

Our Pilgrimage



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29th September 2019, VOLUME 84
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Patronal Feast of the Archangels

Liturgical Reflection

Luke has been stressing on the topic of the right use of money and the necessity to share (Luke 15, Luke 16: 1-13). The same theme continues this week. Lazarus is the only person named in any of Jesus' parables. Lazarus in Hebrew means El-azar, "God helps." This indicates that Lazarus was a pious man. Even though poor and a beggar, God was his helper. Though devout, he lay at the gate of a rich man, sick and hungry, his body covered with awful, running sores, waiting and longing for scrap of food discarded from the man's daily feasting. In those days they did not use knives, forks or tissue papers. One would eat with their hands, wipe grease from their hands onto a piece of bread and then throw the bread on the floor. This has been what Lazarus is pinning for. On the other hand, the rich man's body is covered in purple fine linen, symbolising wealth and power. Purple dye was expensive in Jesus' time.



Lazarus

Only a gate divides them. The gate not only symbolises the rich man's wealth but acts as a barrier to unwanted guests and cuts off the harsh truths on the other side of the gate. Lazarus not only has no gate, he has no roof over his head. He was not even capable of fending off the dogs that lick his sores. It is no surprise that poor people like Lazarus who are sick and have no access to medical care die early.

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"If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.."

Luke 16:31

First Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7
Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 145(146):7-10
Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



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

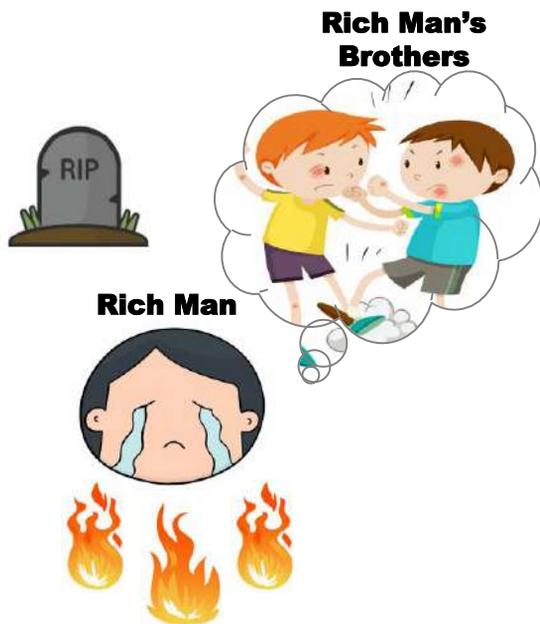
To Create moments of God encounters

To Form Disciples in Christ

To Nurture community spirit through the Word of God

Liturgical Reflection (con't)

We were told of the rich man's death as well. Rich or poor, we all will die. There was no mention of Lazarus' burial, only the rich man was buried. Lazarus' body was probably thrown outside the city walls, in a dump, together with the other bodies of beggars. Ironically, the rich man is in torment while his grand funeral is taking place on earth. Even in his torment, he sees Lazarus only as a subordinate figure, as an errand-boy, in a servant-role to warn his brothers. Having exhausted all possibility of helping himself, he begins to think of others, but the intention is still self-centred.



We must take note that the rich man was not in eternal torment because he was rich nor was Lazarus in heaven because he was poor. There will be many poor men in hell, as there will be rich men in heaven. The rich man was punished because he refused to heed the words of Moses and the prophets. His self-indulgent life is a reflection of that refusal. He lived a shallow life in pursuit of his self-centred desires. The main thing in life is to give heed to what God has said, to "keep His word". His sin was not his wealth but his hardness of heart. Lazarus was ignored totally by the rich man who travelled daily in and out via his gate. He was aware of Lazarus lying there but did nothing to help. Lazarus' presence at his gate gave him opportunity to render a helping hand, but he felt no compassion and took no action.

It might seem that God is unfair. Why does our all merciful God not allow the rich man's request to warn his brothers? It is not because God is unwilling to give them the opportunity to change but because it will be useless. As Abraham points out, if they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced by someone who rose from the dead. This accurately depicts our human desire for the spectacular, the dramatic. We sometimes ask, why does God not open the heavens and speak to us? Why does he not perform miracles or send an angel to speak to us? Then we will surely believe. However, how many who saw our Lord's miracles stayed with him at the foot of the cross? Even when Jesus resurrected from the dead, how many of us today truly believe?



Luke wrote this Gospel many years after Jesus' resurrection. He has seen that, even though Jesus rose from the dead, people still refuse to believe and heed the call of Moses and the prophets to care for the needy and helpless. We too pass by the needy without seeing. We too fail to follow Moses and the prophets. We too choose not to fully believe in our Lord's resurrection. We too are lovers of money. Christ is waiting for us in the poor Lazarus in our midst. Are we willing to see and take action?



Liturgical Reflection

(con't)

Most of us after reading this parable will conveniently dismiss it as we believe that God will eventually justify the poor. No worries, our God is good and righteous. Yes, our God is good and righteous, but like the rich man's five brothers, we have all been given the warning we need. What are we doing about it? We are the five brothers that are left behind. The important thing is to begin now. "Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). We need to learn to fear God and to walk in obedience to His teachings. Pray that His life may be in us to change our whole life and we be His living word. While this parable seems to be about money, it is really about values. It is possible to be wealthy and enjoy God's favour (e.g. Abraham, David, and Solomon). The question is whether we love or hoard money (1 Timothy 6:10) and whether we share God's concern for the poor and downtrodden. "For it is in giving that we receive" – St Francis of Assisi.



*With Joyous Praise,
Jovian and Letitia*

Layout: Melliana

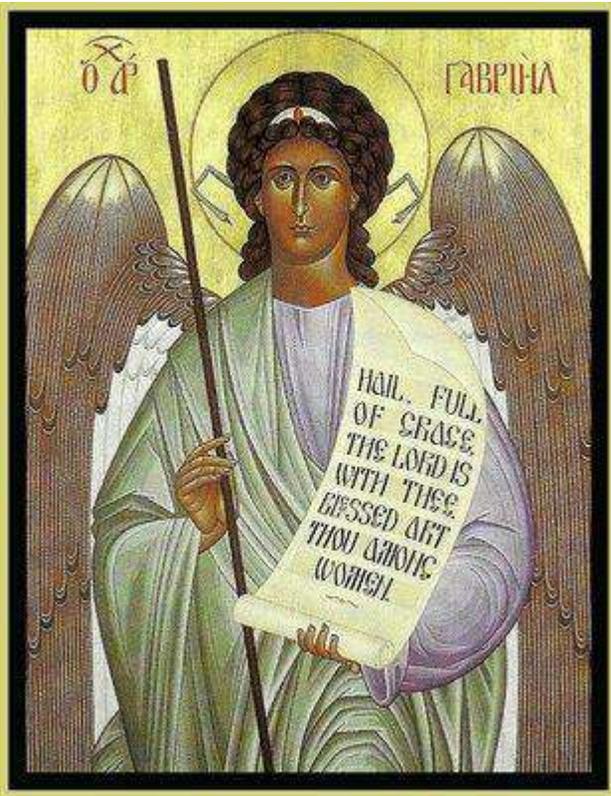


The Archangel Michael is not a canonised Saint, but is an angel who has been appointed by GOD to lead His army of angels. His name means, "Who is like GOD".

Archangel Michael is mentioned in the following Scripture: In the Book of Daniel as the one who helped Daniel in the fight against Persia (Daniel 10:13) and as the helper of the children of GOD during the end times (Daniel 12) In the Epistle of St. Jude (Jude 1: 9) Archangel Michael won an argument with the devil over the dispute of Moses' body by letting God pronounce judgement over the devil and by saying, "May the LORD rebuke you!" Finally in Revelation, Michael wins the heavenly war in the battle with the dragon.

Archangel Michael is the patron of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, bakers, paratroopers, police, and over sickness.

Archangel Michael



Archangel Raphael

Archangel Raphael appears by name only in the Book of Tobit. He appears in human form to Tobiah and describes himself as Azariah, the son of the great Ananias. As Tobiah's travelling companion, he routs the demon that has been tormenting Sarah with an incense providentially provided by GOD in the form of a fish. It is then that his true healing powers are revealed in Tobit 12. The name of Archangel Raphael means, "GOD heals".

As he is mostly attributed to healing, the angel that stirs the Pool of Siloam is commonly associated with Archangel Raphael.

Archangel Raphael is the patron of travellers, the blind, bodily ills, happy meetings, good and lasting marriages, nurses, physicians, and medical workers

Archangel Gabriel's name means, "Fortitudo Dei", "GOD's power and might". He is recorded 4 times in Scripture. In Daniel 8, Archangel Gabriel is called to explain Daniel's vision. In Daniel 9, Gabriel brings a prophecy to Daniel of the seventy years preceding Christ. In Luke's Gospel (Luke 1), it is the Archangel Gabriel who appears to Zechariah and to herald the birth of John as a precursor to Christ, and then subsequently to Mary, bringing news of the incarnation of Christ. After the annunciation of Mary, Archangel Gabriel is not spoken of again.

Archangel Gabriel is the patron of messengers, telecommunication workers, communicators, postal workers.

Archangel Gabriel



Celebrating our St Michael Community & Feast Day

View all photos here! stmichael.catholic.sg



*Cleaning out the mould & washing away the dirt
Parish Cleaning Day!*



*We thank you God our Father for your generosity, the
encounter with YOU, we bless YOU!
Parish Cleaning Day!*



*The joyous love
of family!*



*Marriage Encounter participants
(ME) LC 447*



Seniors Club Outing (Sep)



Confirmation Camp 2019

How Have We Changed As a Community?

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Reflecting as we approach Feast Day 2019, I have grown leaps and bounds in my faith in the last year, and so have many others in CSM who have testified they too that they have changed drastically to be more and more like the person God made us to be.

The faith formation sessions have enabled me to feel so touched by the Word of God. During the movies held in St Michael's room I teared secretly because they were so moving when explained in a Christ-centred perspective. I have felt my heart move many times! Praising and worshipping God in Song makes my soul leap for joy in song that I feel alive. I definitely have changed because of the times in adoration at our Lord's feet when He made me feel how much He loves me.

Bunking in with different room mates and late night coffee at the inter-ministry retreats were really where I got to know many more people in the parish and these have allowed me to spend time in good company. I now look forward to coming to church, not only to serve God, but also to a place where I call my community now.

Pray the Rosary on the Go!

October is a month dedicated to Our Lady and the rosary. The Daughters of St Paul have just launched a new rosary recording, *The Holy Rosary with Scripture Readings*, available on CD, USB and online streaming on spotify and apple music. Listen to a sample clip: tiny.cc/Rosarydpsample
On spotify: tiny.cc/Rosarydsp
On apple music: tiny.cc/Rosarydspa

Assisi turns 50

Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. Founded in 1969 by the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), Assisi Hospice celebrates 50 years of God's blessings in 2019.



The medallion is specially created to commemorate Assisi Hospice's 50 years of caring for life. The design is part of the Hospice's logo, reflecting our missionary role to reach out and welcome all who need our care. The phrase at the back "We Rise by Lifting Others" captures the joyful love that is shared when one gives kindly, patiently and humbly.

All proceeds from the medallions go to patient care, enabling us to continue their mission and service to those in need. Please give us your generous support. For those who are interested to get the medallion, there is an online order option : <http://bit.ly/AssisiMedallions>. The medallion will be delivered via registered mail and **full tax deduction will be given before 31 Dec 2019**.

For more information, please contact Lilian at 6832 2880 or email us at donate@assisihospice.org.sg.

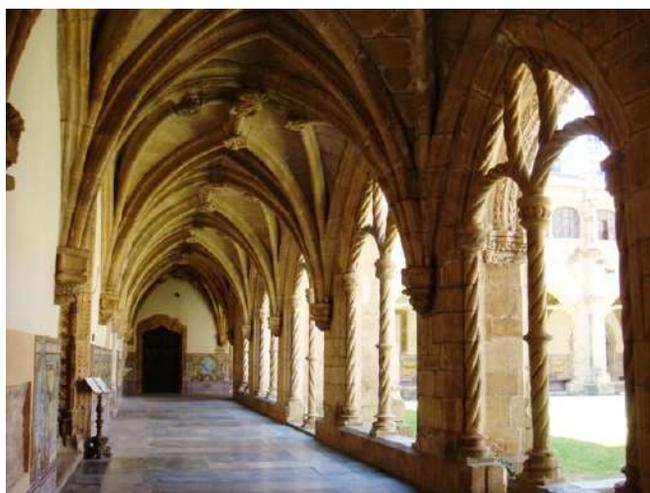
Vita Nova: New Life

Date: 20 Oct 2019, Sunday
Time: 8:00PM - 9:00PM
Venue: Church of the Holy Family

The Cor Novum Choir presents a choral fundraiser for Assisi Hospice under the auspices of Holy Family Church. Join them for Vita Nova: A New Life, a night of sacred music, spirituals and contemporary favourites.

At \$15 a ticket, 100% of proceeds will benefit Assisi Hospice.

For tickets, please make your donation at <https://www.giving.sg/campaigns/vitanova> and drop us an email at cornovum8@gmail.com to confirm your donation and number of tickets needed. Ticket collection arrangements will be made. Clergy and Religious Orders enter for free.



SSVP Youth Camp

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is organising a 3D2N camp for youth looking to deepen their faith by serving the Lord's poor. We welcome all youths aged 15-25.

Registration Fee: \$30/person.

Dates: 29 Nov - 1 Dec

Venue: Church of Transfiguration

Sign up now at tinyurl.com/ssvpcamp

Please contact Jaime at 9747 5541 for more queries.

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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.7)

Parish Collection

Weekend Collections	\$6,465
Income for the Month of August	\$61,495.71
Expenditure for the Month of August	\$60,923.14

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
28 Sep	5.30 pm	Priests of CSM	Priests of CSM
29 Sep	10 am	Fr Gerard Louis CSsR	Fr Gerard Louis CSsR
29 Sep	5.30pm	Priests of CSM	Priests of CSM
5 Oct	5.30 pm	Fr Augustine	Fr Terence
6 Oct	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
6 Oct	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
 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

In the Community

***"Could you not
 watch one hour
 with me?"***

Matthew 26:40

**Holy Hour on
 Friday, 4 October
 6.45pm**

Eucharistic Celebration at 6pm

October – Month of the Rosary

Rosary recitation at the grotto is at 6.45pm every night. There will be a candlelight procession on the 1st, 7th and 31st October. On 7th Oct, being the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, we will have a pot-luck after the procession.

Infant Baptism – 5 Oct at 4pm

We welcome Syrus Ng Yi Cheng and Esther Yong Jie En to the CSM community. May we continue as God's children growing in holiness in His family.

Next Infant Baptism - 1st Saturday of 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.

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.

Christmas Decorations

We invite parishioners who are not involved in any ministry to come forward to help us plan and decorate the church this year. Please leave a note to express your interest at esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg



Anointing of the Sick

Eucharistic Celebration

“Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord”

James 5:14

Date: 6 October 2019

Time: 3pm - 5pm

(be seated by 2.50pm)

Registration is NOW ON

Details needed:

- Submit your names or of loved ones to the Parish Admin Office
- Include health conditions
- Indicate Catholic or Non-Catholic
(**PLEASE NOTE NON-CATHOLICS WILL ONLY RECEIVE BLESSINGS**)

Email: esm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

**PLEASE REGISTER BY
29TH SEPTEMBER**

Note on Liturgy: Sacred Silence

Sacred Silence, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

- *Missale Romanum* 45