

CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS'

GLOBAL CAMPAIGN - Share the Journey will be launched by Pope Francis on 27 Sep '17 from St Peter's Square. Share the Journey is a 2-year campaign involving the confederation of 165 Caritas organisations around the world. In Singapore, that would be Caritas Singapore and CHARIS. Follow us to get updates on the campaign: FB @CaritasSingapore and @CHARISSingapore

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

- Marriage Encounter (ME) facilitates life-changing weekends for married couples by transforming the way husband and wife communicate, the enriching experience forges greater intimacy and a closer relationship. Next ME Weekend: 6 - 8 Oct '17 (English). For registration or enquiries, call Joseph & Reenie on 9670-5390, e-mail: mewkend@gmail.com or visit www.MESingapore.org.

PIETA Memorial Mass for Children who have died – Mass on Fri 10 Nov '17 at 7pm (venue to be advised). The child bereavement support group PIETA is organising a Memorial Mass for children who have died (including unborn and adult children). Parents, families and friends are welcome to attend and celebrate the gift of their children who are now in heaven. If you wish to include mention of your child in this mass, please REGISTER via email with your Name, Telephone and Email details before 15 Oct '17 at pieta.Singapore@gmail.com. www.facebook.com/pg/PietaSingapore/events

THE WATCHMEN RETREAT - a 4D3N stay-in retreat open to Catholics above 21 years old. Date: 09 - 12 Nov '17, Majodi Retreat Centre Johor, Malaysia. Cost: S\$ 160 (Includes Transport, Accommodation, Meals). Retreat Master: Rev Fr Terence Pereira. Organised by: ONE. For more info and to register: Visit www.one.org.sg/events

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat's Operating Hours	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at confessional (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM, OCD **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD and Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD **General-Delegate:** Rev Fr JOHN CHUA, OCD, **Parish Secretary:** Ms Martha Loh **Parish Clerk:** Ms Jannie Lui **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- Church of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions/donations for General Operations & Maintenance of the Church;
- Carmelite Fathers - for contributions/donations to the SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation;
- Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter) - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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READINGS: Sunday Missal Pg 566

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Remember your mercy, Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 02 October - SAT 07 October 2017

MON: ZEC 8:1-8, MT 18:1-5, 10 **TUE:** ZEC 8:20-23, LK 9:51-56

WED: ZEC 8:20-23, LK 9:51-56 **THU:** NEH 8:1-12, LK 10:1-12

FRI: BAR 1:15-22, LK 10:13-16 **SAT:** BAR 4:5-12, 27-29, LK 10:17-24

On the Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear Paul exhorting the Philippians, "Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus," offering us a powerful image of Jesus' humble, selfless service. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus offers a story about two sons, one who agrees to work in the vineyard but doesn't; the other who tells his father he will not work but then quietly goes to work. It is a story that challenges the chief priests and elders of the people, "Tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

This week we celebrate memorials of the Guardian Angels, Saint Francis of Assisi, and Our Lady of the Rosary.

The first readings continue with the prophet Zechariah of the period of recovery after the exile. "They shall be my people, and I will be their God, with faithfulness and justice." The Book of Nehemiah, like Ezra, chronicles this history. The prophet Baruch gives us a prayer of the people in captivity and God's reply, "Fear not, my children; call out to God!"

We continue reading Luke's Gospel, as the disciples argue about who is the greatest. Jesus points out a young child and asks them to strive to be the "least" not the greatest. Jesus stops his disciples from preventing people, not of their group, from healing, because they are with Jesus, too. He stops the disciples from "calling down fire from heaven" on the Samaritan people who didn't

give them a good reception. People come up, offering to follow Jesus, but have excuses for why they can't do it now. Jesus calls them to not "look back" once they have said, "yes." He sends his disciples to other towns: "The harvest is rich but the workers are few." Jesus warns the people blessed by the graces of his visits there, but who have not changed their ways. He prays, "I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike."

A parable about tenants who were entrusted with their master's fields is at the center of the Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. We hear Jesus really challenge the religious leaders with this story of the tenant farmers who refused to listen to the master's servants (the prophets) and abused and killed his son (Jesus) in an attempt to usurp his inheritance. Jesus tells them, "Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask for the desire to become the least, not the greatest, in ways that applies to us. We can ask to experience humility and grace in the real limits we experience in our lives. All of us have some places where we come to know our humanity and are brought to our knees:

perhaps we continue to be judgmental of others even after asking for forgiveness ourselves; we keep falling into the same temptations; we present ourselves one way in public, but act a very different way with those closest to us; we never get around to acts of generosity and charity, perhaps even to our parents.

We can all begin our mornings with our own version of this prayer: "Lord, help me to be more simple, authentic, transparent and trusting today. I don't want to try to be someone else." We might ask, "Help me not 'look back' today, Lord" or "Lord, I need your help today to be more accepting of others who are different. Help me to see you in those who suffer or struggle in any way."

For those who have hurt us in some ways, we can do as Thérèse of Lisieux suggests and pray for those people. It is nearly impossible to hold a grudge or hang onto a hurt inflicted by someone when we are praying for that person each day.

Throughout the day this week, we can take brief moments, in the background of our consciousness, while driving, going to a meeting, shopping, doing laundry, to repeat and deepen these prayers. And, may our God send prophets and angels and his own Son to help us find intimacy with God in the midst of our busy lives. We can beg God to increase our faith and in the simplest ways each day, we can let our tiny seed of faith bloom in extraordinary ways in our lives.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>.
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The Holy Guardian Angels

A reading from a sermon by St Bernard (Office of Readings, Second Reading, Memorial of The Holy Guardian Angels, 2 October)

~ **That they might guard you in all your ways** ~

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works are for the children of men. Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit, and promise him a vision of your countenance. And so, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send those blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardians and our teachers.

He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors; let us return their love and honour them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honour must go to him, for it is from him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect.

We should then, my brothers, show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our co-heirs just as here below they are

our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father. We are God's children although it does not seem so, because we are still but small children under guardians and trustees, and for the present little better than slaves.

Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what have we to fear? They who keep us in all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them, stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God's heaven.

PARISH NEWS

SPP YEAR END THANKSGIVING CELEBRATIONS – Date: 31 Dec '17.

There will be a special Thanksgiving Mass at 5:30pm with **renewal of marriage vows and blessings** for all married couples. Couples who got married in 2007 (10yrs), 1992 (25yrs), 1977 (40yrs), 1967 (50yrs) and 1957 (60yrs) may apply for a Papal Blessing to commemorate your wedding anniversaries. Please obtain a form from the Parish Office and **submit it by 22 Oct '17**. Terms and conditions apply. Please note that there is **NO 4pm Mass** on this day. There will be a Parish Dinner following the Mass. Details will be provided soon.

MASS WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING - Sat 7 Oct '17. Church of Sts. Peter & Paul. 2:00pm Praise and Worship, 2:25pm Mass celebrated by Fr. Tom Curran. Organised by SACCRE and Praise@Work.

SPP FATIMA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS - The last first-Saturday devotion is on 7 Oct '17 led by the English Prayer Group, at 4:30pm at the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima (Parish Building). Do come and join in the prayers.

Prayer to your Guardian Angel



Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
To whom God's love
commits me here.
Ever this day
be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL

DEPARTED- dedicated to the souls of the faithful departed whose remains are placed in the columbarium in our church, and for their family members is celebrated on Fri, 27 Oct '17 at 7:20 am and 5:30 pm.

INFANT BAPTISM - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 28 October 2017 at 2.30 pm in the main church. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session to be conducted by the Priest at 2.30 pm before the baptism. Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office. The Forms must be submitted by Saturday 30 September 2017.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

LOVE IN THE CITY – organised by ONE. Date: 30 Sep '17. There will be 4 events happening in the city! Love is the Language (Scriptural Art) 3pm-6pm, The Catholic Centre. Love is the Story (Faith Sharing & Gregorian Chants) 315pm-430pm, Sts Peter & Paul. Love is the Inspiration (Forum) 415pm-530pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Love is the Song (Concert) 8pm-10pm, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. Open to all especially for non-Catholics who wish to find out more about the Catholic faith. Register: www.one.org.sg/events