

Our Pilgrimage



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Do we still have prophets in our midst? Do we need one? In the climate that we find ourselves there is surely a need for some beacon to guide us through the loads of contradicting voices and noise that constantly announce differing views and beliefs. Which voice do we follow? The lone voice that cried in the wilderness was not totally accepted by all the Jews. Many heard and many repented when John the Baptist called for repentance and conversion.

Today there is voice calling out to us. That voice comes from our Pope. His voice is the voice of the Lord. The call is to walk in the ways of the Lord. The voice is to make the radical choice for Jesus Christ and for the community of mankind. Recently our Pope called for us to slow down, to consider the importance of relationship in our world of saturated communication. We have Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, Twitter, and others but this does not mean we are really enhancing the value of life. Our Pope says, *'Choose silence and prayer. Value the simple things of life. Choose people over things and real exchange of love and not virtual reality of relationships.'*

Be humble before the Lord. Be humble before the day that unfolds in your life. You will see the wonder of the Lord.



In the ordinary and in the obvious, we lose the wonder that is before us; just like we will miss the prophet that is standing before us guiding our feet onto the right path. Seek the Lord and you will find him.

Love and Adventure,
Fr. Terence Pereira

Questions for reflection:

Would you recognise the prophet in your midst? Is there one already?

Does the prophet have to fit into certain criteria before being accepted by you?

Does the prophet have to be perfect?

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Psalm: Psalm 122(123)
Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Gospel: Mark 6:1-6

'My grace is enough for you'

2 Corinthians 12:9



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.

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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

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The JAR that We Leave Behind

John 4: 4 - Jesus and the Samaritan woman. A passage I should be very familiar by now as I had to read it out loud for almost 3 full days at the Combined Inter Ministry Retreat (CMR). This has surely helped me hear God's voice loudly and clearly.

The Samaritan woman was fetching water when Jesus struck a conversation with her. Jesus had asked the Samaritan woman for some water. She answered in a straight forward manner that Jews did not associate with Samaritans, so how can he ask her for water.

Jesus says, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water" John 4:10

Living water here refers to Word of God, God's gift to us. Water is essential to sustain physical life, but the Word of God (living water) is essential for eternal life.

Jesus says, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

John 4:13-15

Water satisfies us as it quenches us of our thirst. Living water is our salvation and can quench the thirst of our souls.

"Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him."

John 4:28-30

The Samaritan woman after seeing Jesus left her whole jar behind, she had even forgotten that she had come for water in the first place! This is because she had found the water that satisfies her soul. She had experienced Jesus, this encounter has changed her values.

I went into the retreat a time where I had a few burning questions. I had just been offered a position that would give me an uptick in my salary and a better title. After all, who wouldn't mind a bigger title and more money? I have never said no to money nor a good offer.

At the same time, I was surprised at my own discomfort of the offer too. It suddenly dawned on me that this dangling carrot of more money meant that I had to sacrifice unwillingly of other aspects of my life. This passage and Ignatian Spirituality way of discernment inspired me. So I shared it with my family who supported me, "gathered data" from reliable industry sources, was honest with myself, measured the pros and cons on paper, prayed over it and spoke to a Spiritual Director.

I heard God's voice! Yesterday, I rejected the offer. I too had left my jar (money) behind!

By Kelly Gabrielle Lob



How to leave the jar behind?

- Share with family
- Seek support
- "Gather data" from reliable sources
- Be honest with self
- Pray over the pros and cons
- Speak to a Spiritual Director/
spiritually mature person

Roadmap to Holiness

| Phase | Normal | Transition | Extraordinary |
|-------|--|---|--|
| Phase | Are you existing or living? | Does it build your relationship with God? | One with the Lord |
| To Do | <p>Faith Trust</p> <p>Love with the Lord Struggle to be more Christ-like</p> | <p>Love</p> <p>Love + Surrender</p> <p>Community</p> | <p>One with the Lord</p> <p>Love + Surrender to the Kingdom of God</p> |
| How | <p>Hear + See God</p> <p>Love + Surrender</p> <p>Speak in Faith</p> <p>Do the Will</p> <p>Use Your Talents</p> | <p>Hear + See</p> <p>Use Your Talents</p> <p>Help Others + Give to Others in Holiness</p> <p>Use Your Talents</p> | <p>Hear + See</p> <p>Use Your Talents</p> <p>Use Your Talents</p> |
| Gifts | <p>Wisdom Leadership Counsel Peace of the Lord</p> | <p>Hidden Anguish Touching Presence</p> | <p>Discerning Gifts Giving Openly</p> |

Roadmap is based on the teachings at the Combined Ministry Retreat

Are we existing or living? Do we know who we are meant to be? Is it a life where we wake, go to work, get back, do the laundry, watch some tv, sleep, with the next day repeating itself?

What is our life's purpose on earth?

Our purpose on earth is to do the will of God our father on earth, so that we can go to heaven! Where we will live eternally in the Kingdom of God.

“Not everyone will enter the kingdom of heaven.” Why? Because not all do the will of God. Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21) So in order to do the will of God, we need to know what is the will of God for me.

What is the will of God for me?

In order to know this, we have to hear the voice of God. To become who God meant for me to be

How do we do hear the voice of God?

We the phase of faith we are in and applying it daily. The 3 phases are Normal, Transition and Extraordinary.

In each stage, we will focus on discerning on the will of God for us, what is living the will of God and how to live the will of God.

How can I apply it daily?

Look out for the subsequent features to this roadmap of what it means for you and how you can apply it daily!

John 4: 4 Jesus meets the woman at the well



Thirsty for the Lord

It was not the usual Friday evening happy hour with our colleagues over office banter, at the bar near the office. But one with our sisters and brothers in Christ in church, learning a little bit more of our faith- Evening Brew, our first official happy hour together, where we started with light snacks and some wine, and discussed theology. How else better than to spend a Friday evening quenching our minds with answers to questions that we have been too shy to ask on a normal day. On that Friday night, folks came armed with questions for Father Terence. But somehow... Daphne was also put to the test too! Her knowledge from having a Masters in Theology should be shared with us.

“This is also practiced in the U.S, we call it Theology on Tap- Andrew

Some questions that were asked were:

“Why are we called Roman Catholics?” “Can we go receive Holy Communion at the morning Eucharistic Celebration

(EC), Evening EC, at a Funeral and at the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony a total of 4 times?” “What do I do in Adoration?” “As Catholics, should we watch horror movies and can we participate in Halloween night at Universal Studio?” “Can we practice Yoga?”

“Its really good, a lot of questions were asked and they answered to my queries”- Magele

The drinks were flowing and everyone was having a good time and we even had a few parishioners from Church of St Theresa’s joining us in this session.

“Very Interesting! Answers to questions like participating in Halloween and about Purgatory were some questions I had always wanted to know.”- Helen

Judging from all the positive responses, we are all looking forward to the next happy hour together on 13 Jul. See you at the next Evening Brew!



Prayers of Contrition

You have called me to be the light of the world, but I have failed many times to witness the good news because I feared rejection and ridicule. Lord forgive me for my weakness and fear.

Lord, many times I have depended on myself, wanting to do things my own way and believing I can solve all things myself, instead of trusting in your mercy and love. Lord forgive me for my inflated ego.



Lord in my greed I crave for material stuff and status so that I look good to others and feel superior. I am sorry that I have not been humble and meek like You.

Dear Lord, You are such a forgiving and loving Lord! Even though I had rejected you, You still love me unconditionally and make me as one of your loving daughters and grant me blessings abundantly.

Lord Jesus, I'm sorry for not showing you reverence each time I walk pass the Blessed Sacrament without bowing or genuflecting.

Lord, Your word is a lamp of my feet and a light for my path. I will obey your word faithfully and use my tongue to be the blessings to those I meet daily.
Amen.

Lord Jesus, I'm sorry for focusing on water that will make me thirsty again instead of on Living Water, which I will never be thirsty again.

Prayer of Praise

Lord, we praise you that under your guidance and Protection we walk on in humility and acknowledge our nothingness

I praise you Lord, making available a myriad of highways that leads to you always

You are the God who see me, know me, hear me and save me all the times

I praise you Lord for you are my shield, my rock and my refuge, you never failed to come to me even when I cannot feel you

I praise you Lord for you are my light and my guide, help me to see your light and your guiding hands always, more so when I am blinded by my sins



Your love is better than life and my soul pines for you My Lord and My King. My heart burns with desire for you. For you alone can satisfy this hunger

I praise you Lord, the promise of my inheritance, a life with you everlasting, I await with breathless expectation

I praise You Lord for You are the real living God who touch the hearts of the poor and marginalized

The Beatitudes

Hidden on this page, are some words from the eight Beatitudes. Can you find and circle all of them?

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Scrambled Scriptures puzzle by Creation Moments | Prepared by: Charlene Sng

BLESSED

HEART

MERCY

PURE

CHILDREN

HEAVEN

MOUNTAIN

REJOICE

COMFORTED

HUNGER

MOURN

REVILE

EARTH

INHERIT

PEACEMAKERS

REWARD

EVIL

KINGDOM

PERSECUTED

RIGHTEOUSNESS

FILLED

MEEK

POOR

SPIRIT

GOD

MERCIFUL

PROPHETS

THIRST

Special Mention

Archbishop's Prayer Intention for July

"That priests be shepherds after the Lord's heart, and nurture a devotion to Our Lady to guide them in times of struggle and challenge in their ministry."

Parish Collection

Sunday Eucharist Collection: \$ 6,795.00 (For Peter's Pence)
\$ 5,259.00 (For the Poor)

Celebrant Schedule

*New timing: Sunday Eucharist is now at 10 am

| Date | Eucharistic Celebration | Celebrant | Preacher |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 14 Jul | 5.30 pm | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |
| 15 Jul | 10 am | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |
| 15 Jul | 5.30 pm | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |
| 21 Jul | 5.30 pm | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |
| 22 Jul | 10 am | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |
| 22 Jul | 5.30 pm | Fr. Terence | Fr. Terence |

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

Upcoming Events in the Parish

Burning Bush - 15, 22, 29 Jul and 5 Aug, Sundays

A process where participants will deepen their understanding of their baptismal calling and learn to walk as disciples of the Lord. These sessions will enable us to become more aware of living out our lives according to the Word of God.

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: St Thomas's room

Session on Lumen Gentium - 11, 18, 25 Jul and 1 Aug, Wednesdays

The Vatican II document that speaks about the Church will be explained so that participants can better understand their roles in the Church.

Time: 7.30pm

Register: at the booths on level 1 after Eucharistic Celebrations this weekend

Eucharistic Celebration with Anointing of the Sick - 29 Jul, Sunday

Please bring your loved ones who are not in good health of body mind or spirit to this special mass with anointing.

Time: 3pm

Venue: Worship Hall

Contact: Parish Admin Office to inform of the person to be anointed and of details

Seeking for Doctor, Nurse or First Aid Trained

In view of these challenging times of Safety and Security of parishioners, we are seeking help/volunteers if you are a trained doctor, nurse or first aid including AED, Security, Fire Safety and Emergency trained, we would encourage you to come forward and sign up with the Parish Admin Office at 6291-9272 or email to cmssecretanat@catholic.org.sg. We look forward to your participation

Parish News

GIFT Collection

Next weekend, 14/15 Jul, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign.

Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at [\[redacted\]](#).

Fr John will be away from 13 to 24 Jul

RCIA Journey (Mandarin) - Begins 22 Jul, Sunday

A journey for those seeking to know more about Catholic faith.

Registration forms are available at the parish Admin office. For more information please call Marie @ 96228749.

Time: 9.30am

Infant Baptism - 5 Aug, Sunday

Time: 11.45am Venue: Worship Hall

Please register with Parish Admin Office by 17 Jul

Preparatory Session : 21 Jul, Saturday at 1.30pm Venue: St Michael's Room

RCIA Journey (English) - Begins 25 Oct, Thursday

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

Admin Assistant (Full Time)

We are looking to hire an Admin Assistant full time

Application forms are available at the Parish Admin Office.

Parish Directory

Main: 6291 9272

Parish Secretariat (ext. 1)

Email: parishsecretariat@catholic.org.sg

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

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

Columbarium (ext. 3)



Archdiocese News

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

Choose a day to fast for this person. We fast by limiting our food intake in response to God our Father's call to build His kingdom. Effective prayer should be accompanied by fasting.