: Grand Banquet Restaurant (Hotel Royal @ Queens). Ticket price: \$500/table. Tickets can be purchased from church office now.

ADVENT 2018 - City District Penitential Services at 8.00pm

10 Dec Church of Sts Peter & Paul
11 Dec Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
12 Dec Church of St Teresa
13 Dec Church of St Michael
14 Dec Church of St Bernadette
17 Dec Church of The Sacred Heart
18 Dec Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)

LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS! No experience required. For more info, please contact parish office or spccadministry@gmail.com. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS. Our parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book of remembrance. It is placed in the church (in front of the Infant Jesus Shrine). Souls whose names are in the book will be

type of love, thinking less of myself, and more for the other person. Let me be bold and free."

Let us be confident before the trials and tribulations of our day, placing our lives in his hands.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/111818.html>

prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS in the Catholic Church. As of this announcement, dating couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the Church wedding one-year in advance. The booking will be confirmed upon the couple signing the acknowledgement of the necessary requirements that the priest will explain to them.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm - 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lor 8, and the next one would be held on Tue 27 Nov '18. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Get ready to sing your praises, dance for joy and intimately encounter God through the gift of worship at the **LIVELOUD Concert!** Held on November 24 at ZEPP@ Big Box, the non-profit concert is mainly for youth aged 13 - 30 but as we gather friends, families and communities all over Singapore, all are most welcomed to this celebration of our faith. Come celebrate the