

# Our Pilgrimage



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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Liturgical Reflection for the 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is a parable about gratitude.

“Ten men suffering from a virulent skin disease came to meet [Jesus]” intercepting him as he entered the village without any chance of rest. The men stood a distance away as required by the law of Moses (Numbers 5:2), and called out to Jesus - acknowledging Him as their master and seeking His mercy. Jesus' reply to them was to “go and show [themselves] to the priests”. Similarly, when Naaman approached Elisha to cure his leprosy (2 Kings 5:9-17), he was told to “go and bathe seven times in the Jordan”. In both cases, a trial of obedience, a test of faith, and perseverance in prayer are offered. The men must first go as commanded, prior to receiving any signs of being healed. When we seek the Lord's favour, we must be able to accept that they will come in His way and in His time.

**Do we respond in faith? Or are we like Naaman, harbouring expectations, or an attitude of entitlement, of how we are going to be healed, and thus refusing to follow God's way?**

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your path” Proverb 3:5**



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*“Jesus said in reply, ‘Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?’”*

*Luke 17:47-48*

**First Reading:** 2 Kings 5:14-17  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 97(98):1-4  
**Second Reading:** 2 Timothy 2:8-13  
**Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19



### 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 the men were going away, they were healed. It is in our cooperation with the grace of God that healing occurs. One of the men, finding himself cured, “turned back praising God at the top of his voice”, and prostrated himself at the feet of Jesus, giving thanks that he was cured. Although all ten men were willing to obey (to go to the priest), only one of them was truly thankful for what he had received.

“External religious exercises are easy enough, and common enough; but the internal matter, the drawing out of the heart in thankful love, how scarce a thing it is! Nine obey ritual where only one praises the Lord.” (Spurgeon)

**Thank You  
Jesus!**



**GRATITUDE**



Let us examine our hearts too – **in our observations of rituals and traditions like the celebration of the Eucharist, how authentic is our love, praise and thanksgiving of God?**

Jesus questioned, “Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they?” Not only does Jesus notice **the lack of gratitude**, but His question reveals also that ingratitude is very common. Where are the nine men? Once they received what they wanted, it did not occur to them to give thanks where it was due. **Similarly, are we as ungrateful?**



**Passive / Active  
Participation?**

**“Rejoice always, Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus”**

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

- To our parents? Consider a time when we were babies - if our parents had neglected us for a week, we would have perished. As our parents age and come to depend more and more on us, do we gratefully accept it as a way to repay the debt we owe them?



**Honour your father and your mother, that you may have a long life...” Exodus 20:12**

- To our fellow men? There are many who have helped us in unquantifiable ways in our lives - friends, teachers, doctors, surgeons. The great tragedy of humanity is that the more impossible the debt to repay, the less we try to repay it. **Are we aware of the debt we owe others?**
- To God? **Do we turn to God when we desperately need His help, only to forget Him when we have obtained what we want?** God gave us life, and His only Son. The least we could do in thanksgiving is to live the life we've been given to the full (John 10:10).

Let us be like the man who **immediately** turned to God to give Him thanks, preventing time from eroding the sense of gratefulness.

“Always be thankful.”  
(Colossians 3:15)

*Peace & Love,  
Faith and Philip*

*Layout: Melliana*



# A Lookback At Our Triduum And Feast Day 2019

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## Day 1 to 3

The beginning of the Triduum to the lead up of our Feast Day. We had 3 glorious nights where Fr Simon Pereira was the speaker. Day 1 was know the word, Day 2, Live the word and final day was Speak the Word. There was a different gift given away every night. The bag was definitely one of my favourites!



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29 September is the day we have been looking forward to as a community in the parish. We celebrated the church's 58<sup>th</sup> big day with our favourite Archangel who protects us from evil.

It was a day of something for everyone! Rosary making, Stained glass craft, face painting, games for kids, gift wrapping, colouring, floral arrangement etc. There was even a zone where one could learn how to evangelize through social media and who could forget the lush, verdant, green, and leafy instagrammable wall! In addition, there was everyone's favourite station: Dunkin' a Prophet. This feast day saw how everyone came together and chipped in to set up and help out with the providing of food and their gifts and talents. We are together as one community when we put the church first.

## Feast Day



# Where Can I Pray the Rosary?



Come by the church on at least one day in October to pray the rosary together with others

## *At Mother Mary's Grotto*



## Rosary Month

*every evening in October*

Time: 6.45pm

We could pray it in a church, in our room, in our office. Or we might pray it in the car, on the exercise machine, in the supermarket, while doing housework or going for a walk. Bringing our hearts into the rhythm of the rosary is something we can do intermittently throughout the day.

### *Got 2.5 minutes?*

That's all a decade takes: one Our Father, ten Hail Marys, and one Glory Be. We can do that easily, pausing for a moment in between emails, in the car, waiting for the lift, in the office, in between meetings, in between errands. We can pray a decade while cooking dinner, sweeping the floor, holding a baby, or walking to my next appointment. When I have an important decision to make, when I need to have a difficult conversation with someone, when my child is taking an exam—I can say a quick decade. I can offer a special gift to God—one decade of the rosary—for that particular intention. Let's take a pause to reconnect with God.

### *We can pray it anywhere!*

We can keep the rosary beads, a rosary card or a rosary ring and pull out anytime, anyplace. Instead of letting our hearts and minds be consumed by the many things we have to do, let us fill some of our day with thoughts of God - all we need to do is pull out our beads and turn to the Lord in this prayer.

### **In our hearts and mind**

Even if we not able to give the rosary our full attention, is it still worth praying? We might not be able to completely unplug mentally from the concerns of the work/ school day. We might be too exhausted to pray well and might be distracted and unable to reach the heights of contemplation. But still, the words themselves are holy. Offering God a decade or two in the midst of our day gives Him our devotion, even if it is without our full, relaxed, undivided attention. Mother Mary intercedes for all that is our heart.

*By Julianne Danielle Lim*

#### Answers to Last Week's Rosary Quiz

1. True
2. Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, Wedding at Cana, Proclamation of the Kingdom, Transfiguration, Institution of the Eucharist/ Instituted by: St. John Paul II
3. Our Lady of Fatima/ Lucia dos Santos, Francisco and Jacinta Marto

4. Immaculate Heart of Mary
5. Luke 1:28
6. Rosary/World Peace/End of War
7. Our Lady of the Rosary
8. 1571

## GIFT Generously

Next weekend, 19/20 October, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese.

Every Catholic is encouraged to sign up for a pledge to help with continued support for the numerous archdiocesan organisations needed for the mission of the church.

More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg).

## 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](http://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 this weekend. 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](mailto:info@charis-singapore.org) for further information.

## A Spirituality for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of Life – Part 1: The Midlife Transition

This weekend deals with the experience of transition that moves us into midlife - a stage of personal growth and development. Work with materials on the Crisis of Limits and experience this life stage as a spiritual journey through input, personal reflection, prayer and sharing. Recommended age: 40 - 60 years old.

**Date & Time:** 1 Nov 8pm to 3 Nov 1pm

**Venue:** St. Montfort Centre,

622 Upper Bukit Timah

**By:** Cenacle Sisters

**Contribution:** \$300

Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

## The Spiritual Journey of the Last Act of the 2nd Half of Life - Living Until We Die

This retreat focuses on the invitations for life's final stage and attempts to respond to questions like: What is retirement for? How can I grow old well? What is the meaning of my life at this time? What fears am I facing as I ponder the end of my life? How do I open myself to the joy that this stage of life is offering me? What is the intimacy of old age? What provision do I need for the onward journey? Recommended age: 60 years and above.

**Date & Time:** 22 Nov 8pm to 24 Nov 1pm

**Venue:** St. Montfort Centre,

622 Upper Bukit Timah

**By:** Sr Linda Lizada, rc

**Contribution:** \$300

Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

## Make Your Marriage a Priority

**Weekends:** "Marriage is a project to be worked  
**1 to 3 Nov;** on together ... and a process of  
**6 to 8 Dec;** growth." - Pope Francis (*Amoris*  
**3 to 5 Jan 2020** *Laetitia*, no. 218, 221).

Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the upcoming Marriage Encounter

Contact David & Clara @ [96705390](tel:96705390) or [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com)

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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  
For the Poor

\$5534

\$5742

## Celebrant Schedule

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
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
19 Oct	5.30 pm	Fr Edmund Chong	Fr Edmund Chong
20 Oct	10 am	Fr Terence	Fr Terence
20 Oct	5.30pm	Fr Terence	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,  
**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

## 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 31 October.

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

### See you at Movie Nite!

Appreciate a movie from a Catholic perspective! Gather your family and friends.

**Date: 27 October, Sunday**

**Time: 7 – 10pm**

**Venue: St Michael's Room**

### 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.

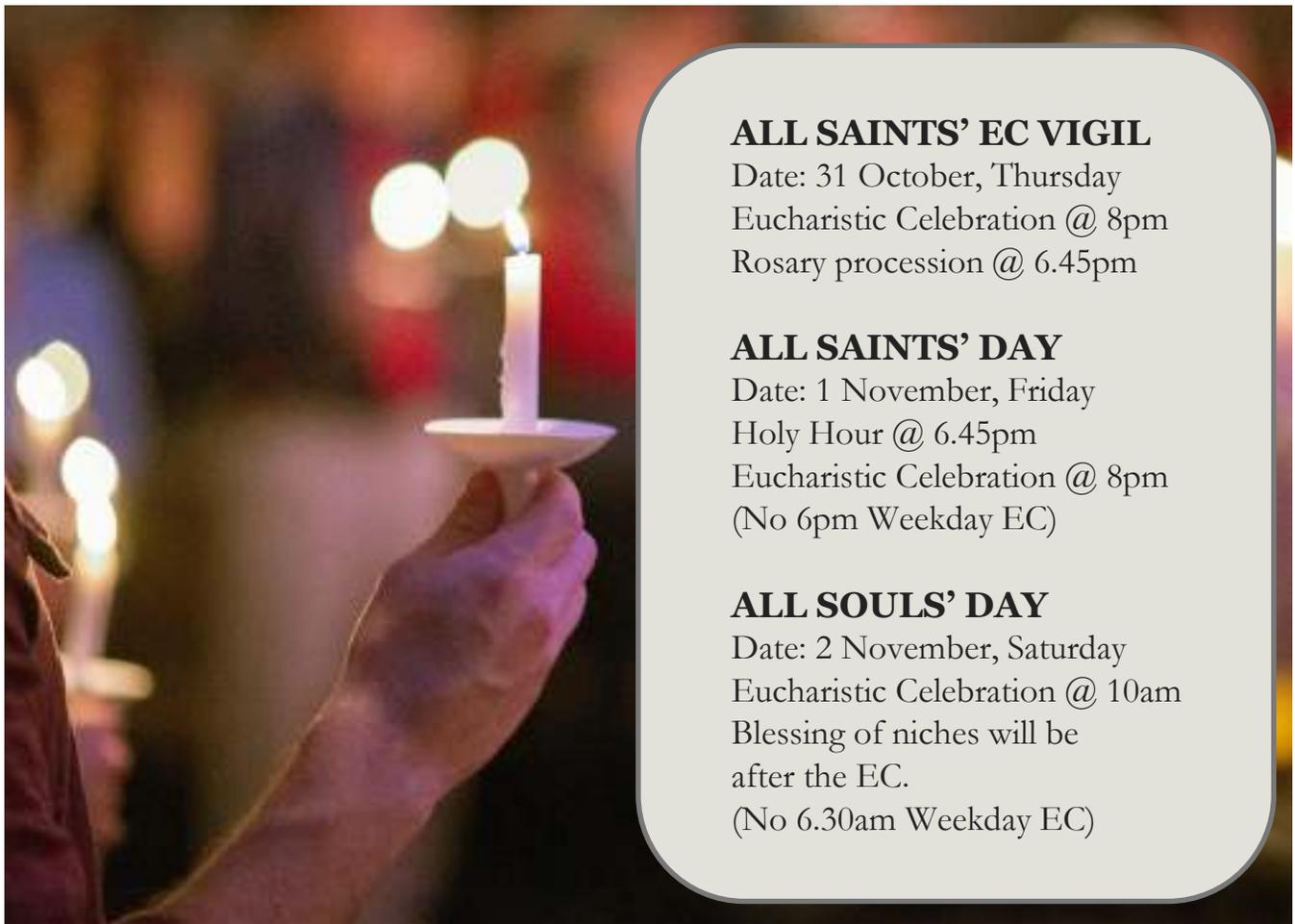
Email: [csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csm.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

### 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.



**ALL SAINTS' EC VIGIL**

Date: 31 October, Thursday  
Eucharistic Celebration @ 8pm  
Rosary procession @ 6.45pm

**ALL SAINTS' DAY**

Date: 1 November, Friday  
Holy Hour @ 6.45pm  
Eucharistic Celebration @ 8pm  
(No 6pm Weekday EC)

**ALL SOULS' DAY**

Date: 2 November, Saturday  
Eucharistic Celebration @ 10am  
Blessing of niches will be  
after the EC.  
(No 6.30am Weekday EC)

## 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.