

Our Pilgrimage



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Corpus Christi



To give up one's life for another is the ultimate sacrifice that one can make. When we see someone make a sacrifice for a friend and we see how much it had benefited our friend, we are well pleased. We sometimes hear the phrase, 'It's well worth it.' For the well being of our friend we are glad to do it.

As we celebrate the solemnity of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, we are invited to dwell deeper into the sacrifice that Jesus made at Calvary.

It was a sacrifice made once for the eternity and therefore a sacrifice that continues to this very day. A sacrifice that reminds us of the ultimate expression of love that anyone can have for another.

People have doubts whether the consecrated host is the real Body of Jesus Christ. There are those who even say it is just a representation of the Body of Jesus Christ. Those who are of the opinion that it is a representation of the Body of Jesus Christ often think that it is okay for anyone to receive the representation of the Body of Jesus Christ.

A pure sacrifice should be received with a pure heart. The stain of sin contaminates one's heart. Jesus gave all he had and to receive him, we too should give all that we have. Sin is holding back the love that we should give to the Lord and therefore we are not giving as Jesus is giving. To be truly one with the Lord, we should strive to remove all obstacles that are in the way of a wonderful encounter with the Body of Jesus Christ.

Love and Adventure,
Fr. Terence Pereira

Questions for reflection:

What do you sacrifice for the Lord?

In Holy Communion, Jesus invites us to be one with him. How are you one with the Lord?

Oneness with the Lord means oneness with the community. Are you one with the community of believers and how are you one?

First Reading: Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm: Psalm 80(81):3-8,10-11
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:6-11
Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

'Let there be light shining out of darkness'
2 Corinthians 4:6



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

Praying for the Suffering Church

St. Paul speaks of all Christians as members of Christ, so that with Him, they form one Mystical Body (Cf. 1 Cor 12:12-31; Col 1:18; 2:18-20; Eph. 1:22-23; 3:19; 4:13). The Mystical Body of Christ is made up of three parts with Christ as the Head. The first is the Church Militant which is made up of Christians on Earth, and is thus called the Church Militant because its members struggle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. The second, is the Suffering Church, referring to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The third, is the Church Triumphant, referring to the Church in Heaven. The unity and cooperation of the members of the Church on Earth, in Purgatory, and in Heaven is also called the Communion of Saints. (Cf. *The Basic Catholic Catechism* PART FIVE: The Apostles' Creed IX-XII Ninth Article: "The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints"; *The Church is the Mystical Body of Christ*, William Most ewtn.com)

Purgatory where the Suffering Church is located, is a state of final purification for those who die in God's Grace and friendship, but who are still imperfectly purified. While assured of their eternal salvation, they undergo purification to achieve the necessary holiness needed to enter into Heaven. In 2 Maccabees 12:46, we read, "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin." St. John Chrysostom also states, "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1030 – 1032)

The Suffering Church having no corporeal bodies can pray for us here on Earth, but cannot make reparation and sacrifices for themselves to expedite their period of Purgatory. St. Faustina writes in the *Diary of St. Faustina*, about a vision she had of Purgatory: "I saw my guardian angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. The flames, which were burning them, did not touch me at all. My guardian angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God."

"I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her 'The Star of the Sea.' She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my guardian angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice, which said] 'My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it. Since that time I am in closer communion with the suffering souls.'" (*Diary of St. Faustina* 20)

St. Catherine of Genoa, a 15th century Saint, had similar visions to St. Faustina. Of these she writes, "No tongue can tell nor explain, no mind understand, the grievousness of Purgatory. But I, though I see that there is in Purgatory as much pain as in Hell, yet see the soul which has the least stain of imperfection accepting Purgatory, as I have said, as though it were a mercy, and holding its pains of no account as compared with the least stain which hinders a soul in its love."

"I seem to see that the pain which souls in Purgatory endure because of whatever in them displeases God, that is what they have wilfully done against his so great goodness, is greater than any other pain they feel in Purgatory. And this is because, being in grace, they see the truth and the grievousness of the hindrance which stays them from drawing near to God." (*Treatise on Purgatory*)

According to such accounts of Purgatory, Purgatory is not so much of a physical place, but a spiritual state, where the soul, according to its need for purification undergoes different purification processes. This differs for various souls. St. Lidwina of Schiedam was led into Purgatory by her Guardian Angel and encountered a place of frightful horror like a "prison" with "lamenting voices, cries of fury, chains, instruments of torture, violent blows which the executioners discharged upon their victims," and when she asked her Guardian Angel if it were Hell, the Angel replied, "No, sister, but this part of Purgatory is bordering upon Hell." St. Lidwina who had requested to see the soul of a sinful man whom she had been praying for before he died, found him in a miry well of flames. After her sacrifices and prayers for the soul, the soul's Guardian Angel presented himself to her with joy saying that the soul had moved on from the Purgatory bordering Hell to where normal Purgatory is. However, St. Lidwina did not stop praying for him, until she saw the Gates of Heaven open for the soul. (Fr. F. X. Schoupe S. J., *Purgatory*)

What we can do for the Suffering Church:

1. Offer up Eucharistic Celebrations for the reparation of the souls of the Faithful Departed, those who do not have anyone to pray for them, the lost and forgotten, and the Souls in Purgatory.
2. Pray the Rosary for the reparation of the Holy Souls in Purgatory.
3. Pray a Holy Fast for the reparation of Holy Souls.

O My Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of Hell. Lead all souls into Heaven, especially those in need of Thy Mercy.

By Brian Bartholomew Tan

O' What a Community!



O' what a night of oneness amongst the young and younger of the parish! The young were dancing with the younger, long lines of new friendships were forged in the "community dance" and spontaneous teams formed for "dragon scissors paper stone", on 28 May 2018 at Kallang Riverside Park.



"How can we encourage everyone to get to know each other better as one church?" The Young Adults Community and Youth Ministry turned to a prayer- first approach. "For each meeting, we start with a rosary prayer before delving into what needs to be done. Although at times, I did panic from approaching deadlines! But I knew that everything would be okay because the Holy Spirit is guiding our teams. Through putting this event together we have also learnt to work with other ministries and even received insightful tips from Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SSVP)!" Daryl Stewart shared.

Those who were present could feel the spirit of oneness in many ways. As the night progressed, old and new songs filled the atmosphere while parishioners spontaneously joined Kevin in song, as he strummed away on his guitar.



Family Picnic By the Bay

Families turned up in full force for CSM's Family Picnic by the bay at Bay East Garden on Vesak Day! There were 148 participants of all ages, including 30 of our brothers & sisters in Christ from the Chinese community.

The day was chockful of activities with a Treasure Walk, TABOO: Bible edition, family photo competition, Sing-along with Uncle Roland on the ukulele, origami-making with Fr John, and more!

It was a blessed day with wonderful weather, amazing company, and fellowship for all. The organising team, Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) went all out to *chope* a huge space beneath a bridge and ensured that everyone enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Kudos to them for their tremendous efforts and love!

By Charlene Sng



Thank you all for being such a sport! Here's a look at our winning teams...

Treasure Walk

- David Lee & team (1st)
- Cecelia Lee & team (2nd)
- Maria Lim & team (3rd)

Photo Competition

- David Lee & family (1st)
- Charis Tang & family + Sebastian Khor & family (2nd)
- Irene Kang & family (3rd)
- Priscilla Tan & team (4th)

Telematch

- Benedict Lim & team (1st)
- Maria Lim & team (2nd)
- Theodore Yzelman & team (3rd)



By Kelly Gabriele Loh

Family Picnic continues...

Check out all the photos here!
www.stmichael.catholic.sg



By Kelly Gabriele Lob

Inter Ministry Retreatants



1st Inter- Ministry Batch (21 to 22 Apr): Ministry of Lectors, Choirs, Neighbourhood Christian Communities (NCC)



2nd Inter- Ministry Batch (28 to 29 Apr): Catechist Ministry, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)



3rd Inter- Ministry Batch (12 to 13 May): Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), Society of St. Vincent De Paul (SSVP), Bethany Prayer Group



4th Inter- Ministry Batch (26 to 27 May): Comms Ministry, Young Adults Community, Youth Ministry, Wardens, Knights of the Altar

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Did You Know?

Corpus Christi

This one of the occasions in a year that the Bishop is not allowed to be absent from his diocese unless for a grave and urgent reason. The others being Christmas day, Holy Week, Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

By Fr. Terence Pereira

Combined Ministry Retreat- 22 to 24 Jun

Come away together as one to build the kingdom of God! An encounter with the Lord awaits you. Register with your ministry.

You're sure to know a family member or friend who doesn't know Jesus Christ. Consider praying for this person by name!



"God our Father, I pray for (insert name) that he/she might come to know your son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant me the courage and opportunities to share the faith with him/her.

Amen."

Living the Word in Community

O God, you are glorious and powerful.
O God, you are wonderful and almighty.
You are love beyond measure
How amazing it is, you create the earth.


The earth with its creatures big and small,
Came from your wonderful hands.
The earth with its people of all sorts,
Fashioned by your loving hands.

These people of all colours and stripes
Are your crowning jewels.
Yet I feel so small
Beside the majestic tree that you fashioned.

O God, to have you become like us
To show the way for the confused and lost.
Even to the extent of dying for us,
Is how marvellous your love is, my Creator God.



By Daphne Leong (Neighbourhood Christian Communities)



In the morning...

I think of you when day breaks,
In the morning, you are there when I
awake.

I praise you for your love is so great
You're with me in every step I take.

I praise you for your loving grace
In the morning, you held me and put your
love in place.

Thank you for your guiding hand
For giving me the joy to take this stand.

Your living water fills me
In the morning, I praise you
For today's anxieties and fears, you have taken
And you've held me and shown me not to be
shaken.

You are God and you are love
In the morning, I praise you
For your beautiful creation,
You make all things good and you alone
Have given us salvation.

By Mazian Koh (Ministry of Lectors)

Special Mention

*Father's day is around the corner!
We thank God our father for our earthly
fathers and our Priests. Send in your prayer
intentions by 11 Jun for it to be featured in
Our Pilgrimage*

Email: csm.comms@catholic.org.sg

Parish Collection

Sunday Eucharist: \$ 4,919.30

Celebrant Schedule

***New timing: Sunday Eucharist is now at 10 am**

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
9 Jun	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
10 Jun	10 am	Fr. John	Fr. John
10 Jun	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
16 Jun	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John
17 Jun	10 am	Fr. John	Fr. John
17 Jun	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. John

Eucharistic Celebration

Opening Hours

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

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

Parish Directory

Main: 6291 9272

Parish Secretariat (ext. 1)

Email : csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Parish Priest: Fr. Terence Pereira (ext. 6)

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. John Van Dich MEP (ext. 5)

Columbarium (ext. 3)

Photo Contest!

*Submit a photo of your hand made cake that you
made especially for your father or a Priest, this
Father's day by 18 Jun!*

*All photos submitted will be featured in Our
Pilgrimage and [CSM's Facebook page](#).*

Email: csm.comms@catholic.org.sg

Please submit a caption with the photo

Upcoming Events in the Parish

"O What A Night!" – 14 Jun

Have you enjoyed the first two sessions or have you missed both? Come and join us for a night of fellowship, Zumba, games and food in the heart of Toa Payoh New Town – nearer to home. Bring your own picnic basket and mat. Its free of charge and all are welcome!

Register: At the booth on level 1 after this weekend's Eucharistic Celebrations

Time: 7pm to 10pm (The Bus will leave Church of St Michael at 7pm sharp)

Venue: Toa Payoh Town Park

Holy Spirit Retreat – 15 Jun to 17 Jun

Many of us have been baptised but many have also lost the meaning of what they had gone through during the ritual of baptism. This retreat is for participants who want to have a deeper experience of their baptism. Limited slots are available.

Contact: Marianne (81895295) or Patrick (90911213)

Cost: \$50 per person

Venue: Majodi Retreat Centre, Johor Bahru

Sports Carnival – 8 Jun

Are you all ready to flex your muscles and show off your sporting prowess? Mark down this day on your calendar because our upcoming Sports Carnival is coming to you at a venue close to our church!

We are calling on doctors, nurses and certified first aiders to come forward and assist us on this day. Please contact the Parish Secretary for more details.

Parish News

Saturday Sunset Choir, CVA – Looking for Organist/Keyboardist

Please do sign up to play for the evening sunset Eucharistic Celebration on Saturday. For more information, please contact Jennifer Noronha at 9857 7505

RCIA Journey (English) – Begins 25 Oct

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

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