

31st January 2010 – Third Sunday in ordinary time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31—13:13

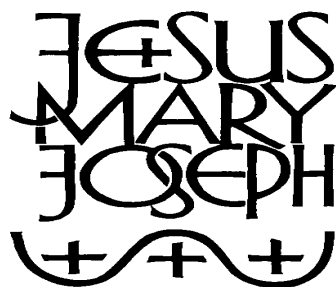
Lk 4:21-30

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?"

Meditation: How can we fight fear with faith? Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: *Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?* Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, and temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: *"It is I, do not be afraid."*

What are the characteristics of faith and how can we grow in it? Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. Believing is only possible by grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and who opens the eyes of the mind to understand and accept the truth, which God has revealed to us. Faith enables us to relate to God rightly and confidently, with trust and reliance, by believing and adhering to his word, because he is utterly reliable and trustworthy. If we want to live, grow, and persevere in faith, then it must be nourished with the word of God. Fear does not need to cripple us from taking right action or rob us of our trust and reliance on God. Courage working with faith enables us to embrace God's word of truth and love with confidence and to act on it with firm hope in God's promises. The love of God strengthens us in our faith and trust in him and enables us to act with justice and kindness towards our neighbor even in the face of opposition or harm. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and mind, and to move your will to choose what is good in accordance with his will?

"Lord Jesus, increase my faith in your redeeming love and power that I may always recognize your abiding presence with me. And give me courage to do your will in all circumstances."



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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 1 st Feb	2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13	Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Mk 5:1-20
Tue 2 nd Feb	Mal 3:1-4	Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10	Lk 2:22-40
Wed 3 rd Feb	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17	Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7	Mk 6:1-6
Thu 4 th Feb	Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12	1 Ch 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd	Mk 6:7-13
Fri 5 th Feb	Sir 47:2-11	Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51	Mk 6:14-29
Sat 6 th Feb	1 Kgs 3:4-13	Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14	Mk 6:30-34

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 Prayer on Thur, 4th Feb 8.15pm,
at the home of Mdm Treasa Pereira,
Blk 277 Tampines St 22 #05-176. All are
welcome. Enquiries: David Tan 96474563.

SIMEI CNG

Rosary Prayer - Thursday 4th Feb at
8.15p.m at the home William & Cecilia
Wan, Blk 130 Simei St.1 #11-244. All are
welcome. Enquiries: Daniel Tan 97522402

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE will be at Marlene & Gerald Wright Blk 412 Tampines St 41 #02-271 from 1st Feb to 7th Feb *Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 9746-5678/ 9437-2526*

Monday 1st Feb

Holy Hour – 1st February Monday in the Chapel at 8pm "My soul will not rest unless it rests on You, my Lord!" A time of prayer and reflection for those who want to spend time with God. All are welcome!

RCIA CHINESE 7:45pm in the hall

TUESDAY, 2nd Feb**CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY**

Mass 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, 3rd Feb

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

FRIDAY 5th Feb – Divine Mercy devotion in the Chapel at 8pm. All are welcome

Seminarians Attachment: We welcome Bro Samuel Lim from Singapore and Bro Anthony Liew who will be attached to our parish for pastoral exposure.

Warden's Youth Mission: Our Youth Wardens are planning a trip to Vietnam for Mission in March. They are having fund raising next weekend for their trip. Please give them your generous support.

Evergreen Pot Luck: Will be held on the 6th of Feb at 7pm. You are requested to come in red dress or cherry blossom motifs.

CATECHISM CLASS – Please note that Catechism classes will resume on the 19th of February 2010

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.

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

CHINESE NEW YEAR MASS – Please note that the time for Sunset Mass and Novena will be changed. Novena will be at 4.30pm and Mass at 5.15pm. Masses for the Sunday will be the same. Oranges will be distributed on Sunday which is Chinese New Year Day.

INFANT BAPTISM FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY – Will be changed to the 3rd week, which is on the 21st Feb at 4pm in the Chapel.

LECTORS RECRUITMENT – We are encouraging more young adults to join the Lectors and especially men to join the ministry. If you are interested please get a form from the secretariat

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.

DIOCESAN VOCATION RECOLLECTION – Theme: "Be perfect, jus as your heavenly Father is perfect". Do you need to be perfect to answer God's Call? 26th Feb (7.30pm) to 27th Feb (2pm). Eligibility: Single Male Catholic with at least "A" level qualification or equivalent. Registration: seminariansonline@gmail.com

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.

Knowing our religion**Baptism** (Godparent)

When your Godparent changed direction, and is no longer a Catholic, where does that leave you?

You have a choice of choosing another Godparent when you turn 16, upon your Confirmation. And at that age, you are an "adult Christian" and you are expected to be capable of choosing a mentor, or someone, whose character or personal qualities you admire. Reading about the saints and how they live their faith would provide some clues, in choosing a good Godparent.

To Godparents: Do you remember the promise you made during the baptism of your godchild, "...to help the parents...in their duty as Christian parents"?. If you have lost your godchild would you not go in search of him/her and lead him/her back to Jesus?

To Godchildren (adults): If you know that your godparent is lost, weak or wavering in his/her faith, would you not gently lead him/her back to Jesus?

Saints names were compulsory to use when a child or an adult is being baptized. Today the church allows us to use our own name or names that are not from the Saint. We used to choose Saints name because we want to take them as our role models. Today the church allows to use our own name and hoping that one day we will be able to find a new saint like "St Ah Koh or St Ah Kow"

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