

**BRIEF FINANCIAL FOR SSVP 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>.

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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

(Columbarium 30 minutes before weekend masses)

Novena: 5.00 pm Saturday

**DIVINE MERCY - Every Friday @**

**7.00pm in Main Church**

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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, 6pm @ Church Function Hall

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 7pm @ Church Function Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesday, 7pm @ Church Function Hall; Wednesdays 7.30pm

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7pm @ 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

**6th Sunday of Easter**

May 17, 2020 – Year A

Sunday Missal Page No:

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**OUR ADVOCATE**

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 – 24 May**

Acts 1: 12-14

1 Pt 4: 13-16

Jn 17: 1-11

## **MESSAGE FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A, 2020**

Dear Parishioners of Holy Family Church

In the Gospel text of this Sunday, Jesus mentioned the Holy Spirit in Jn 14 as (1) a Gift of God the Father, (2) another Advocate, and (3) the Spirit of Truth. You may observe that every year from the 5th Sunday of Easter onwards to the conclusion of the Easter Season at Pentecost where the outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place, the Gospel passages are selected from Jn 14 -17, our Lord's Farewell Discourse located at the end of the Last Supper. Here, our Lord wants to prepare his disciples for his eventual departure yet assure them that they won't be abandoned if they stay focus on prayer and putting into action the Lord's commandments. Hence, the Church likewise prescribes these texts for these few Sundays in order to help us to prepare to renew our friendship with the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is a Gift of God the Father just as Jesus is and everybody we know. We are reminded of this whenever the celebration for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is held when the presider pronounced on each confirmant, "Receive the Holy Spirit, the Gift of the Father". Besides, God gives us many blessings for our individual needs and growth, for the needs of our family, for the needs of our community, for the needs of the Church, for the needs of our country and for the needs of the world. In this time, there is an urgent need for God's wisdom to help all the virologists, immunologists, epidemiologists, pharmacologists and many other experts to work together all over the world to hasten our discovery of a vaccine to counter the Covid-19 virus.

In the 1st Reading, the Holy Spirit is also given to the Samaritans, estranged kin of the Jews. The Holy Spirit is not a gift just for the pioneer disciples but for every believer of Christ. The deacon Philip (feast day 11th Oct) has been inducted into this special ministry of the Church along with Stephen and 5 others as mentioned in last Sunday's 1st Reading. He travels to Samaria, preach the Gospel to them who after accepting the Word were prayed upon by Peter and John and the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit.

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The Holy Spirit is another Advocate for us just as Jesus Christ is our first Advocate who intercedes for all of us and reconciled us to the Father by His passion, death and resurrection. In the 2nd Reading, we are told that Christ who is innocent 'died for the guilty to lead us to God.' The Easter Sequence, too, echoes a parallel, '*Christus innocens Patri reconciiavit peccatores.*'

Pope St John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter *Dominum et Vivificantem 4*, "[The Spirit] will help people to understand the correct meaning of the content of Christ message...in the midst of changing conditions and circumstances... continue the same truth which the Apostles heard from their Master." The Spirit of Truth is to open the minds of believers so as to remember and understand the teachings and commandments of Jesus. Once again, the 2nd Reading tells us that 'in the Spirit, He was raised to life.'

17th May is the feast day of St Pascal Baylon. 18th May is the feast day of Pope St John I who died in AD 526 while 19th May is feast day of Pope St Celestine V and St Dunstan of Canterbury. 20th May is the feast day of St Bernardine, patron saint of Siena.

We celebrate the Lord's Ascension on Thursday 21st May, forty days after His resurrection. 22nd May is the feast day of St Rita and on 23rd May, we commemorate the Martyrs of Cappadocia.

The Response exhorts us to 'Cry out with joy to God all the earth' for 'He did not reject my prayer' (Ps 65:20). Alleluia!

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG

Assistant Parish Priest

## **DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM**

God is both the source of and reason for hope. Therefore, if we wish to live in hope, we must focus on God, not on our self. If we rely on our own strength in trying to practice hope, sooner or later we will fail and then fall into despair.... In the words of a great Catholic author, Fr. Leo Trese, 'A saint might be described as one who has the utmost distrust of his own strength, and the utmost confidence in God.'

—MIKE PACER  
from *Mercy and Hope*