

**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  
Cheque Donations: "SSVP NC Singapore"

Mailing Address:  
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7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh  
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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>.

**POSTPONEMENT OF 14-DAY "WALK IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST OF CHRIST"  
HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE TO NOV 2021**

We have to postpone this pilgrimage to **Nov 2021** due to the manifold short-term and medium-term uncertainties over travel restrictions, border controls and quarantine liabilities. We thank all those who have expressed interests and we look forward to your participation in 2021. May God keep you safe and bless you.



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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

(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 @ Main Church : 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*



4th Sunday of Easter  
May 3, 2020 – Year A  
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**GOOD SHEPHERD**

Peter preaches and the crowd asks, "What must we do?" The answer is direct: "Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins and you will receive the Holy Spirit." Jesus tells us he is our Good Shepherd, the gate to paradise. He calls each of us to help him continue his work in the Church. What will you do?

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend –10 May**

**Acts 6, 1-7    1 Pt 2, 4-9    Jn 14:1-12 (52)**

## **MESSAGE FOR THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 2020**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Church

On the 4th Sunday of Easter every year, the Church invites us to reflect on Risen Lord as the Good Shepherd and thus the Gospel Reading is taken from the Gospel of John Chapter 10 annually though a different passage is chosen each for Year A, B and C. For Year A, the text is taken from v1 – v10 where our Lord presents himself as the Gate, the Gatekeeper and the Shepherd who enters the Gate. He is all of the above so says St John Chrysostom.

He is our Protector and Shield as the Gatekeeper. In this period of the COVID-19 Pandemic, we need Him to keep us safe from the Corona virus, the Dengue virus and the Common Flu virus etc. The Gatekeeper is our Sentinel who can unmask trojan horses before they pass through the gate. One Singaporean epidemiologist who often appears on TV has used the term ‘trojan horses’ to ascribe the danger posed by asymptomatic cases.

He takes care of us personally as the Good Shepherd. He feeds us, nourishes us, heals us, consoles us, guides us, accompanies, leads us from the front, let His voice assures us all the time and even lay down His life for us. The Responsorial Psalm tells us that the Lord is my Shepherd and there is nothing else that I can find which is missing in my life. The Good Shepherd is all I ever need. The 2nd Reading reminds us to return to the Shepherd who is the guardian of our soul and His Holy Spirit helps us to locate answers to the question found in the 1st Reading, ‘What must we do...?’

He introduces us to the Father as the Gate. ‘Trust in God and still trust in me’; ‘There are many rooms in my Father’s House...I shall return...so that where I am you may be too’. ‘As I...myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me”.

At same time, we open the gates of our heart to Him for the Lord wants to be with us to help us to pull through this difficult time. We keep our gates open to His grace and power when we pray, lift up our needs to Him and offer petitions for our neighbours near and far.

The 4th Sunday of Easter, besides being called the Good Shepherd Sunday, is also called Vocation Sunday. Let us continue to pray for more vocations and we remember those especially who are still in formation namely Br Andrew Lin who used to be our Youth Full-timer and also Sr Amy of the Cenacle Sisters whose parents stay at Marine Crescent.

We also remember in our prayers those Religious Orders who have communities within our Parish boundaries. They are the La Salle Brothers, the IJ Sisters, the Good Shepherd Sisters and the Redemptorist Fathers.

3rd May is the Feast of the Apostles St James (the Less) and St Philip. 4th May is the feast day of St Florian of Linz (Austria) where I spent 6 weeks learning the basics of German language. 5th May is the feast day of St Angelus of Jerusalem

who was in the pioneering cluster of hermits at Mt Carmel. 6th May is the feast day of St Dominic Savio, the youngest canonized saint who is not martyred. 7th May is the feast day of St Rose Venerini. 8th May is the feast day of Pope St Boniface IV. 9th May is the feast day of St Hermas who is mentioned in Rom 16:14.

Let us be strong and stay focus on the Good Shepherd who has gone through all that we are going through now and we shall overcome our adversities. Alleluia!

God bless  
Fr Stanislaus PANG  
Assistant Parish Priest

## **LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE FAITHFUL FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2020**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The month of May is approaching, a time when the People of God express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is traditional in this month to pray the Rosary at home within the family. The restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this “family” aspect, also from a spiritual point of view.

For this reason, I want to encourage everyone to rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May. This can be done either as a group or individually; you can decide according to your own situations, making the most of both opportunities. The key to doing this is always simplicity, and it is easy also on the internet to find good models of prayers to follow.

I am also providing two prayers to Our Lady that you can recite at the end of the Rosary, and that I myself will pray in the month of May, in spiritual union with all of you. I include them with this letter so that they are available to everyone.

Dear brothers and sisters, contemplating the face of Christ with the heart of Mary our Mother will make us even more united as a spiritual family and will help us overcome this time of trial. I keep all of you in my prayers, especially those suffering most greatly, and I ask you, please, to pray for me. I thank you, and with great affection I send you my blessing.

Pope Francis  
25 April 2020

*Here's the link to the two prayers mentioned above:*

[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20200425\\_lettera-mesedimaggio.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200425_lettera-mesedimaggio.html)