

## JUNE 2020 BRIEF FINANCIALS FOR SSVP

Brief financial for SSVP Holy Family Church Conference for month of June 2020:

- a) Amt collected thru First Sunday-2nd Collections : \$ 0.00
- b) Donations received (up to 30 June): \$ 1,800
- c) Amt disbursed in June: \$ 22,905.40

### 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.

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

Cheque Donations: "SSVP NC Singapore"

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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>.

### CAREER COUNSELLING FOR PMES

Conducted by Catholic Business Network on career guidance, work-place well-being and career transitions. Make your appointment by scanning the QR code or call 9111-7325 or email [admin@cbn.sg](mailto:admin@cbn.sg). Also available via zoom meeting. Please note there will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs. All PMEs are welcome.



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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) (at St. Martin)

Sunday Masses:

7.15, 8.30 am & 6.00 pm

**(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 @ 7.30pm ; 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



### **MY YOKE IS EASY**

Jesus wants us to take up His burden as He takes up ours. "My yoke is easy and my burden light," He says. His burden, the cross, is a way of life. Our own burdens are better shared with the One who leads us to salvation. The Father has entrusted all to Jesus, His son, who leads us home. God invites us to His table, the Eucharist.

14th Sunday in Ordinary  
Time

July 5, 2020 – Year A

Sunday Missal Page No: 527

### **Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 12 July**

Is 55:10-11    Rom 8:18-23    Mt 13:1-23

## **MESSAGE FOR THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ORDINARY SUNDAY, YEAR A, 2020**

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Family

We are poised to re-open our Church for Mass as from next weekend (11th / 12th July 2020) onwards. Masses were suspended for 5 months as part of our country's principal strategy of 'Containment' to combat the Pandemic. Measures such as Circuit Breaker, Safe-Distancing, Reduce D-I-D (Duration – Intensity – Density) etc are concrete manifestations of this 'Containment' approach.

The COVID-19 virus is still raging fiercely in many parts of the world. By this weekend, total confirmed cases would cross the 11 millionth mark worldwide and number of deaths have already crossed the half-millionth mark worldwide.

The basic thrust of Containment is to slow down the daily infection rate since this virus is super-infectious but downside collateral is that most of what we are accustomed to in our daily routines are taken out of our hands suddenly. This causes quite massive rupture, disruption and dislocation of our usual routine daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly and all our plans for the rest of the year. We may feel that we have been zoomed off to another planet to stay without warning and any adequate preparation. All these are compounded by job losses and subsequent severe economic hardship.

Compared to the 'Herd Immunity' approach which was used by some European countries and that turned out to be catastrophic in terms of lives lost and occupying pole positions for the total number of infections, whereas the 'Containment' approach helps to minimise the loss of lives as well as the total accumulated infections so that as many as possible can escape infection. Such fortunate people which include most if not all of us also escape suffering secondary post recovery medical issues, arising from COVID-19, which can be chronic. In addition, the healthcare infrastructure is not overwhelmed and this allows for capacity to render attention to other major illnesses.

Perhaps, another approach to be considered is to embark on Mass Testing for everyone twice a month. In Wuhan, the first epicentre of the Pandemic, after the lockdown was lifted, there was a flare-up within 2 weeks. The authorities decided to test everyone and they have tested 9.9 million people in 2 weeks with the help of 65 laboratories. Just about 300 were found to have been infected asymptotically. Life has returned to normal there.

From the 1st Reading of this Sunday we gain a rare glimpse of the Prophet Zechariah who wrote for his people who have just returned from Exile in Babylon. They too felt totally disoriented after having been relocated out of their comfort setting in Babylon to Jerusalem which was in ruins after being destroyed by the Babylonians earlier. They felt that they have landed on another planet.

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Prophet Zechariah sought to stimulate the faith of the Jews. He was concerned with the spiritual welfare of the people and urged all to rebuild the Temple as the centre of worship. His oracles are about principles and outlook that will ensure right action be taken holding out a hope for a coming age which is not immediately imminent. Here in this passage, the prophet speaks of a King entering Jerusalem 'on a colt, the foal of a donkey' signifying an inauguration of the reign of peace. This was fulfilled in Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and we celebrate it every year on Palm Sunday. Let us continue to persevere to pray for peace in our mind and heart so that we can remain calm and composed make the most of this difficult period as we move in tandem with the progressive easing of restrictions.

In the Gospel text, our Lord recommends that we take up no other yoke except His yoke which specially tailored for each one of us according to our conditions, circumstances and situations. A yoke is not just any kind of burden but a burden intended to produce work. We contemplate a yoke offered by Our Saviour as the necessary means towards spiritual liberation and enhanced spiritual interests (2nd Reading) and ultimately deepened our friendship and relationship with Jesus leading us to echo the Responsorial Psalm, " I will bless your name forever, O God my King". Since our Church will re-open for Mass next weekend, thus this weekly Reflection Column shall be suspended indefinitely after this issue. Nevertheless, let us remember each other in our prayers as we proceed with the authorities to come out of this Pandemic.

5th July is the feast day of St Anthony Zaccaria while 6th July is the feast day of St Dominica. 7th July is the feast day of St Ethel and 8th July is the feast day of St Priscilla and St Aquila. 9th July is the feast day of St Godfrey and St Jane Scopelli and St Augustine Zhao Rong while 10th July is the feast day of St Peter Tu. 11th July is the feast day of St Benedict and St Olga.

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG, Assistant Parish Priest

### **MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family, we had a meeting with Fr Adrian Yeo and Deacon Clement Chen on Wednesday 1st July.

We have agreed to effect the transfer of priests at Holy Family on 1st August 2020, as mandated by His Grace the Archbishop.

Fr Alphonsus and I will be in the parish till 31st July 2020.

We will be putting out our final message to the Parish on Sunday 26th July 2020.

We are, in the course of these weeks, in the process of packing and shifting and so may not be in the parish all the time. Please contact the parish office or Fr Stanislaus Pang for any emergency.

Thank you and God Bless!

Fr Eugene Vaz