

and strive to keep the flame burning strong There are still limited slots for the next ME Weekend from April 1 to 3. For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org

THE RESURRECTION, A SHARING OF THE APPARITION NARRATIVES.

Come and hear how we as Christians are invited by the Gospel to share and live our lives as witnesses of the Resurrection, as a people who have personally encountered the Risen Lord. Date/Time: Friday, 8 Apr '16. 7.45pm-9.30pm. Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street. FOC, All are Welcome. Register at http://tinyurl.com/ACT-Talk-Signup or: SMS: 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew).Presenter: Andrew Kong, BSc, LLB, JCL More details: www.catholic.sg/act

WORKSHOP ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING will give participants an overview of the main concepts of the Catholic Social Teaching as well as the

basic foundations of Moral Theology. These concepts include: Human Dignity, principle of subsidiarity, work and economy etc. Besides content teaching, these workshops also include group discussions and the application of the concepts to life situations and real-world examples. Date: 2 Apr '16 (Sat), Time: 9.00am - 2.00pm Venue: Level 3, Catholic Centre at 55 Waterloo Street Target Audience: Genera - for Catholics and those interested to know more of our Catholic Social Teaching. Free. Love Offering welcomed. For more information and registration: www.caritas-singapore.org OR formation@caritas-singapore.org

CHOICE - It takes that 1 weekend that will 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. Date: 29 Apr - 01 May '16 (Fri evening to Sun evening). Venue: CHOICE Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesa 9710 9680. Register & Info: www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm



READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 864
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 4 April - SAT 9 April 2016
MON: IS 7:10-14; 8:10, LK 1:26-38 **TUE:** ACTS 4:32-37, JN 3:7B-15 **WED:** ACTS 5:17-26, JN 3:16-21 **THU:** ACTS 5:27-33, JN 3:31-36 **FRI:** ACTS 5:34-42, JN 6:1-15 **SAT:** ACTS 6:1-7, JN 6:16-21

Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy) – 3 April 2016

About this Sunday

The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as a “perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, May 23 2000). In a way similar to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into the continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

The Lectionary for Mass

First Reading: As the Apostles continue to cure in the name of the Lord, their reputation grows and more numbers are

added to the nascent Christian community. Their actions make it clear that the power of Jesus Christ, given in the Holy Spirit, is still with his Church.

Responsorial Psalm 118 is a thanksgiving liturgy of the Temple. The whole community is addressed in verses 2 – 4, and the psalmist’s salvation is assigned to the just as well. This act can only be attributed to the providence of God, and celebration is in order. God’s purpose is fulfilled and we rejoice.

Second Reading: This portion of the apocalyptic vision of John evokes the seven churches (lampstands) with Christ in their midst. Swept up in ecstasy, John writes what God tells him to write: That he is the resurrected Lord and that he is now exalted. Having the keys is an indication of mastery.

Gospel: This rich description of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the midst of their fear begins with words of comfort: “Peace be with you.” Like Luke, John emphasises that they are not encountering an apparition. Thomas speaks across the ages for all who struggle to grasp this powerful moment in which Jesus appears in his resurrected body. John’s account is written in a period of the life of the Church

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese, Chapel 3rd floor), 4.30pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday, Adoration Chapel)
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, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily, (Adoration Chapel)
Counselling @ SPP	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm-5.20pm on weekdays in Rm 1. On weekends, it will be available in the makeshift confessional/back of the tentage 30 mins before each weekend mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: hkchuajohn@yahoo.com), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr Jeffrey Tan, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, 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 on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

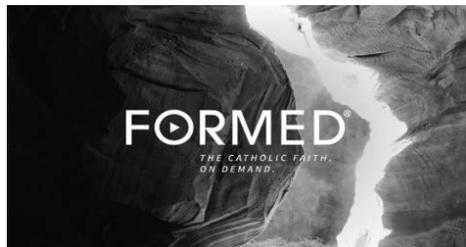
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where many if not most believers had never met Jesus in his human life.

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord – 4 April

Today's Solemnity

Through the angel Gabriel, the Spirit of God comes to Mary in the most unfeasible way, asking the impossible. As a young woman engaged to be married, being found pregnant would have meant her death in the culture of the time. She risks hurting Joseph, bringing shame on their families, and setting herself up for execution, because she is sure of one thing: God calls her to be mother to the Son of God. Mary is special because her faith is stronger than her fear. She does not see the road ahead but knows that God wills for her to journey it nonetheless. Trusting in God above all, she consents her will, becoming the first and most important vessel of bringing Christ's presence into the world.



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PARISH NEWS

CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND – An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as “conservation works” and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account “PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul”. The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means

A Special Easter Gift from the Parish of Sts. Peter & Paul!

THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE.

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. And you'll find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn, Bishop Robert Barron and a lot more. They're all part of our parish subscription. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand.

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that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made

payable to: Church of SPP Building Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

RCIA (MANDARIN) 2016 - The 11th Mandarin Faith Journey will commence on 13 May, 2016 at 7.30 pm every Friday evening. We welcome brothers and sisters to invite friends to join us. Also, if you speak Mandarin, we encourage you to journey with us as facilitators and sponsors. Please get a registration form from Parish Secretary. For more information, please call Corina Cheong at 9177-5689

TITLE: TALK ON GROWING IN OUR FAITH AND CHARISMS How can deepening our personal prayer life and relationship with Jesus become the foundation of growing in our faith? What is the link between the charisms and our daily living, especially in a charismatic community? Be blessed as Jessica Francisco shares more about these topics. Praise@ Work Charismatic Prayer Meeting 31 Mar '16, Thursday, 8.00pm Church of Sts Peter and Paul, 2/F Room 8. All are welcome! For enquiries, email us at praiseatworksg@yahoo.com Official website: <https://praiseatwork.wordpress.com/>

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

LOVE MATTERS is jointly organised by ACF and its Family Partners, in conjunction with Marriage Encounter's anniversary celebrations, to celebrate marriage and the priesthood and milestone anniversaries of these vocations. ACF and ME invite couples and priests to celebrate their milestone anniversaries with us at this special event. Be inspired by Fr Terence Pereira's talk, "Lovin' Notion, Love in Motion", and

celebrate marriage and the priesthood in the Eucharistic celebration with main celebrant Vicar General Msgr Ambrose Vaz, along with attending priests celebrating their sacerdotal anniversaries. Date: Saturday, 21 May '16. Venue: Blessed Sacrament Church, 1 Commonwealth Drive, S(149603). If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary of your wedding, please register by 7 May. Visit catholicfamily.org.sg/lovematters. Enquiries: 62803043 or email communications@acf.com.sg

KKIHs mengundang Sdr/i mengikuti Seminar "Hidup Dalam Tahun Rahmat Tuhan" bersama Fr. Robby Wowor OFM, tgl 2 - 3 Apr '16. Venue: Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC) St Paul Auditorium (Lvl 1) 2 Highlan Road S(549102). Info lebih lanjut, hubungi Etty (9237 0582) / Iwan (8684 3380).

ASSISI HOSPICE CHARITY FUN DAY 2016 - Assisi Hospice cares for patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. This year, the hospice needs to raise at least S\$7.8 to continue with its mission. Do support the Charity Fun Day that will be held at SJI International School on 19 June 2016. They will be at our church on the weekend of 2/3 April 2016 during the Saturday sunset and Sunday morning masses to sell their Fun Day coupons @ \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. For more information, please call Siew Hong @ 6347 6467 or email teo_sh@assisihospice.org.sg.

Consider the Special Gift of a Marriage **ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** this Easter. Next weekend will be held from Apr 1 (Fri) to Apr 3 (Sun). Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples. By transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. ME benefits both young couples who want to build a strong marital foundation as well as those who have clocked many years together