

Our Pilgrimage



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Liturgical Reflection

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“I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already!

There is a baptism I must still receive, and what constraint I am under until it is completed!”

- Luke 12:49-50

Alleluia!



Thy will be done, Father!

Wow, what did Jesus mean by this? Today's Gospel gives us rare insight into Jesus' heart, and we see how passionate Jesus is to do the Father's will, despite knowing what it will cost Him.

Fire, as mentioned in the Bible, can mean various things – it has been used for destruction as in Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:23), but also for sanctification just as metal is purified by fire (Isaiah 1:25, Zechariah 13:9). At Pentecost, the power of the Holy Spirit descends upon the church, manifesting as tongues of fire (Acts 2:3). And in today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of a baptism that He will undergo, reminding us of John the Baptist's words, "...I baptise you with water, but someone is coming... [who] will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

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'How I Wish It Were Blazing Already'

Luke 12:49

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 39(40):2-4,18
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel: Luke 12:49-53



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)



True, it is not easy to follow Jesus, but the problem lies not in the divisions, but in how we respond to these divisions in our lives. The radical Christian message is a sword (Ephesians 6:17, Hebrews 4:12), come to illuminate and split us from our old lives. Jesus lets us know that following Him is not easy; the Gospel will tear families apart because of the changes one makes after hearing the Word of God and the others are not willing to change their way of life.

“Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.”

- Luke 12:51

Jesus does not desire to bring division but is realistic in setting the stage for the outcome of His ministry and for the people who choose to follow Him. For those who follow Jesus, there are bound to be divisions between their old lives and new lives. These differences are particularly tense when they happen within the family - father against son, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, and vice versa (Luke 12:51-53).

Disagreements can occur in families when one member is too diverse in their passion for the Lord – given the varying priorities, others in the family would be disappointed. When there is no mutual understanding, this can lead to conflicts within the family.



Following Jesus
is an uphill
battle,
persevere on!

Through baptism, we enter into communion with God and become His children. The grace fills us with peace and joy. Yet, we cannot ignore the fact that there can be no resurrection without the cross. The baptism which Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel is His immersion in the suffering and death on the cross. When we are lowered into the waters of baptism, we thus follow Jesus into death to emerge in a new life in Christ.

Can we drink the cup that Jesus drinks, and be baptized with the baptism with which He was baptized (Mark 10:38-39)?



Liturgical Reflection (con't)

The trials we face as disciples of Christ are baptisms by fire, and what a strain we all are under until our mission is completed! What a comfort it is to know that Jesus understands our anguish intimately, having experienced it Himself in the Garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:44). Jesus bore our sins and died for us on the cross - may His immense love for us empower us to accept suffering willingly, if that may be God's will. Through this baptism, may our sins be consumed in the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, leaving behind a heart zealous to do God's will, responding as Jesus did, "how I wish [the world] were blazing already"!

What is Jesus asking of you?

*With peace
Faith & Geraldine*

Layout: Melliana



Gratitude in our Hearts

Rebecca Tan

[Read more on: stmichael.catholic.sg](http://stmichael.catholic.sg)

Ministry Get Together 2019



CSM first ever ministry Get Together and we got to know the faces we see serving different ministries better as we bond over fun and games and a delicious dinner!

Takes everyone of us here to make the church we are serving a better place.

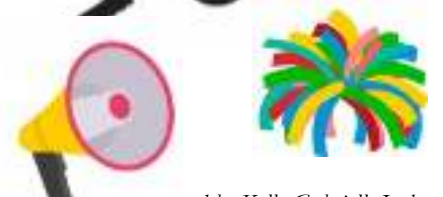


Sports Carnival 2019



The CSM Parishioners played hard as ONE BODY and we came together to witness the CSM Spirit over the long weekend.

We cheered for other teams and made a lot of noise! A day well spent!



Prepared by Kelly Gabrielle Lob

Let's Make This a Great Parish!

Parish Assembly 2019

25 Aug 2019

Time: 9am to 3pm

Venue: Agape Village

With Eucharistic Celebration celebrated at 9am. Refer to the announcement for more details

What would you like to see more of in our parish?

Come and tell us!

Your participation matters!

Come and be countered!

Come and listen!



How would you like the parish community be in 2 to 3 years time?

What would you like to see change in our parish?

What activities have you participated in?

How has the parish helped you witness your faith to others?

How has the Eucharistic Celebration impacted your life?

In what ways has the parish helped you with your relationship with Jesus?

GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thanksgiving)



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 gift.catholicfoundation.sg

Chancery Opening for Projects assistant (Contract)

The Chancery is looking for a Projects Assistant (Contract). The job holder will assist the Project Manager with administrative and project requirements of the Chancery Office. Please refer to <https://www.catholic.sg/seek-opportunities/> for more details. **Application deadline: 23 Aug 2019**

Mass followed by Prayers for Healing

All are welcome and no registration is needed.

Date: 7 Sep 2019

Time: 2pm-4pm.

Organised by Praise@Work.

Celebrant. Fr. Charlie Oasan

Venue: Church of Sts Peter and Paul.

For more info: E:praiseatworksg@yahoo.com;

T: 97472467

You are invited to join us for praise and worship and Mass followed by prayers for healing. After mass, prayer teams will be available to pray with you for healing. Please spread the word to your family and friends.

*Please take note that the carpark at the Church of Sts Peter & Paul is closed for renovation.



Vacancies in Catholic Early Childhood Education

1) Executive Director (ED)

The ED reports to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Preschool (Education) Limited. The ED provides the leadership in the strategic management, efficient operation, effective corporate governance and proper accountability of all kindergartens and childcare centres within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore. The applicant should have a minimum of 10 years of working experience with at least 5 years of proven corporate leadership experience preferably in early childhood education. The applicant should hold a recognised bachelor's degree and preferably a postgraduate degree in early childhood education or related field.

2) Curriculum Director (CD)

The CD reports to the ED of Catholic Preschool (Education) Limited. The CD provides leadership in the development and evaluation of preschool programmes and the professional learning of all teachers at all kindergartens and childcare centres within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore. The applicant should have a minimum of 5 years of experience in preschool education. The applicant should hold a recognised bachelor's degree and preferably a Master's degree in preschool education that include studies on curriculum development. For more information on specific responsibilities and additional qualifications for the above positions, please visit our website via at accs.sg/jobs. To apply for the above position, please email your curriculum vitae and expected annual salary package to preschool@catholic.org.sg.

Applications for the above positions will close on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

Contact Us

Main: 6291 9272

Parish Secretariat (ext. 1)

Columbarium (ext. 3)

Email: csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Address: 17 St Michael's Road, Singapore 327976

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. 7)

Parish Collection

Weekend Collections

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Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
17 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Augustine
18 Aug	10 am	Fr Augustine	Fr Augustine
18 Aug	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Augustine
24 Aug	5.30 pm	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
25 Aug	10 am	Fr Francis Leong	Fr Augustine
25 Aug	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr Augustine

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
 6.45pm,
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

Fr Terence will be away

Fr Terence will be conducting a retreat from 18 to 23 August 2019.

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 **now until the end of August**. 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: csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

RCIA (English) New Process

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

Canteen Closure on 25 Aug

Please take note of the closure of the canteen on the 25 Aug. We will be at the Parish Assembly at Agape Village.



Parish Events

Bible Mondays

There will not be any sessions for Bible Mondays by Fr Terence on 19 & 26 August. The sessions will resume from 2 to 16 September. (*Time and venue remain unchanged.*)

Catholics and Christians

The second session will be held on **24 Aug, Saturday from 3 to 5pm.**

Venue: **Worship Hall**

Those interested to know some of the differences between Catholics and Christians are invited to come to attend.

PARISH ASSEMBLY

25 Aug, Sunday

9am to 3pm at Agape Village

Come be a part of this event where we hear from one another.

Parking at Agape is only limited to the Parish Priests. The rest who are **driving** will need to park at the **nearby HDB car park.** For those travelling by public bus, take **Bus 238** from Toa Payoh Interchange, alight at **Blk 227, Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.**



Holy Hour

6 Sep at 6.45pm

Eucharist Celebration at 6pm

Marriage Encounter Weekend

6 to 8 Sep, Friday to Sunday

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.

To register, email: esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg



"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith." Hebrews 12: 1-2