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# CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Weekday:** 6.30am & 6.00pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Friday 8.30pm  
NO 6.00 pm)

**Saturday:** 6.30am  
5.30pm (Sunset)

**Sunday:** 8.00am (Mandarin)  
9.30am (English)  
5.30pm (English)

**Public Holiday** 9.30am (English)

## PRAYERS

### ADORATION ROOM

Opens Daily 7.00am to 10.00pm

### MAIN CHURCH

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month 7.30pm to 8.30pm **Holy Hour**  
*Except period of Lent*

## SACRAMENTS

### INFANT BAPTISM

On 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Oct & Dec: 11.00am

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Priest will be available 30 mins before the Eucharistic celebration

### COLUMBARIUM

Opens Daily 7.00am to 7.00pm

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month -

#### Prayers:

In Mandarin 9.00am

In English 11.00am

Booking & Enquiries please call the Secretariat ☎ 6291 9272

1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2017

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Obedience

**Today's Gospel** is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

## PARISH EVENTS

### Sunday Collection:

\$6,309.60

For all pastoral activities/announcements this week, kindly send your email by Tuesday to : [stmikepastoral@gmail.com](mailto:stmikepastoral@gmail.com)

### INFANT BAPTISM

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> October 2017 at 11.00am

We congratulate the parents and godparents

### OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY

1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm we will have rosary recitation and candlelight procession around the church to begin the month of the Rosary.

On weekdays, daily rosary recitation will be at 8.00pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at the grotto at 6.45pm

All are welcome!

### NO HOLY HOUR FOR OCTOBER

In view of the rosary prayer for the month of October, the Holy Hour on 6<sup>th</sup> October the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday will be cancelled. Please take note that the Eucharistic celebration will be at the usual 6.00 pm.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT de PAUL

September 2017 collections for the poor : \$5,546.38

September 2017 cash aid/expenditure for the poor: \$6,098.70

### HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT KOLAM AYER ZONE

#### Kolam Ayer Zone:

Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Sep, to Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, @ home of Theresa Anthony & Solomon Sundram  
And Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct, to Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct, @ home of Maria Yee

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

There will be a movie on the Miracles of Our Lady of Fatima on 7<sup>th</sup> October, Sat at 7.30pm, St Michael's Room.

All are welcome!

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A reflection booklet in preparation for World Mission Sunday on 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct, 2017 will be distributed this week. Do ensure to get a copy.

**MISSION IS LOVE!**

*For Internal Circulation, only*

## MISSION, TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

### rites of Christian Initiation of Adults

RCIA will be conducting a Sponsor's Training and Orientation on Thur, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017, 8pm at St Luke's Room.

We invite all who have been Catholics for 5 years and who are not involved in any parish ministry to come forward.

### CHARIS ANNUAL APPEAL FOR HUMANITARIAN AID FUND

CHARIS coordinates the Archdiocese's response to disasters and humanitarian needs in fulfilment of the Church's social mission. The funds raised will be used solely for humanitarian and disaster response overseas. **2017 CHARIS's appeal** for the Humanitarian Aid Fund will be launched across the Archdiocese of Singapore during the weekend of 7 & 8 Oct 2017.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### Global Campaign By Caritas International

Share the journey in a 2-year campaign launched by Pope Francis on 27 Sept 2017 from St Peter's Square. This campaign aims to increase spaces and opportunities with Caritas organisations and parishes to enable local communities and migrants to have more positive encounters. For more details and updates: @Caritas Singapore and CHARISSingapore on Facebook.

### Silver IT Fest @Agape Village

Caritas Singapore offers affordable infocomm training and a customised curriculum for seniors. Introduction to Android and iOS smartphones classes will be offered in this upcoming IT festival.

Date: Oct 2, 5, 9 and 12.

For more information, email: [events@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:events@caritas-singapore.org) Tel: 68017400.

### "Fiat Voluntas Tua" Musical Prayer

Vox Cordis Chorus (VCC) from the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will present a musical prayer entitled "Fiat Voluntas Tua" which means "Thy Will Be Done". The event will commemorate the 100 Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. Date: 7 Oct & 14 Oct 2017  
Time: 8pm – 10pm. Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.  
For ticket sales & enquiries. Tel: 98108793 (Monika); 91475196 (Lestari); or 96642727 (Joel).