

Our Pilgrimage



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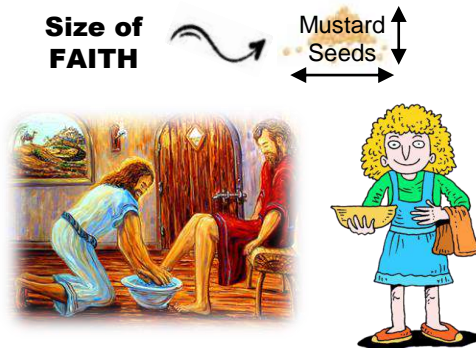
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Liturgical Reflection

We sometimes wonder, “If only I have more faith, I would not have this illness, this problem. If only I have more faith, I would be a much better person and do things differently.”

Faith is a choice in our lives even at the same time that it is a gift of God to us. There are days when our faith seems small and weak. There are times when our faith seems strong and deep. Faith is about trusting in God. Faith liberates us and helps us to see the power and love of God at work in our lives.

In the Gospel’s passage, the disciples asked Jesus to ‘increase’ their faith. They wanted to upsize their faith. Jesus, however, told them that they need not upsize their faith but if they had the size of a little mustard seed, that would do. The request for an increase in faith must not entice us to presuppose that with this increase comes more power to lord over others. Rather, the more faith one has, the more one lowers oneself to be a servant. In fact, as Christians, we can never say, “I have enough with serving. Now, it is your turn to serve me!”



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“We are merely unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.”

Luke 17:10

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4
Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9
Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel: Luke 17:5-10



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)

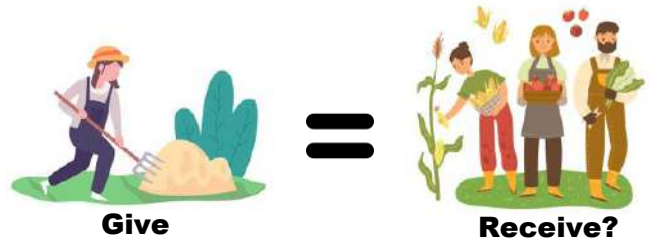
Their humility and acceptance of the disciples' lack reminds us of the importance of faith in our life. Jesus teaches about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus had just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is that faith, even if just a little, will enable the followers to do wondrous things. 'If you had faith like a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.' (Luke 17:6)



More faith does not lead us to gain status or praises from others. Rather, it moves us to put into practice Jesus' ways of loving in the ordinary moments of the day. At the end of the day, how happy we are if we can go to Jesus, our Master, and tell Him with humility and joy, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The second teaching is about knowing one's place in God's plan. Jesus goes on to compare the disciple with a servant of his own time, usually a slave. When the servant comes back from working hard in the fields all day, he is not told: "Oh come in, you must be tired! Sit down, have your dinner, put up your feet and watch TV!" No, he is more likely to be told: "It is about time you got back. I'm hungry. Hurry up and get my dinner ready. Then, maybe you can have some time for yourself."

Our relationship with God is not about giving and getting in return; I give God so much and I can expect so much in return. No, our relationship with God is of total and unconditional love and service. The joy and satisfaction is not found in what we can do to squeeze favours from God but in what we can give and share of ourselves.



If we look at faith as belief, it means that we accept things that don't have any real evidence or logical proof. For example, belief in God or belief in an afterlife. People have come up with proofs for God's existence, but in reality most people believe it in faith.



*With Love & Peace,
Jackie and Patrick*

Layout: Melliana

Anointing of the Sick

“Is any among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the Church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the LORD; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the LORD will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects.” – James 5: 14-16

The name of Jesus means “God saves”, while Christ means “anointed”. In the name of Jesus, is His mission, as commissioned by God the Father, to heal, to redeem, and to save. (Loyola Press)

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick stems from Christ’s own healing ministry during His earthly life, and provides to strengthen and to heal those who are suffering from severe or chronic illnesses or injuries, and those who are in danger of death. Some examples where the anointing of the sick can be received include that of chronic illnesses like diabetes, migraine, chronic back pain, prolonged mental anguish like depression or anxiety, or terminal illnesses like cancer, or organ damage. The act of healing is a sign that the Kingdom of GOD has arrived. Jesus has the power not only to heal, but also to forgive sins; He has come to heal the whole man, soul and body. (CCC. 1503)

This sacred anointing of the sick was instituted by Christ our Lord as a true and proper sacrament of the New Testament. It is alluded to by Mark, but is recommended to the faithful and promulgated by James the apostle. (CCC. 1511)

From ancient times in the liturgical traditions of both East and West, we have testimonies to the practice of anointings of the sick with blessed oil. Over the centuries the Anointing of the Sick was conferred more and more exclusively on those at the point of death. Because of this it received the name "Extreme Unction." (CCC. 1512)

However, the Anointing of the Sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. (CCC. 1514)

If a sick person who received this anointing recovers his health, he can in the case of another grave illness receive this sacrament again. If during the same illness the person's condition becomes more serious, the sacrament may be repeated. It is fitting to receive the Anointing of the Sick just prior to a serious operation. The same holds for the elderly whose frailty becomes more pronounced. (CCC. 1515)



Anointing of the Sick

Only priests (bishops and presbyters) are ministers of the Anointing of the Sick. (CCC. 1516)

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confers the following graces upon the recipient:

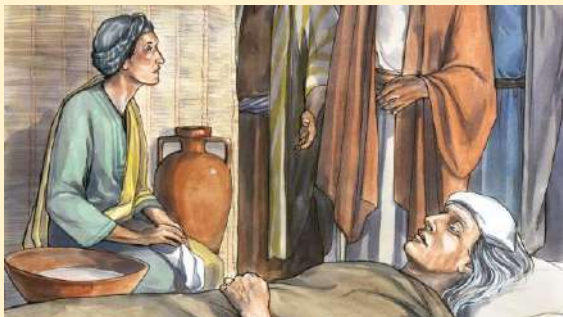
1. Unites the recipient to the Passion of Christ for his or her own good for the good of the Church. (CCC.1521)
2. Bestows strength, peace, and courage to the recipient to endure, in a Christian manner, the sufferings of illness or old age; resistance to temptation; forgiveness of sins, if the person is at least implicitly sorry for his or her own sins and is unable to receive the Sacrament of Penance; and the reduction or removal of all temporal punishment due to sin when the ill person is properly disposed. (CCC. 1520)
3. Confers an ecclesial grace to the recipient through the celebration of the Sacrament within the community, who intercedes for the suffering person just as he or she sanctifies the Church through the same suffering (CCC. 1522)
4. Restores health if it is good for the salvation of the person's soul. (CCC. 1532)
5. Prepares the recipient for passage into eternal life if the person is on his or her death bed. (CCC. 1523)

Ideally the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be accompanied by the Sacrament of Reconciliation before, and the reception of the Eucharist after.

By Brian Bartholomew Tan

Sources: *The Didache Bible*

Catechism of the Catholic Church
Loyola Press



THE GROWTH OF THE ROSARY



Mother Mary presented St. Dominic with the rosary, both the beads and the prayers to be prayed

Year: 1214



6 large beads
(Our Father)

53 smaller beads
(Hail Mary)

Vision of
Mother Mary

Dominic had a tremendous devotion to Mary and the rosary, which he promoted wherever he travelled to preach. He encouraged Catholics to gather in small groups to pray together what was an early form of the rosary



Saint Dominic

The Hail Mary prayer came together slowly

It took more than a thousand years

Earliest version: simply added Mary's name to the message delivered by the angel Gabriel to Mary:

"Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee"
(*Luke 1:28*)

1050: The words Elizabeth used to greet Mary during the Visitation were added:

"Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb" (*Luke 1:42*)

1261: Pope Urban IV added the name of **Jesus** to the end of Elizabeth's words

1555: St. Peter Canisius published the Hail Mary in his 1555 Catechism with almost the entire final petition:

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners."

1566: Eleven years later, the Catechism of the Council of Trent (a work that Canisius was instrumental in creating) included, for the first time, the entire final petition, concluding with the words

"now and at the hour of our death. Amen."

1568: the version of the Hail Mary we pray today was given official approval

By Julianne Danielle Lim

Thank you for making our Feast Day Celebrations awesome!

Peace and grace of Our Heavenly Father and Lord Jesus Christ to all Michaelians!

Praise the Lord because he gathered all of us under the same roof with our gifts and talents which we used to glorify him on a daily basis!

On behalf of the planning team, we hope that you have enjoyed contributing and participating in our Feast Day Celebrations. We also want to express our deepest appreciation for all who have come forward with their food, time, money and energy to make our Feast Day Celebrations a fun-filled and joyous occasion.

We have heard feedback coming from our parishioners that they really liked the energy which everyone carried forth to one another and we would like to attribute this to the hard work and vitality that every ministry member, catechumen, and parishioner put in to make this day happen.



Stay tuned for next week's issue featuring the happenings of our Feast Day Celebrations!

So You Think You Know Your Rosary?

Here's a simple quiz to test how well you know the rosary:

1. The practice of praying 150 beads of the rosary originated from the monastic practice of praying the 150 psalms. True or False?
2. The Luminous Mysteries are _____ and they were added by _____.
3. The prayer "O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, and lead all souls to heaven especially those most in need of thy mercy," was gifted by _____ to _____.
4. First Saturday Devotions are devotions to _____.
5. The first line of the Hail Mary can be found in which scriptural text? _____
6. Complete what Our Lady of Fatima said, "Pray the _____ every day, in order to obtain _____, and the _____."
7. What was the title given to Mother Mary when she appeared to St. Dominic?
8. Which year was the Battle of Lepanto, when through Our Lady's intercession via the Rosary, the Christian kingdoms won the against the Ottoman Army though being severely outnumbered? _____

Appeal for the Humanitarian Aid Fund

We live in a region which is afflicted with typhoons, earthquakes and floods, and where human development needs such as education and healthcare, shelter, water and sanitation are often under-provided. CHARIS and its 21 affiliates respond to the humanitarian needs of our brothers and sisters in these affected countries. Details of their work can be found in CHARIS Connect and at www.charis-singapore.org.

CHARIS is making its annual appeal for its Humanitarian Aid Fund to support overseas humanitarian work. Appeal flyers and envelopes will be distributed next weekend (12 & 13 October). Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to "CHARIS HAF" with your name and contact information to: CHARIS, #07-02, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954. Please contact Irene / Michelle at 6337 4119 or info@charis-singapore.org for further information.

Nostra Aetate Talk

Why Catholics need to engage with people of different faiths

Date: 12 October, Saturday

Time: 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Venue: St. Ignatius Hall, 8 Victoria Park Rd. Singapore 266492

In conjunction with the Archdiocese Extraordinary Month of Mission in October 2019, St. Ignatius Church invites you to attend a talk on Nostra Aetate and why Catholics need to engage with people of different faiths.

Panel speakers:

Gerald Kong, Executive Secretary, Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Interreligious Dialogue (ACCIRD); Fr. Colin Tan, SJ, Parish Priest, St. Ignatius Church

To register please go to our website:

www.stignatius.org.sg. For more information, contact Angela at 64660625

ACCIRD Interreligious Panel on Serving the Poor and Needy

Date: 21 October, Monday

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Annex Building, Level 3 Hall

Speakers: Ustaz Dr Leyaket Ali, Founder/MD, Human Connection.sg, Mr Gurdip Singh Usma, Chairman, Sikh Welfare Council and Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, VG (Interreligious Relations)

Register by 20 Oct (Sun) at:

<https://tinyurl.com/21Oct-ACCIRD-Panel>

My Child is Made for More

Dates & Time (covered in 2 sessions):

**Day 1 - 26 October, Saturday,
9am to 1.30pm**

**Day 2 - 2 November, Saturday,
9am to 4.30pm**

Venue: 55 Waterloo Street, Level 2, S. 187954

Organiser: Family Life Society

For parents and all who work with children. Learn about the sexuality issues facing youth on premarital/casual sex and pornography, and equip yourself to be the primary sexuality educator.

Register now bit.ly/mfm_bt or call 64880278!
Only \$50 per pax and \$80 per couple.

Kiss Miss Bliss

Date: 14 November, Thursday

Time: 7pm to 9.30pm

Venue: 55 Waterloo Street, Level 3, S. 187954

Organiser: Family Life Society

For couples married 1 to 5 years. Spend an enjoyable evening together. Enhance your couple relationship.

Register now: bit.ly/kmb_bt or call 64880278!
Only \$20 per pax.

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 \$8,867

Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
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
12 Oct	5.30 pm	Fr John	Fr John
13 Oct	10 am	Fr John	Fr John
13 Oct	5.30pm	Fr John	Fr John

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

Our Priests will be away

Fr Augustine will be away from 16 to 20 October

Fr John will be away from 18 to 21 October

October – Month of the Rosary

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



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: csm.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 csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg



Movie Nite, Movie bites

Mark your calendars!

27 October, Sunday

7 – 10pm

Jesus speaks to us in many ways, including the movies we watch.

Bring your friends!

Venue: St Michael's Room

The Lourdes Experience

**7 December
Saturday**

**Singapore
Indoor
Stadium**

Once again the Lourdes Experience is coming to Singapore. This will be held at the indoor stadium on 7 Dec. Actual spring water from Lourdes, France will be imported for this event.

This is the initial registration announcement for CSM wheelchair-bound participants. Closing date for wheelchair bound participants and their caregiver (1 each) is **15 October**, on first-come-first-serve basis.

Interested CSM wheelchair bound participants may pick up a registration form and information from our Parish Admin Office. Registration for other participants will commence at the end of October and details will be announced in due time.