

**BRIEF FINANCIAL FOR SSVF HOLY FAMILY CHURCH CONFERENCE  
FOR MONTH OF APRIL 2020:**

- a) Amount collected through First Sunday-2nd Collections : \$ 0.00
- b) Donations received (up to 29 April): \$ 4,790.00
- c) Amount disbursed: \$ 18,760.25

**AN URGENT PLEA FOR DONATIONS  
Our poor need your continued support**

We are humbled and grateful to the tremendous response to our first appeal for donations. You gave us \$614,000 from March 3—31st. Given the ongoing pandemic and continues suspension of masses, we will need a further S\$3m to meet the basic needs of the poor till the end of the year. We once again appeal to your kindness and generosity to meet that target. Many lives have been turned upside down by the current crisis and we anticipate more coming forward to seek our help. Please help them tide over this crisis.

PayNow Donations: UEN Code: S61SS0149BNCS

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**DONATIONS TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Parishioners who wish to continue their weekly donations may consider sending your cheque favouring **Church of the Holy Family**.

Alternatively you may also send via PayNow. Please enter **T08CC4048E** Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "Church of The Holy Family" and in the reference, type **Mass Collection**.

For more information, please refer to Church of the Holy Family website <http://holyfamily.org.sg>.

Additional instructions on how to use PayNow is available on <https://www.catholic.sg/offertory>.

**MOTHER'S DAY 2020**

Today we celebrate Mother's Day. It is a day to honor all Mothers who have touched and made a difference in our lives. We thank God for the gift of Mother Mary and our earthly Mothers.



**Wishing all Mothers a Happy & Blessed Mother's Day.**



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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) & 6.00 pm (Latin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 8.30 am & 6.00 pm

**POSTPONED**  
(Collection 30 minutes before weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

**DIVINE MERCY - Every Friday @**

**7.00pm in Main Church**

Adoration Room

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

Columbarium

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

Infant Baptism

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

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6.00pm & Sunday, 11.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday @ Church Function Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesday & Wednesday: Wednesdays 7.30pm

Divine Mercy

Every Friday @ Main Church

Family Rosary

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

Family Eucharistic Adoration

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

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

**5th Sunday of Easter**

May 14, 2020– Year A

Sunday Missal Page No:

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**THE WAY**

Philip says: "Show us the Father, and that will be satisfied." Through Jesus, God acts in a human manner and humans can see God in the Christ born for that purpose. Therefore, "who sees me, sees the Father." Jesus reveals he is the way, the truth, and the life that opens us to the Father's presence. Jesus is also the corner-, the living- and the key-stone on which we are thrust and by which we are held in place. In him, we are called out of the darkness and into wonderful light, the light of God's presence.

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend –17 May**

Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17      1 Pt 3: 15-18      Jn 14: 15-21

## **MESSAGE FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 2020**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Church

This Sunday's Gospel text (Jn 14:1-12) points out that we must trust Jesus our Risen Lord for He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. Indeed, our leaders and authorities need lots of guidance and wisdom from God as they are poised to prepare the exit strategies from the 'Circuit Breaker Measures' not withstanding unforeseen circumstances.

It is interesting to note that Jn 14 is right after the Washing of Feet and the Last Supper (Jn 13). The apostles were shocked and confused when they experienced these actions as these had never happened before. It was in these settings that Jesus tells them to 'Trust in God still and trust in me' (Jn 14:1b).

It was the eve of His own Passover but we find Him taking the trouble to take away fears from his friends' troubled hearts. Just hours before His own arrest, humiliation, torture, unjust trial and execution, He Himself trust in the power and love of the Father who keeps on calling each one of us 'out of darkness into his wonderful light' (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading; 1Pt 2:9).

Not only has He revealed Himself as the Way to the Father, He wants to accompany us to the Father for it only through Him, our Gate that we enter our Father's house which has many rooms specially prepared for us. No worries about overcrowding and issues about safe-distancing.

He has poured out on us the Spirit of Truth which we can follow with full trust and confidence. In the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, the early Church saw the need for a special group of Church Ministers, the Deacons, and the Holy Spirit provided the Church much needed wisdom to inaugurate this Ministry. These days, we need the outpouring of the Holy Spirit to impart charisms and gifts to us so as to help us figure out fresh directions and newness of purpose as we strive to outrun the COVID-19 virus.

We, the living stones of House of God must remain anchored firmly on the Corner Stone for He passes to us the key to unlock Life-giving support as we put on standby plans to re-connect with those who are lost and re-ignite relationships and friendship with those we have not seen for quite a while. Also, just as we have drawn sustenance from our own respective mothers while we were still in their wombs, let us remember them in our prayers on the occasion of Mothers' Day this weekend.

10th May is the feast day of St John of Avila who was declared a Doctor of the Church in 2010. Moreover, it is also the feast day of the biblical Job the the feast day of St Walter while 12<sup>th</sup> May is the feast day of Neureus and Achilleus; and St Pancras of Rome.

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13th May is commemorates Our Lady of Fatima and it is the feast day of St Agnes of Poitiers. 14th May is the Feast of St Matthias the Apostle and feast day of Pope St Pascal I. 15th May is the feast day of St Isidore the Farmer while 16th May marked the feast day of Blessed Simon Stock and St Brendan who is the Patron Saint of Sailors.

Let us sailed through this Pandemic safely relying on the assurance given by the Response of today 'May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you' (Ps 32:22). Alleluia!

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG

Assistant Parish Priest

## **SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING**

Pope Francis has endorsed the call to "the believers of all the religions to unite together spiritually on 14 May 2020 in a day of prayer and fasting, to implore God to help humanity overcome the coronavirus pandemic."

He also encouraged international cooperation to respond to the crisis, and emphasized the importance that scientific efforts to find a vaccine be put together in "a transparent and disinterested way" and that "the essential technologies be made universally available" so that every infected person may be able to receive the medical care needed.

The appeal calls on believers in God worldwide to hold "a day for fasting, prayers, and supplications" on 14 May 2020.

He focused on these two issues when he addressed a virtual global audience by Vatican Media from the library of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace at midday on Sunday, 3 May 2020.

In his address, he repeated the call for an interreligious day of prayer saying, "Remember, 14 May, all believers together, believers of the different [religious] traditions, to pray, to fast, and to do works of charity."

The proposal for this worldwide day of prayer came originally from the High Committee for Human Fraternity, which was established in September 2019 as a concrete response to the Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together signed by Pope Francis and Sheikh Ahmed el-Tayeb, Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, during the pope's visit to the United Arab Emirates in February 2019.

As the pope endorsed that call today he explained that "since prayer is a universal value, I accepted its proposal [for this day of prayer]."