

ACCS invites all teachers to the **TEACHER'S DAY MASS**. Theme: Jesus, the Merciful Teacher on Sat, 10 Sept '16. Sunset Mass at 4.00pm followed by reception in the School Hall of CHIJ St Theresa's Convent School 160 Lower Delta Road. RSVP: 68587080 email: [accs@catholic.org.sg](mailto:accs@catholic.org.sg)

**CHARIS** - acts29 Mission Trip (23-30 Oct '16) - Join us in building bio-sand water filtration systems with the local community in Romblon, Philippines. Slots for 9 participants only. \$670 per pax. Closing date to register: 28 Sept '16. T&C apply. For more information or to register, contact Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives Singapore (CHARIS), [victoria@charis-singapore.org](mailto:victoria@charis-singapore.org) or T: 6337-4119

**RETRouvaille** - A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages. 1. Has your marriage become unloving and uncaring? 2. Has your marriage grown cold and distant? 3. Has there been little or no meaningful communication between the two of you? 4. Do you feel disappointed or even despair thinking about your marriage? A Retrouvaille weekend can help you. Weekend date: 30 Sept - 2 Oct '16.

For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6711 6774. Online registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

**"QUENCH"** is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore "An International Catholic Lay Movement Approved by the Holy See." If you are looking for warmth and simplicity in this busy world, we welcome you with wide open arms! Date 10 - 12 Sept. Venue: Choice Retreat House. **Theme: 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me' John 7:37.** Age group 18-35 years old. You can register online @ [www.singapore.jesuyouth.org](http://www.singapore.jesuyouth.org). For more details email [singapore@jesuyouth.org](mailto:singapore@jesuyouth.org) or contact Fionne (9006 1884) or Jennifer (8368 2118)

It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a **CHOICE WEEKEND** - it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Date: 30 Sep - 02 Oct 2016 (Friday evening to Sunday evening) Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368. Enquiries: Hillary 9790 0537 or Francesca 9710 9680. Register & Info: [www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm](http://www.choice.org.sg/registration.htm)

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.40pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Interspersory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Counselling @ SPP</b>	: 7.00pm - 9.00pm (Monday, call church secretariat 6337 2585 for appointment)

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

Parish Priest: Rev Fr JOHN CHUA OCD (email: [hkchuajohn@yahoo.com](mailto:hkchuajohn@yahoo.com)), Asst Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, Priests in Residence: Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD, Rev Fr GREGORY HON, OCD, Rev Fr JOSEPH KOH, OCD and Fr JEFFREY TAN, OCD, General-Delegate: Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, Parish Secretary: Ms Martha Loh, Parish Clerk: Ms Jannie Lui, Liturgical Co-ordinator: Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:  
(i) Church Of Sts Peter & Paul - for contributions /donations for on-going maintenance of our Church or parish projects and Mass offerings; (ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund - for contributions/donations to our Church building fund; (iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation. (iv) 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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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11 September 2016 Year C

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 986

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I will leave this place and go to my father.**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 12 September - SAT 17 September 2016

**MON:** 1 COR 11:17-26, 33, LK 7:1-10 **TUE:** 1 COR 12:12-14, 27-31A, LK 7:11-17 **WED:** NM 21:4B-9, JN 3:13-17 **THU:** 1 COR 15:1-11, LK 2:33-35 **FRI:** 1 COR 15:12-20, LK 8:1-3 **SAT:** 1 COR 15:35-37, 42-49, LK 8:4-15

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 September

### The Lectionary for Mass

**First Reading:** The narrator of Exodus reports a dramatic conversation between God and Moses. God is displeased with the infidelity of the “stiff-necked” people and intends to bring punishment upon them. God sends Moses to make such an announcement. But Moses implores God to remember that they are “your own people” and reminds God of the promise to make this people a great nation. God listens to Moses and relents.

**Responsorial Psalm 51** is a petition for mercy from the Lord. The psalmist begs for reprieve from sin and guilt and professes belief in the compassion of God. In fact the psalmist pleads for transformation: “A clean heart create for me, O God.” This transformation will lead the psalmist to once again praise God and his contrite spirit will be a willing sacrifice to God.

**Second Reading:** Paul's autobiographical account to Timothy recalls his time of persecution of the

followers of Christ. But Paul gives thanks to the Lord for sending him the grace to change his life. He now believes that Christ came into the world to save sinners and he humbly counts himself as one of them. He then expresses gratitude that Christ Jesus considered him a trustworthy Apostle.

**Gospel:** Chapter 15 of Luke's account recounts three of the most familiar parables of Jesus. The lost sheep, the lost coin and the Prodigal Son attest to the mercy of God. Each notes the joy of the shepherd, the woman and the father, when the sheep, the coin and the son have been found. The compassion of God is personified in the actions of the shepherd, the woman and the father who seek out the lost.

## Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross – 14 September 2016

### About this Feast

God sent his Son into the world so that we might receive life and salvation. Today on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we proclaim the Good News that God transforms suffering and

death into new life. Our God is a God of victory who reigns victorious, even over the evil of death. As Christians, today we rejoice in the mystery of the Cross, which brings about our freedom, salvation and life.

### Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows – 15 September

#### Today's Memorial

This is a relatively modern celebration, included on the universal calendar only in 1814. The sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary begin with the prophecy of Simon at the Presentation at the Temple, when he tells her, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed: (Luke 2:34 – 35). In art, Our Lady of Sorrows has her heart pierced by seven swords, representing the seven sorrows of tradition and the prophecy of Simon.

#### Some Saints of the Week

### St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church – 13 September

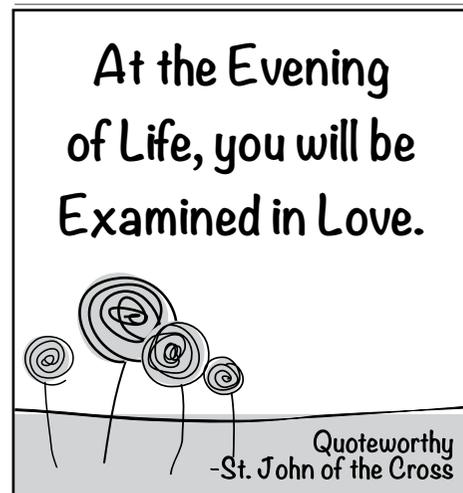
After a short stint as a monk, St. John Chrysostom (347 – 407), whose surname means "golden mouth", returned to Antioch where he was ordained a priest and became a noted preacher. During his free time he wrote commentaries on the Pauline letters as well as the Gospels of Matthew and John. Due to his reputation for preaching and writing, he was appointed Bishop of Constantinople. As bishop he initiated a program of reform that challenged clerical abuse and the extravagant lifestyle of the upper class. His reforms were not always received

well, especially on the part of Empress Eudoxia; therefore he was exiled from the city for a period of time. St. John Chrysostom bears two distinctive titles in the Church: Father of the Church and Doctor of the Church.

### Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

St. Cornelius († 253) and St. Cyprian († 258) lived during the persecution by the Emperor Decius. St. Cornelius, the pope, faced the issue of whether or not Christians who renounced their faith during the persecutions should be welcomed back into the Church. With great compassion he publicly declared that these individuals may return to the Church after a period of penance. St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, spent much of his life in hiding due to the persecutions, but this did not stop him from offering pastoral guidance and dispensing wisdom to the people of his diocese. Through letters he urged the people to remain faithful to their Christian call. Both Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian shared the same fate – a martyr's death.

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#### PARISH NEWS

**MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED** Mass 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 Thur 22 Sept '16 at 7.20am and 5.30pm.

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be held on Saturday 24 Sept '16 at 2.30pm 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 Sat 17 Sept '16.

**SPP CATECHIST RECRUITMENT** - We are in dire need of 6 Primary and 5 Secondary Catechists to assist with the faith formation and development of the children and teenagers of SPP. Anyone who wishes to help out, please call/SMS Moses at 90092226 for more information.

**CHURCH OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL BUILDING FUND** – An estimate of 30% of items in the church conservation project is deemed strictly as "conservation works" and we have already raised \$2,986,565/- from the account "PMF - Church of Sts Peter and Paul". The figure above is sufficient to cover 30% of items being conserved; raising more than 30% through this account (PMF- Church of Sts Peter & Paul) means that the balance will have to remain in this account until another conservation project has been initiated. Further, the funds raised through the above account cannot be used for maintenance other than conservation works. As such, we have ceased to accept tax exemption donations for the restoration of our church. However, we hope that you will continue to donate generously to our Building Fund for many other maintenance works. From now onwards, crossed cheques should be made payable to: Church of SPP Building

Fund. Donor may provide his/her name, address and contact phone no. Thank you for your generous donations and support.

**DAILY PRAYER** - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every weekday at 7.00am before the 7.20am Mass.

#### NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**FEAST OF ST PIO OF PIETRELCINA** - It will be celebrated on Friday 23 Sept '16 from 6.00pm at Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Theme: Sharing in the Mystery of Christ's Cross. Enquiries: Joseph 98248941, Maria Chang 98561975, Amy Loo 94516603. All are welcome.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT OF DISCUSSION – CREED ON THE STREET (COTS 6).** The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues. This session will be on 26 Sept '16 (Mon); 7:30pm to 9:30pm; level 3, Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. Topic: "Technology – a help or hindrance in our relationship with God and others?" For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore-org](http://www.caritas-singapore-org) or email to [youngadults@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:youngadults@caritas-singapore.org)

**"WHAT'S WRONG WITH MY CHILD?"** Crucial signs not to ignore in youth. Clarity's ED, Mr Fred Cordeiro will amongst the speakers. If you have youths aged between 16 - 30 years old and want to learn how to identify early signs of psychosis in youth, join us at a public forum for caregivers on 10 Sept, Sat, 2.00-5.00pm at The Grassroots' Club. This forum is supported by IMH and co-organised by EPIP and CHAT. Closing date: 31 Aug. Fees: \$10 per person. For enquires email to [epipevents@gmail.com](mailto:epipevents@gmail.com) or call 6389 2972. Register now!