

Our Pilgrimage



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Liturgical Reflection

In today's Gospel Reading, we find Jesus listening to Martha as she grumbles about her sister, Mary. Martha is meticulous about the best hospitality to be given to Jesus and his disciples. It's not every day that the Lord comes to your house for a meal. So therefore, she is deeply concerned and anxious.

Revelation 3:20 *"Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you and you with me."*

In the 1st reading, Genesis 18:1-10, Abraham was also meticulous in his efforts to provide the best hospitality for his Divine guests. Although he was hurried but he never fretted and never grumble to his wife Sarah.

"Above all,
maintain
constant love
for one
another, for
love covers a
multitude of
sins. Be
hospitable to
one another
without
complaining."

1 Peter 4:8

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"Martha works; Mary Listens"

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 14(15):2-5

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Luke 10:38



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

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Liturgical Reflection (con't)

Martha shows her discontentment and grumbles to Jesus about her sister's behaviour but Jesus who after **listening to her patiently**, tells her that **"you worry and fret about so many things and yet few are needed, indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part and it is not to be taken away from her"** (Luke 10:41-41). She had expected Jesus to ask Mary to help her but it was otherwise.

Jesus accepts Martha for who she is and reminds Martha and us as to what we should be "concerned" with and who our focus in life should be on. It should be Jesus whom we should be taking centre stage in our relationship in the heavenly kingdom. **Jesus is The Chosen and Beloved One of the God our Father** and we can turn to Him at all times as **He loves us all** beyond our finite understanding.

Often times, many of us are like Martha, being **overly concerned with doing**, focusing on doing things in our family life, our work place and also in our ministries, we lose focus and sight of what is the **most important thing**, that is **to focus on Jesus**. That ultimately it is **Jesus who is the Centre of All**. To be Christocentric in our lives. **He is truly and will be, our all in all.**



" THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE TREASURE HIDDEN IN A FIELD, WHICH A MAN FOUND AND COVERED UP. THEN IN HIS JOY HE GOES AND SELLS ALL THAT HE HAS AND BUYS UP THAT FIELD."

Matthew 13:44

Psalm 23:1 "The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."

Martha's approach to Jesus shows that we too can tell Him anything without qualms, knowing that He is always giving a listening ear to whatever situation we are in. We do not go to Him for problems per se. **When we go into the Adoration room to adore and worship Our Lord, Jesus.**

To be in His sacred presence. Where we praise, adore, worship Our Lord and also to tell Him our deepest thoughts, concerns and anxieties in our lives.

Mary sat at the Lord's feet to listen to His words. We should imitate the actions of Mary and **listen to Jesus by reading sacred scripture daily.** To nourish ourselves with the Word of God and to **seal at the feet of Our Lord in the adoration room.**

In Matthew 4:4 Jesus says " One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Jesus is the Word made flesh.

When we place our full concentration and trust in Him and surrender to Him, we are never alone or without help. We find inner peace and strength to face whatever obstacles that may come our way in our life.

Food for thought

In our relationship with the Lord, Are we a "Martha" or "Mary"?

Do we follow the example of Mary?

Who is the main focus in our lives? Is Jesus, The Word of God, our focus?

Do we nourish ourselves with the Word of God by reading sacred scripture daily and go for weekday Eucharistic Celebrations?

With Peace and Joy

Geraldine and Philip

When Was the Last Time We Were Child-Like?

Too busy with climbing the corporate ladder? Competing to be at the top of class? Or trying to solve all your adult children's problems? Or simply worried about what to eat or wear tomorrow? Martha, Martha...



Instant Done!

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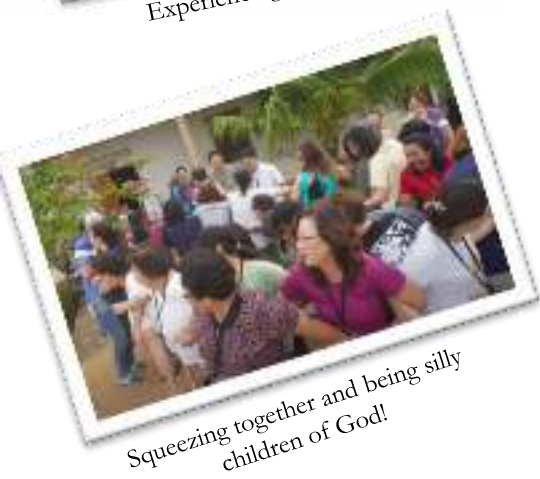
Experiencing child-like joy!

Live abundantly!



Who am I? Child of God

Hi daddy!



Squeezing together and being silly children of God!

Children, full of innocence. Children come to their loving father and mother, trusting them completely to take care of them, to protect them, to provide for them, to correct them when they are wrong, and to love and cherish them.

Jesus is telling us that we need to have this type of trust and faith in God our Father. After all, we are His children.



Being mischievous together

Like a child, we come before the Father, fully trusting in His Word, fully engaged in His Spirit, fully open to His love and His commandments.

Let's change, repent and leave our baggage at God our father's doorstep. Let's come before our wonderful God, with arms and hearts wide open, loving and trusting His child.



Being in love all the time...



Just having fun no matter what age!



Being free!



Being content and light hearted



Want to take a shot? Be adventurous and do it!



Enjoying the splendour of life



4 Reasons Catechism...

1. **Encourages** the unity of essential beliefs among God's children.
2. **Promotes** a faster, deeper understanding as bible verses are tied to questions
3. **Stimulates and motivates** learning, because most children, especially younger ones, love to answer questions
4. **Theology and scripture** children will memorize for the rest of life

Parents are the ones who must create a family atmosphere animated by love and respect for God and man, in which the well-rounded personal and social education of children is fostered. Hence the family is the first school of the social virtues that every society needs. It is particularly in the Christian family, enriched by the grace and office of the sacrament of matrimony, that children should be taught from their early years to have a knowledge of God according to the faith received in Baptism, to worship Him, and to love their neighbour."

I enjoyed spending time with my friends and the activities were enjoyable. My favourite activity was decorating the rocks. I would love to do this again next time!

Emma, Level 5



I was sad when I had to leave... We had lots of snacks! My favourite activity was planting the plants. I am happy that there is now a plant in the church garden that belongs to me.

-David, Level 1



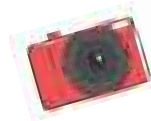
I love the fun games, and I got to make many new friends! I also got to tell God what I love to do from my designs on the pebble for the garden!

- Isaiah, Level 2

"The Children's Weekend was beyond just a day of kids' fun activities. The fellowship forged regardless of age was precious and meaningful & even for the parents! A big "Thank You" to the organisers and the Church for making this possible!" exclaims Jaqueline Ho



Enjoying Life Together!



Seniors Club Outing
View more photos online:
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Every Tuesday
9.30am – 12.30pm

Choose your own program!



Exploring together!



- 9.30am-10am:**
 - Praise & Worship
 - Exercise!
 - Growth in faith daily
(with Father Augustine)
- 10-10.30am:**
Tea Break
- 10.30am-11.30am:**
Choose your own program!
- 11.30am-12.30pm:**
Lunch *(provided)*

No commitment or sign ups are required, just come on a Tuesday morning whenever you can make it!

\$500 Used?

Skills Future Talk!
13 Aug

What are the courses available for you?
Come and understand more!

*1st seniors outing to Gardens by the Bay Flower Dome!
(FYI only: Fee of charge- for Merdeka and Pioneer Generation, every 2nd Tuesday of the month)*



70 people plus 5 cars to Gardens by the Bay, Flower Dome! Recent talk on Fall Prevention Exercises

Have we grown in the walk with God and in relationship with others recently? Father Augustine will give inputs on how to enrich life in our Lord. It is also a time to invest in yourself, to choose the things you want to do but never did before. Talks are also organized to ensure we are constantly learning new things!

Let's live a meaningful and fruitful life!

By Julianne Danielle Lim

GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness)



This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at catholicfoundation.sg

Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools

Committed to the transformation of the whole person, Catholic schools see and value each individual as a child of God. The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) works closely with our Catholic schools to strengthen the Catholic ethos and support the provision of religious education.

Watch the video by scanning the QR Code to see what this means in a concrete way:



Primary 1 Registration under Phase 2B (22 and 23 July 2019)

Priority for registration under Phase 2B is for a child of a baptised Catholic parent. The parent's baptism certificate is required at the point of registration under Phase 2B for primary 1 admission. In the event that the baptism certificate is not in English, the Church and the school reserve the right to request the parent to submit a baptism certificate that is translated into English, and certified by your parish priest in Singapore or a notary public.

A Call to Teach in a Catholic School

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested to heed the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, do join our mailing list by filling up the form accessible via the QR code below.

In line with the MOE Open Posting Exercise, the Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2020. ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list from 1 July 2019 onwards. Do note that this list will be updated with new consequential vacancies on 17 July 2019 to facilitate your application via MOE HRMS between 1 July 2019 to 23 July 2019.



Combined Ministries Retreat

Date: 09 & 10 August 2019

Time: 9.30am - 4.30pm for both days

Venue: Agape Village

Organised by: Office for the New Evangelisation and Gloria Patri Ministries



Are you ready to open the door as soon as the Master comes and knocks?

Come and encounter the Lord as one community!

This retreat is open to all EMHC, Choirs, Lectors, Wardens, and SCC/NCC in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore.

You are highly encouraged to register as a community.

To register visit: bit.ly/onecmr2019

My Sacred Story: A Popular Music Workshop for Catechists

Date: 31 Aug (Sat, 9am – 5pm)

Contribution: \$50

How can popular music from Sam Smith, the Jonas Brothers and other pop artists help you find God, and so inspire your catechumens to discover their sacred story? This workshop presents a refreshing approach to sharing faith and catechizing. Presented by Montfort Centre.

Details/Registration: enquiries@montfortcentre.org or 96311943.

Retrouville

Is your marriage tearing you apart? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Have you thought about separation or divorce? **RETROUVAILLE** is a lifeline for troubled & hurting marriages. Registration now open for 4-6 Oct 2019 Weekend program at www.helpourmarriage.sg.



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Columbarium (ext. 3)

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

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. Augustine Joseph (ext. 7)

Parish Collection

Weekend Collections	\$6461
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Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
20 July	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
21 July	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
21 July	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Terence
27 July	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
28 July	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
28 July	5.30pm	Fr John	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,
1st 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 **3rd 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

NCC Visits to McNair Zone

Kindly take note that the Neighbourhood Christian Communities (NCC) will be coordinating priests' visits to those in the McNair neighbourhood from **10 July to 31 July**. It is our hope to have you open your doors to these visits by our priests.

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

1st Saturday of 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.

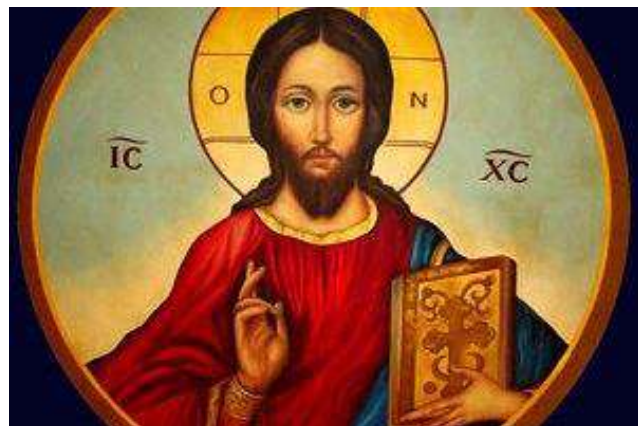
Email: esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Infant Baptism – 3 August 2019, Sat at 4pm

We welcome James Oehlers to our CSM community. May we continue as God's children, growing in holiness in His family.

RCIA (Eng) New Process

RCIA is looking for facilitators for the new process. If interested, please email: esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg.



*"Master, to whom do we go to? You have the words of Eternal Life."
 John 6:68*

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Faith Formation sessions on the Catechism of the Catholic Church by Fr John.

Day/Time: every Thursday at 9.30am

Venue: St. Michael's Room

Bible Mondays

Father Terence will be teaching about Prophet Amos!

Dates: 15 Jul to 16 Sept, on Mondays

Time: 7.45pm to 9.45pm

Venue: Worship Hall

No registrations will be required. Bring your Bibles!

Holy Hour

2 Aug at 7.30pm.

With effect from August, Eucharistic Celebration will remain at 6pm instead of 8.30pm.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

25 Aug, Sunday 9am to 4pm at Agape Village

The Church as envisioned by Vatican II is a Church with much collaboration between the clergy and the laity. The Parish Assembly is one such moment which moves the parish towards this vision.

The objective of having a Parish Assembly is to allow you an opportunity to come forward and share your views, thoughts, and feelings on any pastoral concerns you may have.

The Parish is for all. At the assembly, we will consider the concerns raised and move the Parish Pastoral Council to formulate pastoral plans to meet those concerns.

Therefore, your presence is important.

Let us come together as one big family of Christ and assist our parish in moving toward the right direction. We sincerely look forward to your participation.

Sports Carnival

Come and join us at the CSM Sports Carnival as "ONE BODY, Many Parts" 1 Corinthians 12:12

Date: 12 Aug, Mon

Time: 8.15am to 2.00pm (Lunch is included)

Venue: St Wilfred Sports Centre

Register: at ground level after EC

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Solemnity) - 15 Aug, Thursday at 8pm

Vigil EC - 14 Aug, Wednesday at 8pm

(Please note that there will be no 6pm EC on both days)



"Now have salvation and power come, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed." Revelation 12: 10

ME Weekend

6 to 8 Sep, Friday to Sunday

Make your marriage a priority!

"Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth." - Pope Francis (*Amoris Laetitia*, no. 218, 221).

Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for the ME Weekend in September. This weekend will be for couples from the parish

