

## 24<sup>th</sup> January 2010 – Third Sunday in ordinary time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### "Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee"

What would you give to be filled with the knowledge of God's truth and goodness? The four gospels point us to the very source of truth itself in the person of Jesus Christ. Luke's gospel, especially his introduction, is somewhat unique among the four gospels. Luke speaks in the first person. He addresses his friend, Theophilus, a name which means "beloved of God". In so many words he says, I am writing to you the most incredible story humankind has known. And this story is utterly believable because it comes from reliable firsthand witnesses who knew Jesus personally, heard his teaching, saw his miracles, and witnessed his death, resurrection, and ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven. The word "gospel" literally means "good news". The gospel is the good news of Jesus Christ and the freedom he has won for us through his death and resurrection. The gospel is God's word for us today! It's a living word that has power to change and transform lives, and bring freedom and healing to those who receive it as the word of God. Do you want to be changed and transformed by God's living word? Listen to his Son and receive his word with expectant faith and trust.

Luke tells us that Jesus began his public ministry in his own land of Galilee where he was raised as a child. Jesus' first public words in his hometown synagogue amazed both his family and townspeople. It was customary for the president of the synagogue to call on different people each week to read from the Hebrew bible and say a few words. Jesus read the text from the prophet Isaiah that explained how the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to those oppressed by sin and evil (see Isaiah 61:1-2). Jesus commented that he himself would fulfill this prophecy. Only a madman or the Messiah would dare to make such a claim! Jesus not only got their startled attention, he awoke in his people fresh hope that God would indeed fulfill his promises to them. Luke tells us that the people received Jesus' words favorably and wondered what would become of "Joseph's son". In Jesus we see the grace of God in action. His gracious words bring hope, joy, and favor to all who were ready to receive him. Are you hungry for God's word?

Jesus came for our sake and for our salvation. He came to set us free from the worst tyranny possible – slavery to sin and the fear of death, and the eternal destruction of both body and soul. God's power alone can save us from emptiness and poverty of spirit, from confusion and error, and from hopelessness and the fear of annihilation. The gospel of salvation is "good news" for us today. Do you know the joy and freedom of the gospel?

"Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us grace, truth, life, and freedom. Fill me with the joy of the gospel and inflame my heart with burning love for you and zeal for your word."

# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

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### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:30am, 5:00pm (Novena); 6:00pm (Sunset Mass)  
Sunday: 6:45am; 8am(Mandarin); 9:30; 11:15am & 6pm  
Weekdays: 6:30am & 6pm  
Public Holidays: 9am only  
2nd Saturday: 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog) (There is no Tagalog Mass in February)

### Readings for the Week

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Acts 22:3-16	Ps 117:1bc, 2	Mk 16:15-18
Tue 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Tm 1:1-8	Ps96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 1	Mk 3:31-35
Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Sm 7:4-17	Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30	Mk 4:1-20
Thu 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14	Mk 4:21-25
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11	Mk 4:26-34
Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Mk 4:35-41

**INFANT BAPTISMS** are celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of each month held in the chapel, except during the season of Lent. Please register at the parish office

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements for a Church wedding should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend either a Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or an Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms and booking of wedding date at the parish office.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jumble Sales group is seeking volunteers to sort and pack donated items i.e. clothes, books, shoes, bags etc. every Monday between 12noon & 3pm.

### CHURCH CLEANING (Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed - Every Wednesday & Saturday 9.00am

**FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES**

Ms Jackie (Appointment coordinator). Please call after office hours: 9797 8319

**FREE LEGAL COUNSELLING CLINIC.** Please contact the parish office.

**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** For cancer patients / caregivers call:  
Patrick 9728 7425 or Theresa 9681 9205

**Neighbourhood**

Tampines CNG

Rosary Devotion on Thur, 28th Jan  
8.30pm, at the home of Mdm Treasa  
Pereira, Blk 277 Tampines St 22 #05-176.  
All are welcome. Enquiries: David Tan  
9647 4563.

**SIMEI CNG**

Rosary prayer - Thursday 21 January at  
8.15p.m at the home of Daniel & Lucy Tan,  
Blk 117 Simei St.1 #08-540. All are  
welcome. Enquires: Daniel Tan 97522402

**HOLY FAMILY SHRINE** will be at Eddie & Isabel Navarro Blk 186 Pasir Ris S t 11 #06-72  
from 25-Jan to 31-Jan *Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 9746-5678/ 9437-2526*

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**POWERHOUSE** - Praying the rosary for families by Rosary Devotion Group in the chapel  
at 8pm. All are welcome

**RCIA CHINESE** 7:45pm in the hall

**TUESDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> Jan****CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY**

Talk on 26 Jan - Breaking of the Word at 8pm in the Chapel. All are invited.

**Prayer for Priests** – 5pm in the Chapel. All are invited

**Christian Meditation** – Room 16 at 8pm

**RCIA ENGLISH** 7:45pm in the parish hall.

**WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan**

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY** - "First Corinthians" 7:30–10pm in room 12

**FRIDAY 28<sup>nd</sup>** – Divine Mercy devotion in the Chapel at 8pm. All are welcome

**EXCO MEETING** is held on the 25<sup>th</sup> of Jan at 8pm in Room 19. Please note that  
attendance is compulsory.

**PCI (PASTORAL CARE OF THE INFIRMED)** Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of Jan at 8pm  
in Room 19, for all members including Eucharistic Ministers who are giving  
communion to the sick/aged. Attendance is compulsory.

**CATECHISM CLASS** – Please note that Catechism classes will resume on the 19<sup>th</sup> of  
February 2010

**TAGALO MASS** – Please note that there is **NO Tagalog Mass in February**, Mass will  
resume in March.

**OLD PALM LEAVES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY** – If you have old palm leaves, you can  
return to the church for us to burn and use it on Ash Wednesday.

**WARDENS RECRUITMENT** – Many from Pasir Ris have left us and went to Divine Mercy  
Parish. We are short of wardens; we cordially invite parishioners to join the Wardens.  
Please contact Paul @ 96863866 or Markus @ 98351003 or leave your name and contact  
number at the secretariat.

**Haiti Earthquake** The recent earthquake in Haiti has caused massive destruction and  
loss of human life. To date the death toll is estimated to exceed 70,000 and it continues to  
rise. Let us pray in solidarity for all those who have been displaced and are much in need.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), a member of Caritas Internationalis (CI) is coordinating  
much of the Church's response to this disaster. More information on their efforts can be  
found on the bulletin board.

The Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination Team (ACCT) in Singapore is working with CI and  
CRS to provide financial support from its Disaster Aid fund. Those who wish to donate to  
the Fund can send a crossed cheque made payable to "Disaster Aid Fund" to: ACCT  
(Attn: Jerry Ow), 2 Highland Road LG-01, Singapore 549102.

**AT-HOME RETREAT 2010: JOURNEY FROM ASHES TO EASTER**

*A ten-week program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola which  
enables one to know Jesus Christ more intimately in the midst of the daily routine of life. It  
includes a weekly meeting of faith sharing, invites one to daily prayer using Scripture, and  
spiritual direction.*

Facilitator: Cenacle Sisters and Team

2 choices:

1) Venue: CANA the Catholic Center, 55 Waterloo Street

Date: Ten Fridays from 19<sup>th</sup> Feb to 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

2) Venue: Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 200 Boon Lay Ave

Date: Ten Wednesdays from 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to 21Apr

Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Registration required. Contact the Cenacle Sisters Tel. 6565-2895, 9722-3148,  
cenaclesisters@yahoo.com.sg

**Knowing our religion****Baptism (Godparents)**

We are often confronted with questions like "Can my best friend, girlfriend, boyfriend or  
Aunty be my Godparent?"

No formal qualifications are needed to become a Godparent.

The basic requirement is that the would-be godparent must be a baptised Catholic.

He/she should also be Confirmed.

It is important that he/she must be a practising Catholic because in the case of Infant  
Baptism, in the absence of the child's parents he/she is obliged to instruct the child  
concerning his faith and morals. And it is also important that the would-be Godparent  
has the intention of really fulfilling the obligations of a parent if the child's parent is not  
around.

**Can we have as Godparent, a Christian who is non-Catholic?**

It may seem like a convincing argument that as Christians, we all refer to a similar bible  
and pray to the same God and to the same Jesus. But this is where the similarity ends.  
The Christians have among other things a different concept of... the Holy Eucharist, the  
Reconciliation, the status of our Blessed Mother and the saints and the observance of  
the various sacraments that we follow as Catholics. Their attitudes and their practice  
of the faith is vastly different from ours and that makes them unsuitable to be Godparents  
for our Catholic Neophytes and our newly baptised.

*to be continued.....*