

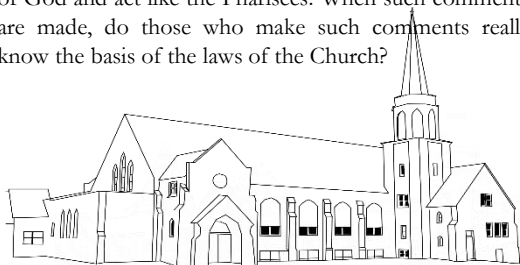
Our Pilgrimage



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Customs and culture are mostly good in themselves. Some customs and cultures have their roots in pagan belief. These must be avoided. For some people it is their custom to enter their new homes on an auspicious day and this is determined by the geomancer. This is more than just a custom or culture, it is believing in another strange entity that says there other powers in the world apart and beyond the control of God our Father. No custom or culture that puts aside the Word of the Lord or the ways of the Lord can be tolerated.

In the gospel of today, the Pharisees and the scribes determine that there are other rituals more important than what was stipulated in the law of the Lord. Sometimes there are those who say that the Church made up it's own laws and therefore go beyond the law of God and act like the Pharisees. When such comments are made, do those who make such comments really know the basis of the laws of the Church?



The law is not static. It develops with the lives of people and this is the reason we find that some new laws are put in place and some old ones revoked. The laws are usually an application of the Word of God in the context of our lives today.

Every society that does not have substantial laws to regulate its growth will lead to the destruction of the same society. Not everyone likes laws and it often seems like an infringement on personal freedom. However, if we allow for example people to spit wherever they like or stick their chewing gum wherever they like then many others will find it inconvenient trying to avoid these. Spitting in public may be a health hazard and so the freedom of an individual is curtailed.

Laws of the Lord are meant to help us grow spiritually.

Love and Adventure,
Fr. Terence Pereira

Questions for reflection:

Do I know the wisdom of God's laws?

Do I know the theological reasons for the laws in the Church?

Do I make up my own laws and regard them as more important?

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition. ^{Mark 7:8}

First Reading: Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Psalm: Psalm 14 (15): 2-5

Second Reading: James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

OUR LOGO

The two 'C' stand for the Christ (outer circle) encompassing the community (inner circle).

Christ Jesus is always present in his Church. The golden stylised sword represents the community rooted in the word of God ready to move as represented by the wings spread out to bring the Kerygma as represented by the cross to everyone.

- The colours are that of the Archangel
- The sword and wing represent the Archangel who is always there as our guardian.

VISION

A vibrant loving community of **disciples making disciples** for the Kingdom of God

MISSION

To Create moments of God encounters

To Form Disciples in Christ

To Nurture community spirit through the Word of God



Living the Faith

In preparation of St Michael's Feast Day, we will have for each week's Our Pilgrimage, a sharing based on one of the Triduum's themes. Reflecting on this week's theme of "Know your Faith", I pondered on some of the people at the workplace, and I see how some people really live their faith no matter the situation!

When it comes to our careers, our attitudes can be more important than our abilities. Throughout the workday, our attitude is always on - it's seen, heard and felt

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus." - Philippians 2:5

Let us live our faith at work with a Christ-like attitude to our co-workers as part of our witness in the workplace, no matter the stress levels!

Composed not agitated

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." - John 16:33

Jesus can help us stay composed in the heat of the moment and not react. It is especially difficult when we get agitated, but also at this time, we must rely on Jesus to help us to live our faith in action - by being overcome with love for our neighbour.

Generous not stingy

"Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." - 1 Timothy 6:18

Let us share our TIME that is given by God, the KNOWLEDGE He gifts us with, and the RESOURCES He provides us, with others in our workplace. Let us build each other up by speaking life-giving words, sharing a meal together, being there for another's grumbles with our hearts and reaching out to another with our warmth. We pray that others will get to know Jesus through our sharing.



Grateful not critical

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" - Colossians 3:17

We must be cautious and to catch ourselves once we are critical of another or of something immediately. Also pay attention when we find ourselves feeling peace and joy for all the small things during our work day - Because God is more interested in our heart than our resume.

Humble not arrogant

Humility is recognising our dependence on God. Our humility exalts God and invites Him into our lives to guide us. We pray that we will also have a sense of humour to laugh at ourselves, admit our mistakes, be kind to ourselves and to have some fun!

To Reflect

As we go to work each day, do we see another day of work or another day of living our faith through our attitudes?

To Pray

Ask God to help us live our faith with a Christ-like attitude at the workplace, no matter the situation.

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Having the Faith the Lord Provides

I like to reflect on my life every now and then. And when I do that, all kinds of memories and feelings come rushing through. There can be good feelings and memories and I will smile. There can be sour memories too. Then I think to myself, “Maybe not”.

The bad memories makes me go, why did *that* have to happen to me. However, for us Christians and no matter how badly we have been beaten up in our pasts, the one thing that we cannot have affected is the ability to trust in our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

It is one thing to have faith in God, to know that God exists and that He is all mighty and powerful. There is nothing He cannot do or accomplish but it's quite another thing to fully trust God with your life and to fully trust Him that to properly handle it for you, especially if there have been some let-downs in our past.

God has a specific plan and purpose for every one of us. We don't just exist for the sake of existing. Most of us already know this but we are still having a hard time when it comes to fully trusting the Lord to take over the driver seat in our lives.

We simply need to do what Peter did when he stepped out of the boat and started walking on water. We need to take the big leap of faith and make the decision that we now fully trust in God; That we will now follow His Holy Spirit regarding the direction that He wants to take in our life.

When we look back in our lives, we should look back knowing that the Lord was present at every step of our journey.

The Lord was there was when I got my first job, bought my first car and my first home. So Indeed, God is Good.



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God is
good
All
the time

Celebrating St Mike's 57th Anniversary

Knowing Our Faith

What do you like most about growing up in CSM?



What I really like most about growing up in CSM is that I have an extended family, we look out for each other and no one gets left behind
-Joey Lee



Growing up in CSM makes me feel loved and welcomed everywhere I go. Having faith in God means that you trust God in every situation, especially when you're in doubt
-Michelle Jade Roberts



To trust the known (His Promises & Love) and have courage to face the unknown (Obstacles & temptations)
-Haleena Heeroshini



Growing up here has been a delightful experience because it's filled with interactions with Christ-centred, caring and nurturing people
-Anand Putti

It feels like a second home to me!
-Britney Choo



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Knowing Our Faith

What does having faith in God mean to you?

Having faith in God is to surrender and place my whole life in His hands. Trusting him in His divine providence and merciful love above all else, and believing that His plans for me are far better than anything I could ever dream of for myself

-Caitlyn Ang



Having the trust that He would reveal His truth at the right time, while searching for Him in consistent prayer, adoration and His Word

-Theodore Yzelman



Believing that everything that He has placed in my life, regardless of whether it is a challenge or a blessing has a reason because He is preparing me for something even greater

-Rebecca Tan



Having faith in God is to trust, to be willing to listen and be directed by God. Even in the face of uncertainty

-Jordan Hong



Having faith that God knows what is best for my life and His plans are always better than mine, I just have to trust Him completely

-Ariel Louise Tan



Faith is having hope in God that He has a plan to proposer us throughout every moment in life

-Jacob Hong

Parenteen: Sharing the 3 “S” with Gen Z



I am sure many parents of my generation (the baby boomers and Generation X – born after World War II to early 1970s) find it difficult to understand their sons or daughters who are already or about to become a teenager.

We stoke their anger whenever we mention how addicted they are to their smartphones. They purse their lips when we try to explain what it means to do the right thing. They nod their heads in frustration when we try to guide them as best we can, sharing our experiences as we were once teenagers too. In the end, this Generation Z (born after Year 2000) still feel that their parents don't understand what they are going through and what their needs are.

As parents, we love them very much but we have expectations of what they can or cannot do. Indeed we want them to be good examples of being Christian. We know they are going through puberty, where they are facing changes physically, emotionally and socially. We try to give them space to do their own thing. We love them very much and we never give up on them.

***Let no one disregard you
because you are young,
but be an example
to all the believers
in the way you speak
and behave, and in your love,
your faith and your purity.***

– 1 Timothy 4:12

Recently, I came up with 3 S-words that summed up my concerns for today's youth.

Safety

In today's high-tech world, many teenagers (and I confess - adults too) are so wired up or plugged in that they are like walking zombies on our streets. They are so immersed in their smartphone with eyes fixed on the screen while they are walking, expecting others to get out of the way. When they are out on the streets, they need to keep their eyes on the road and nowadays, even on pathways. Safety First.

Teens today value their freedom and independence. Some wish to be popular, to be rad (radical or cool), and others just want to grow up too fast. This shows in the way they make decisions, at times putting themselves first. This narcissistic behaviour can be seen in the way they object to parents asking who they are going out with or where they are going. They like being secretive about their whereabouts, and when they start staying out late with friends, it becomes a real worry. Trying to bring up the notion that it is best to be home while there is still some daylight falls on deaf ears. The teens feel pretty safe being out late on the streets thanks to Singapore's low crime rate. But low crime does not mean no crime! Safety First.

Studies

Work hard. Work smart. Despite the advent of smart devices, nothing pays off like hard work especially when you are in school. Nowadays teenagers must study hard and study smart to get good grades so that they can pursue further studies and get a good job and if God willing, their adult life will be easier. Some of us are not 'tiger' parents but neither should our children

Parenteen (cont'd)

***Hard work
always
yields its
profit,
idle talk brings
only want.
- Proverbs 14:23***



get away with being slack. They may argue that they need to slack (i.e. chill) once in a while, and that's okay. But teenagers need to realise that this second 'S' is an opportunity not to be squandered and a boat not to be missed.

Sensibility

Why can't I go out? Why can't I dress like this?

Friends are important to teenagers. We do get it. In this age, one can make friends not only in school, at church or tuition centres. They are also befriended in chatgroups, on Instagram and other apps most parents have no idea about. We do want to trust our teenagers but we are afraid they do not know who to trust.

Saying 'no' also needs to be part of their vocabulary. It is hard to say 'no' to friends who want to have dinner with you, go for a movie on a weekday or hang out by the beach. But if there is homework to do, a test coming up or dinner already prepared at home, teens need to be able to say 'no' to their friends. They should take time to think things out and not always buckle under peer pressure.

We hope teens are sensible too when they interact online. From knowing who they are chatting with to being respectful on social media. It has been proven time and time again that the friends you make at school turn out to be lifelong friends. Hence teens need to choose their friends carefully and understand the consequences of the actions they take, online or offline.

***Any of you who
lacks wisdom must ask God,
who gives to all generously
and without scolding;
it will be given.***

- James 1:5

Last but not least, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide our youth.

By Michael John Roberts

Announcement about the Fallen Tree

As you know, one of the trees broke off and fell blocking St. Michael's Road. We have consulted people who are in this field. They have recommended the option of cutting off the trees, trimming the trees or replacing the trees.

We will be deliberating on this as we do not want another accident that will cause harm to any individual within or out of the premises of the Church.

Bible Study - Genesis (Part 2) - 7, 14, 21 Sep, on Fridays

The Bible Study sessions will resume on 7, 14, 21 Sep.
Time: 7.30pm to 10pm

Holy Hour - 7 Sep, Friday

Time: 7.30pm
Eucharist Celebration: 8.30pm
There will be no 6pm Eucharist Celebration on this day.

Parish Cleaning Day - 8 Sep, Saturday

Come help us spruce up our Parish for our Feast Day! Bring your cleaning items; Join us!
Time: 8.30am onwards

Evening Brew - 15 Sep, Saturday

There will be no Evening Brew on the 15th
Reason: Fr. Terence has to attend to some matters of the Archdiocese

Feast Day Triduum - 26 to 28 Sep Wednesday to Friday

During the three days of the Triduum, there will be the recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael at 7.30pm before the Eucharist Celebration at 8pm.

(26 Sep) Day 1's Theme: **Know Our Faith** Celebrant: Fr. JJ Fenelon
(27 Sep) Day 2's Theme: **Faith To Serve** Celebrant: Fr. Valerian Cheong
(28 Sep) Day 3's Theme: **Faith To Share** Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

Feast Day and Consecration of Altar - "Vibrant in Faith" - 29 Sep, Saturday

Archbishop William Goh will celebrate our 57th Feast Day Eucharist at 5.30pm. His Grace will also consecrate our altar. A light dinner will follow after this celebration.

Parish Feast and Fair - 30 Sep, Sunday

To close our Feast Day celebrations, come join the festivities, food, and games at our Parish Feast and Fair after the 10am Eucharist Celebration.

Parish Collection

Sunday Eucharist Collection \$ 6,338.80

Celebrant Schedule

*New timing: Sunday Eucharist is now at 10 am

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
1 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
2 Sep	10 am	Fr. John	Fr. John
2 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
8 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
9 Sep	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
9 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. Terence

Parish News

Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend - 7 to 9 Sep

The programme is focused on building a better communication between spouses and enhancing their married life. Please keep the 20 couples from CSM in your prayer.

Infant Baptism - 14 Oct, Sunday

Infant Baptism: 14 Oct, Sunday Time: 11.45am, Worship Hall
Preparatory Session: 22 Sep, Saturday Time: 1.30pm, St Michael's Room
Register: at the Parish Admin Office by 17 Sep

RCIA Journey (English) - Begins 25 Oct, Thursday

A new process will begin. Do speak to your non-baptised friends and bring them to RCIA.

Eucharistic Celebration

Opening Hours

Weekend Eucharist

Sat Sunset:
5.30 pm
Sun: 8 am (M), 10 am, 5.30 pm
Confession: 30 mins before EC

Weekday Eucharist

Mon-Fri:
6.30 am & 6 pm
Sat: 6.30 am

Eucharist on Public Holidays

7.30 am only

Holy Hour

7.30 pm, 1st Fri of the month only.
Followed by Eucharist at 8.30 pm
(except during the period of Lent)

Parish Office

Mon-Fri:
8.30 am - 5 pm
Sat: 8.30 am - 11 am
Sun: Closed

Adoration Room

Daily: 7 am - 10 pm

Columbarium

Daily: 7 am - 7 pm
Prayers: every 3rd Sun of the month only.
9 am (M) & 11.30 am * (E)

*New Timing

Canteen

Sun: 7 am - 12 pm

Archdiocesan News

Discernment in Daily Life - 14 to 16 Sep, Friday to Sunday

"God speaks to us in a language we can understand."
This programme will offer ways of learning this "language" so that we can live mindfully and meaningfully. Discernment will be presented as a habitual way of responding to God in everyday life. By Sr. Linda Lizada, rc and Team
Venue: Choice Retreat House (47 Jurong West Street 42)
Contribution: \$250 per person (twin-sharing)
To register: email cenaclemission@singapore@gmail.com or contact 6565 2895 / 9722 3148
For more information: cenaclemission.com

Caritas Singapore's Second Public Talk @Agape Village - 15 Sep, Saturday

Title: Understanding Our Youths: Love and Addiction
The event will see presentations from Boys' Town and partner, WE CARE Community Services.
Time: 2pm to 4.30pm
Venue: Level 1, Multi-purpose Hall, Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh)
To register: email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org
Contact: 6801 7400 (Mon to Fri, 10am to 6pm)
Registration is free and on a first-come-first-serve basis

Sexual Risks Growing in Our Midst - How to protect our children-22 Sep, Saturday

A forum that brings together experts, parents, teachers, youth workers and youths to discuss the sexual risks surrounding the children today and what parents, teachers, and youth workers can do to protect the children from the many sexualised influences in their midst. Fee: \$10
Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm
Venue: Lifelong Learning Institute (near Paya Lebar MRT)
To register: sexualityforum.peatix.com or Enquire 64880278

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