

# Our Pilgrimage



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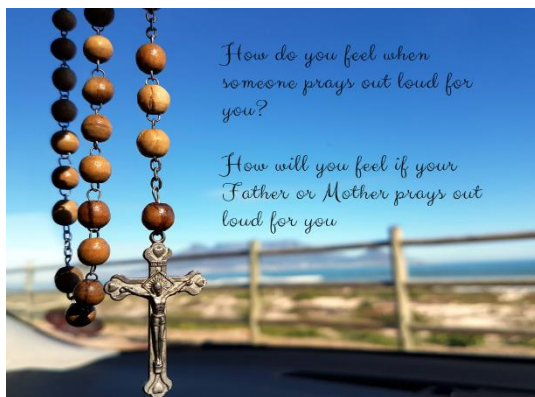
2<sup>th</sup> June 2019, VOLUME 67  
7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

## Liturgical Reflection

Throughout the earlier part of the evening Jesus had given the disciples information about what was about to happen and how he would provide for them in the future. Now Jesus offer intercession for them. This prayer, prayed by Jesus just before his death, is often called his High Priestly Prayer. It is Jesus' Last Will and Testament, as it represents Jesus' provision for the disciples' needs on the eve of his death. He intercedes with God on behalf of the disciples, present and future.

In this third and last part of His Prayer, Jesus is not giving instructions to the disciples or to the church they will lead. *"not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word"* (Jn 17:20).

Jesus is praying for us. He looks toward the future and reveals His great desire for unity among the believers of his time, His disciples, and us the believers who are *"yet to believe"*- that we all may remain in the love which unifies.



*How do you feel when someone prays out loud for you?*

*How will you feel if your Father or Mother prays out loud for you*

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*'Father, may they be completely one'* John 17: 20

**First Reading:** Acts 7:55-60

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 96(97):1-2,6-7,9

**Second Reading:** Apocalypse 22:12-14,16-17,20

**Gospel:** John 17:20-26



### 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

# Liturgical Reflection (con't)

"As you Father are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us..." (Jn 17:21). Jesus prays that those who follow him may be drawn into the life of the Holy Trinity. He yearns to draw all humanity into the relationship that exists between Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. When the risen Jesus meets Mary Magdalene near his tomb, he instructs her, "Go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" (Jn 20:17) In the resurrection, the communal relationship of the Son and Father, is now extended to those for whom he prayed before his death. Jesus asks that I "may be one"

(Jn 17:21), Jesus is not spurring the church, he is not instructing, not preaching, or rallying the masses. The passion of this prayer is the cry-of-the-heart of perfect love, a prayer of perfect faith. Jesus knows these disciples' weaknesses, but he also knows that God will take care of them. Jesus is leaving the future of God's work in the hands of this small group of ordinary people (fishermen, tax collectors ...). Leaving them, not alone but in God's hands. The Holy Spirit will accompany them, strengthen and guide them. The union of the disciples with Father, Son, and Spirit will make the impossible possible.


For the world who had been hostile to the coming of the Son, such believing, leads to life in his name (Jn 20:31).

It is also a prayer for community. Jesus prays that, "all may be one." As it was essential for the disciples then, it is more so for us today to return to Jesus' prayer. For it describes His hope, and His vision of us, His followers; how we are to live our lives together. To be a follower of Jesus is to be a part of a greater whole. There are to be no spiritual solitary. To be one, does not mean that we all have to get along or agree with one another all the time. It is not a call for constant agreement. We are one in Christ whether we agree with each other or not, whether we like one another or not. We are human; there are bound to be disagreements and squabbling. We are called to be a part of the community, into the "oneness" in Christ. Jesus' prayer reminds us that our unity, our "oneness" is to be a sign to the world of God's love for us in Jesus Christ. Oneness and unity is about love. The mystery of the incarnation is that God desired unity with us so much that God became one of us and "dwelt among us" (Jn1:14).



**Do you truly take God as your  
Father?  
Do you believe you are in HIS good  
hands?**

"Komos" Greek word which means the world, is often a way of describing those who oppose Jesus - a corrupt and even demonic world. It was for love of the world that God sent the Son (Jn 3:16), and in this prayer, at the close of his ministry, Jesus intercedes for that world. Jesus asks for unity and love between those given to him and the Father, "so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).



**ARE YOU WILLING TO COMMIT  
INTO THIS 'ONENESS' IN  
CHRIST?**

**LOOK PASS THE DIFFERENCE OF  
OTHERS?**

# Liturgical Reflection (con't)

Unity does not mean uniformity, but rather to remain in love, in spite of tensions and conflicts. A love which unifies to the point of creating; creating a better environment for the growth of one another. The love which unites the Trinity allows us to experience God through union with the people in a community of love. Where love should be the sign of God's presence in the midst of the community (**Jn 13:34-35**).

This love builds unity in the community. A community that looks at the unity in God in order to understand the unity among themselves. A divided church loses persuasive force. Unity multiplies the effectiveness of our witness.

Finally, Jesus asks the Father to fulfil His promise. Earlier, He promise the disciples, *"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will receive you to myself; that where I am, you may be there also"* (**Jn 14:3**). Jesus does not want to remain alone.

**Jesus wants us to have the same experience of the Father which He had.**

May we not be limited to a rational theoretical knowledge, but truly accepts the experience of the presence of God living in love with the people of our community.

*Joyous Praise,  
Letitia*



**HE SAYS,  
"FATHER, I  
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MY GLORY"**

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# Come, Holy Spirit!

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, He commanded his apostles to “*wait for the promise of the Father*” in Jerusalem (Acts 1:4-5). Nine days later the apostles celebrated the Jewish feast of Pentecost, and God fulfilled his promise by sending the Holy Spirit.

It was the first “**novena.**”

In a unique way, we can imitate their example and join them in the Upper Room, waiting for the Advocate to come.

We can prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit and kindle a fire within us that God can set ablaze.

How? Through prayer of course!  
And the Word of God gives us the very words we need.

## **Lord Jesus,**

I come before You in praise, worship and adoration.

Thank you for Your great love for me and Your mercy, for You brought me to life with You even though I am a sinner, and You have enthroned me with You in the Heavens **(Eph 2:4-6).**

So I pray, Lord Jesus, that You empower me in and with the Holy Spirit just as You empowered Your disciples on the day of Pentecost **(Acts 2).**

Lord, You promised us another gift – the gift of the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in Your name, to teach us everything and remind us of all You have said to us **(John 14:26).**



I pray that from the riches of Your glory, through your Spirit, that I be strengthened with power in my inner being, and that You, Lord, may dwell in my heart through faith **(Eph 3:16-17).**

I pray that rooted and grounded in Love, I may a little more comprehend with all the saints its breadth and length and height and depth - and know Your Love which surpasses knowledge- so that I may be filled with all the fullness of God our Father **(Eph 3: 18-19).**

Lord Jesus, bathe me with the fire of your Love!

Grant that I may receive power when the Holy Spirit renews me – only then can I be your witness to the ends of the earth **Acts 1:8).**

Unleash and awaken in me the sanctification gifts **(Isaiah 12:2)** – wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord. I need these gifts to grow as your disciple.

# Come, Holy Spirit!...

Release the manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit, Lord (**1 Corinthians 12**) – I need them to witness to a hurting world, for cut off from You, I can do nothing (**John 15:5**).

Above all, grace me with the greatest gift of all – Love (**1 Corinthians 13:13**).

Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me to reveal Your love and mercy to others.

Work in me in a powerful way, Lord, so that the purpose you have for my life may be fulfilled.

I make this prayer, in your Name.  
Amen

*Written and compiled by Cheryl Sim*  
*Source : The Holy Bible, ESV-CE*



**LEAVE ALL YOUR  
WORRIES WITH HIM  
BECAUSE  
HE CARES FOR YOU.  
1 Peter 5:7**

## World Communications Day

– 1 & 2 June

This weekend's collections will be for our Archdiocese Media Apostolate.

## Recognising Signals of Transcendence

### -A Pentecost Retreat

**Dates and Time:** 12 Jul 8pm to 14 Jul 1pm

**Venue:** Montfort Centre 622 Upp Bukit Timah Road S678117

**Contribution:** \$300

The title, inspired by Peter Berger's 'A Rumour of Angels', notes that even in our secularized world, human experience shows signs of a divine presence through signals of transcendence. The retreat suggests ways of recognising these signals and responding to them. There will be time for personal reflection, prayer, and individual spiritual direction. By Sr. Lizada and Team.

**Register:** [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com) or scan the QR code:



## Gospel of John by Msgr. Ambrose Vaz

**Dates:** 16 Jul to 8 Oct 2019

**Time:** 9.30am -11.30am (Tues)  
(no session on Sep 10)

**Venue:** 2 Highland Road, #03-17 CAEC Building, S549102

**Fees:** \$70 if paid by 16 July 2019  
\$80 from July 17

Organised by Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate

**Register:** <https://bit.ly/2VFZg3R>

**Email:** [aba\\_secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

**Tel:** 62800354 Office: Mon-Fri, 9am-1pm

## Catholic Foundation Annual Dinner

**Date:** *Wednesday, 11 Sep 2019*

**Time:** *5:30pm*

**Registration, Cocktail Reception, and FaithWorks: a Christian themed art exhibition**  
*7:00pm*

**Dinner**

**Venue:** *The Commune, Village Hotel at Sentosa 10 Artillery Avenue, #02-01, Singapore 099951*

Catholic Foundation will be organising a dinner hosted by His Grace, Archbishop William Goh to raise the needed funds to fulfil the vision of our archdiocese. Tables are available for sale at this fully sponsored dinner. It will be held at the newly-opened Village Hotel at Sentosa.

To book a table or for more information, please contact: Caroline Kung at 6338-0348 or email [cfddinner@catholic.org.sg](mailto:cfddinner@catholic.org.sg).

Alternatively, visit

[www.catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner](http://www.catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner) or scan the QR Code



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## Priests of the Parish

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

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

**Asst. Parish Priest:** Fr. Augustine Joseph (ext. 10)

## Parish Collection

Weekend Collections

\$5901

## Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
01 June	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
02 June	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
02 June	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Terence
08 June	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
09 June	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
09 June	5.30pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence

## Eucharistic Celebration

## Opening Hours

**Weekend Eucharist**  
**Sat Sunset:** 5.30 pm (E)  
**Sun:** 8 am (M), 10 am (E),  
5.30 pm (E)  
**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,  
**1<sup>st</sup> Fri** of the month only.

**Parish Admin Office**  
**Mon - Fri:** 8.30 am to 5 pm  
**Sat:** 8.30 am to 11 am;  
2 pm to 4.30 pm  
**Sun:** Closed

**Adoration Room**  
Daily: 7 am to 10 pm

**Columbarium**  
Daily: 7 am to 7 pm  
Prayers:  
every **3<sup>rd</sup> Sun** of the month only.  
9 am (M) & 11.30 am (E)

**Canteen**  
Sun: 7 am to 12 pm

*(M): Mandarin; (E) English;  
(EC) Eucharistic Celebration*

## Notices

## Fr. John van Dich on Leave

Fr John will be away on leave from 5 to 29 Jun 2019. We wish him "Happy holidays".

## Wedding Bells

Those who desire to enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony will have to book their wedding dates one year in advance. The booking will be confirmed only when the necessary documents are signed.

## Infant Baptism

We welcome:

**James Low Kah Hoi**  
**Ashe Tan Xi En**  
**Joseph Claye Krishnan**  
**Evangeline Xu Wenling**

to the CSM community. May we continue as God's children growing in holiness in His family.

1st Saturday of Aug, Oct and Dec

## Preparation for Infant Baptism

To help families prepare early for their baby's baptism, we invite pregnant mothers in their **second trimester** to register with the Parish Admin Office.

Email: [csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg).

## Morning Bible Study

Fr Augustine will be commencing Bible Study (Book of Genesis) on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am. We will begin on 12 Jun as 5 Jun is a public holiday. All are welcome.

## Bible Mondays

**15 July to 16 Sept**

Fr Terence will be teaching about the Prophet Amos on Monday nights. Stay tuned for more details.

## Easter Reflections

Every evening until 7 Jun 19: 7pm

*except Sundays*

**Saturday: 6.45pm**

**followed by Rosary at 7pm**

Come together to gain insights into Christ's teaching over a simple meal with fellow parishioners. Food and snack contributions are welcome!

## Pentecost Rally

**Dates: 6 to 8 Jun**

**Time: 7.30pm to 10pm**

**Venue: Worship Hall**

Are you ready to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost? This rally will be a time to open oneself more intentionally to the workings of the Holy Spirit. Programme highlights include talks by Fr. Terence, Adoration, and Praise & Worship. All are welcome.

Please note the following:

- Adoration Room will be closed from 9pm to 10.30pm from Thursday 6 Jun to Saturday 8 Jun.
- There will be no Holy Hour on Friday, 7 Jun.
- Eucharistic Celebrations on Thursday and Friday are at 6pm, and 5.30pm on Saturday.

## RCIA (Mandarin) New Journey

成人慕道班

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

New journey will begin on Sunday, 16 June 19 @ 9.45am.

開課日期：6月16日 上午 9:45

Registration forms are available at the parish office. For more information, please call Marie @ [96228749](tel:96228749)

## 24 Hours with the Lord

21 to 22 Jun, Fri, 7.30pm to Sat, 7.30pm

As we are going to celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi, we invite you to prepare for this by spending 24 hours with the Lord and bathe in His love.

## Consecration of the Family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

28 Jun, Friday

On this day, we will have the consecration of the family to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Those interested, please take note.

## Evening Brew

19 July, Friday

Have a question about the Faith or Theology that needs quenching? Come you are thirsty! Come and unpack your deepest queries over a cuppa (of tea).

