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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 6.30am & 6.00pm
(1st 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

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

SACRAMENTS

INFANT BAPTISM

On 1st 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 3rd Sunday of the month -

Prayers:

In Mandarin 9.00am
In English 11.00am

Booking & Enquiries please call the Secretariat ☎ 6291 9272



8th Oct 2017

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

God Speaks to us in Many Ways

Jesus, in today's Gospel once again speaks to the priests and elders with a parable. The landowner leases his vineyard to tenants and sends his servants to collect the portion of the harvest that the tenants owe to him. Several times the servants are sent to collect payment, and each time they are beaten and killed by the tenants. Finally, the landowner sends his son to collect his rent. The tenants, believing that they will inherit the vineyard if the landowner dies without an heir, plot together and kill the landowner's son.

After telling the parable, Jesus questions the chief priests and elders about what the landowner will do to the wicked tenants. They all agree that the landowner will kill the wicked tenants and give the land to new tenants who will pay the rent.

Jesus is clearly drawing upon Isaiah 5:1-7, which is today's first reading and one that the priests and elders would have known well. The Pharisees would have understood that the vineyard represented Israel, the landowner represented God, the servants represented the prophets, and the bad tenants represented the religious leaders. Yet Jesus nonetheless explains the meaning of the parable for his audience: The Kingdom of God will be taken from the unbelieving and given to the faithful. The chief priests and elders have condemned themselves with their answer to Jesus' question.

This Gospel reminds us of the importance of listening to God's word. God speaks to us in many ways—through Scripture, through our Church tradition, in our Church's teaching, and through modern-day prophets. Are we attentive and receptive to God's word to us through these messengers?

PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Collection: \$ 5,354
Month of August:
Income: \$42,236
Expense: \$34,435

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

OCTOBER MONTH OF ROSARY



On weekdays, daily rosary recitation will be at 8.00pm and on Saturdays and Sundays at the Grotto of Our Lady at 6.45pm. All are welcome!

GIFT PROGRAMME

Next weekend, 14 and 15 October being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions to the Catholic Foundation's GIFT programme. To recap, GIFT (Giving in Faith and Thankfulness) is to fund the numerous organisations involved in families, youths, evangelisation, etc., and building projects in the archdiocese. Please bring your contributions or pledge envelopes to drop into the collection bags that will be passed round the pews. Alternatively, visit gift.catholicfoundation.sg to donate online or find out more."

HOLY FAMILY DEVOTION AT KOLAM AYER ZONE

Sat 7th Oct, to Fri 13th Oct, @ home of Maria Yee
and 14th to 20th Oct @ home of Augustine & Katherine Tan

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

A reflection booklet in preparation for World Mission Sunday on 22nd Oct 2017 is available. Get your copy!

MISSION IS LOVE

RITEs OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA will be conducting a Sponsor's Training and Orientation on Thursday, 12th 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.

MISSION, TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

ASSISTANT PRIEST ON LEAVE

Fr. John Van Dich will be on leave from the 11th to 26th of Oct 2017.
We wish him a good holiday.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN BY CARITAS INTERNATIONAL

Share the journey is 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.

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. Beneficiaries of the funds includes (but not limited to) the victims of recent disasters such as:

- * South Asia Flooding (Nepal, Bangladesh and India)
- * Displaced persons in the Rakhine State, Myanmar
- * Other future calamities that may arise in CHARIS area of responsibility.

On behalf of CHARIS, parish wardens will be distributing the flyers after the mass.

MASS FOR PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Sun 29th Oct 2017, 2-5pm
Registration starts @ 2pm; & Mass @ 3pm
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd 'A' Queen Street Singapore 188533. *N.B.* Due to space constraint, parking will not be allowed on Church grounds.

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