

CATHOLIC LAWYERS' GUILD PRO BONO LEGAL CLINIC

In view of the COVID-19 situation, the Pro-Bono Legal Clinic run by the Catholic Lawyers Guild in our parish every 4th Monday of the month at Emmaus House at 7.00pm shall be conducted on the telephone to allow the service to continue. The next clinic is scheduled for **23rd March 2020 at 7.00 pm**. Applicants must pre-register either at the parish office or at <https://clgsingapore.com/pro-bono-legal-clinic/pro-bono-clinic-registration/>. Please note that in the circumstances walk in applicants regrettably cannot be entertained.

ADULT CONFIRMATION 2020

Because of the prevailing Covid-19 situation, the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation scheduled for the 3rd May 2020, will have to be postponed to a later date which we will announce when the present virus situation stabilizes. Therefore the four preparatory sessions that were originally scheduled to be held will be cancelled and moved to a later date.

In the meanwhile adults who have been baptised but not confirmed may apply for confirmation using the Church of the Holy Family Adult Confirmation Form available from the Parish office. Submit the form to the office together with a copy of your baptism certificate (and marriage certificate, if married).

We will inform you later of the date of confirmation and the four preparatory sessions that are compulsory to prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

HFC'S LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION (DOR) GOES ONLINE!

In view of the COVID-19 situation, our Parish has decided to take our Lenten Day of Recollection (DOR) online.

This will allow you to do the Lenten recollection anytime during the season of Lent. It will also allow you and your Family members/Friends/Parish groups to do this as a Group in the comfort of your homes or any other suitable locations.

To get a copy of the e-guide, do register on our parish's website <http://www.holyfamily.org.sg/>. You will then receive an email from us on the links to the material and video to further deepen your reflection and help you grow in faith.

2020 LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS "COMMUNION IN GROWTH"

Copies of Lenten Reflection booklets are still available at the Church entrances. Please take a copy of the booklet for your household from one of the Church's entrances. It is also available online at: tinyurl.com/onelent2020.



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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.15 am (Mondays to Saturdays)

6.15 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

8.30 am (Public Holidays)

Saturday Sunset Masses:

6.00 pm (English) 8.00 pm (Mandarin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 9.15 & 11.30 am & 6.00 pm

(Confession 30 minutes before weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

Adoration Room

Columbarium

Infant Baptism

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Meditation Classes

Divine Mercy

Family Rosary

Family Eucharistic Adoration

Weddings

Mon – Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun | Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Mon–Fri: 6.00am to 7.00pm | Sat: 6.00am to 9.00pm

Sunday: 7.00am to 7.00pm | Public Holidays: 8.00am to 12noon

*Please refer to **Church website** or the **Secretariat Office** for dates.*

Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Every Sunday, 11.30am Mass

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Church Function Hall

Tuesdays/Thursday 8pm : Wednesdays 7.30pm

Every Friday, 7pm @ Main Church

1st Saturday of every month, 3.30–4pm @ Main Church

1st Saturday of every month, 4–5pm @ Adoration Room

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020 – Year A
 Sunday Missal Page No: 269



OPEN OUR EYES

Today Jesse's son David is called from his flock to serve the Lord and shepherd his people. Today Jesus opens the eyes of a man to the wonders of belief in God's Son. God also calls us from our ordinary work and opens our eyes through baptism to insight into his mighty works. He calls on us to believe, to worship and then to follow the Lord Jesus, his Son. We are made new, enlightened children of the light of God. We must discover what the Lord wants of us. Do we dare follow where Jesus leads us? Do you?

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend — 29 Mar

Ez 37:12-14

Rom 8:8-11

Jn 11:1-15

MESSAGE

My Dear Parishioners, Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

I write to let you all know that I, together with Fr Stanley and Fr Alphonsus, am praying for you in this terrible time of Covid-19. We miss being with you all at the Eucharistic celebrations and at the various parish activities. I never imagined that I would ever miss you all so much. The most painful is that we are not able to meet personally as a community for worship and fellowship. But we need to go through this pain for the common good of our church and society at large.

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ, we are indeed in difficult times emotionally and physically. But we must not let this difficult situation get us down. This is a good opportunity for us to act as faithful and loving disciples of Christ and staunch and ardent Catholics.

There is much that we can do. We can offer help to one another, especially those most in need. It is a time where we can reflect on our spiritual life to lift our spirits in prayer and reading and reflecting on the Word of God. In this special time of Lent, we can do our Lenten Reflections personally and with our families. Please make use of the Booklets "Communion in Growth" we gave you. We have also posted on our parish website an online Lenten Retreat entitled "Living Water" which I hope and pray will be really beneficial to you and your family this extraordinary Lent. Our catechists are doing their best to reach out to our children through online catechism sessions. This would be a wonderful opportunity for you parents to journey with your children in the development of their faith and in the building up of your own.

At the heart of our Catholic life is not the rituals, which can be dispensed with in certain circumstances. At the heart of our Catholic life is our personal relationship with Christ which can never be dispensed with. This is a good time for us to grow in our personal relationship with Christ. This virus is showing us the futility of a dependent relationship on material things. It is so transient and so easily destructible. Our relationship with Jesus is what will not destroy us. It will open to us the deeper meaning of life and living the wonderful way of Jesus, which not only can never be destroyed, but actually is the answer to deepest desires in our life. This gives the celebration of our rituals their true and deepest meaning.

While we may not be able to come together physically, we can come together spiritually during the online Masses and pray for each other and the community. I would also like to encourage all our families in the parish to pray every day as a family. Make time as a family for God. The family that prays together stays together.

I intend to communicate with you all regularly to share the word of God and spiritual reflections with you as well as keep you updated on what is going on in the Parish.

I would like to take this opportunity to address a number of issues regarding parish activities that are affected because of the unfortunate prevailing conditions due to Covid-19.

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Suspension of Masses: All masses will continue to be suspended till further notice. This is throughout the Archdiocese in Singapore. We don't expect masses to resume for some time. The government has already advised that we should avoid gatherings of more than 250 people in order to stem the spread of infections. Please continue to follow the on-line masses on weekends and weekdays at www.catholic.sg/mass.

Suspension of small group gatherings. As advised by the Archdiocese, we should avoid small group gatherings and Masses. As such, all ministries are asked not to have formal gatherings including meetings. This will also include NCC Masses. Many parishioners have enquired of the possibilities of NCC Masses. Unfortunately, such Masses will have a number of people attending and could lead to infections, so we will not have NCC Masses.

Penitential Service: Given the serious situation of the Covid-19 contagion and with the rising number of infections, His Grace, Archbishop William Goh has instructed all parishes to suspend Penitential Services in the Archdiocese. For more information please visit our Archdiocese website at www.catholic.sg

Weddings and Funerals: Weddings and Funerals are allowed. However, parishioners requesting for these Masses must be responsible for temperature taking, contact tracing information and social distancing. Parishioners will also be required to keep the attendance at such Masses to a minimal in order to avoid large gatherings. Enquiries should be made at the Parish Office.

Donations to the Church: Weekend Mass collections have been a very meaningful way for our parishioners to contribute towards the welfare and well-being of the parish community and to contribute towards the funds required to run the parish including maintenance of the parish, payment of staff, procuring various supplies and equipment and utilities. With the suspension of Masses, these contributions have been greatly reduced. We have been circulating an info graphic to inform parishioners of how they can make donations to the church. If you have not seen this, you make your donations in these ways:

By Cheque: Payable to "Church of The Holy Family". You can send by mail or drop off your cheque at the Parish Office.

By Cash: Place your contribution in the Donation boxes at the church entrances or drop off at the Parish Office.

By PayNow: Key in UEN: T08CC4048E. Enter Reference: Mass Collection

Donations to SSVP: The Society of St Vincent de Paul is also in need of donations. Please give generously in any of these ways:

By Cheque: Payable to "Society of St Vincent de Paul Holy Family Conference. Mail to c/o Church of the Holy Family, 6 Chapel Road, Singapore 429509.

By Cash: Please write on the envelope: Donation to SSVP and hand the envelope to Parish Office.

By PayNow Donations: UEN Code: S61SS0149BNCS

God Bless

Fr Eugene Vaz