

MAY 2020 BRIEF FINANCIALS FOR SSVP

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

- a) Amt collected thru First Sunday-2nd Collections : \$ 0.00
- b) Donations received (up to 31 May): \$ 1,955.62
- c) Amt disbursed: \$ 24,976

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"

Mailing Address:
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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>.

A CALL TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL (29 JUNE - 24 JULY 2020)

Attention all MOE educators! If you are interested in answering the call to teach in a Catholic School, or if you want to receive news and resources about Catholic education, join our mailing list. Fill up the form accessible via the QR code. MOE Open Posting Exercise: The Archdiocesan Commission for Catholic Schools (ACCS) has compiled a list of vacancies in our Catholic schools in 2021.

ACCS will email you the instructions to access this list.



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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 @ Church Function Hall

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 7.30pm @ Church Function Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesday, 7.30pm; Wednesday, 7.30pm

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7.00pm @ 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



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 21, 2020 – Year A
Sunday Missal Page No:
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FEAR NOT

Today, many continue to be persecuted simply because they are Christians. For us, who are not facing any persecution for our faith, we are also invited to hold onto the words of Jesus, "Do not be afraid..." as we face our own challenges and struggles. We do not need to be afraid because God is with us and His unending love will sustain us through and through.

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 28 June

2 Kgs 4, 8-11, 14-16a Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

MESSAGE FOR THE 12TH ORDINARY SUNDAY, YEAR A, 2020

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Holy Family

Positive developments have arrived for we just have welcomed Phase 2 of the easing of the containment Measures. Let us praise God for He has heard our prayers. The authorities have called Phase 2 a process to Phase 3 which means that there would be refinements and more broad-based easing along the way although U-turns cannot be ruled out.

Situations in China, South Korea and Japan have shown multiple flare-ups coming from unexpected sources are real, fast and furious. Phase 2 would take longer than the 30-day Phase 1 which was eventually shortened by one-third and this depends on improvements in the infection rates even as we are more exposed.

We have opened the Church for limited numbers of persons for short period of personal private quiet devotion to thank God for his care and concern during this Pandemic. You shall hear from us soon as possible on further developments.

The Readings of this Sunday direct our attention to the reality of evil and is apt in the context of our struggles against the grave effects of the COVID-19 which is an evil not just for its immediate and deadly pathogenic effects but also, the broader Public Health Crisis which precipitated many other crises both economic and social.

The 1st Reading invites to view the human trials and tribulation in the person of Prophet Jeremiah who remembers to cry out to God as his first recourse that some of his fellow Jews are doing him evil acts for they are conspiring to destroy him for what he has done in the name of God. He experienced resistance, persecution and betrayal. He appeals for protection from God and the Responsorial Psalm echoes his and our thirst for God's assurances, *In your great love, answer me, O God.*

The 2nd Reading links the process of the downward spiral of Sin leading to spiritual Death. Yet, the gift of our Saviour Jesus Christ overcome Death and this gift is freely available at all times and in abundance.

The Gospel text reminds us that there is another type of evil that can kill the soul. The source of which is the Evil One, the Devil called Satan in the Bible. Yet, Jesus at the start of the passage tells us, Do not be afraid and at the conclusion, He exhorts us turn to God always giving us the examples of a fallen sparrow and every hair on our heads that God is in the know of what is happening to us right now.

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In Theodicy which is simply the study of the presence of evil and God's response to it, there three broad categories of evil namely Physical Evil, Moral Evil and Spiritual Evil. Evil is defined the privation of Good ie any acts or effects that goes against the Good ie all those created by God the fullness of Good, Truth and Beauty. In the Book of Genesis, 'God created ... and it is good', occurring a few times in the 1st Chapter.

Physical Evil briefly refers to evil in the physical, material world such as natural disasters e.g. floods, droughts, typhoons, tsunamis, diseases including the current Pandemic, volcanic eruptions, climate change etc.

Moral Evil briefly refers to evil acts committed by human beings. It includes offences against the Ten Commandments, Crimes against Humanity such as War Crimes, Crimes against the Environment eg pollution, deforestation etc; basically imputable by civil or religious authorities. No doubt, moral acts can be a source of physical evil or spiritual evil and/or occur in parallel to the two Evils.

Also included would be situations influenced by human activities directly or indirectly such as plants and animals become extinct due loss of habitats; social inequalities due to imbalance in human progress resulting in formation of vulnerable groups etc. It hard to attribute such problems to any single individual or groups of people.

Spiritual Evil briefly refers to all acts directed against God, His Will, Plans and His agents. This Evil is attributed to the Devil and those on their own volition cooperated the Evil One.

Do Not be Afraid! The 2nd Reading and the Gospel gave us an authoritative assurance that we have Jesus Christ who suffered the cruelest of Moral Evil and Death but yet rise again and wants to gives us the grace continuously in our struggles to overcome Evil and in our battles to combat all forms of evils and injustice. One prayer that we can use to help us to work together with God and all good people is:

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your Holy Name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Deliver us and our souls from the hands of evil persons. Amen.

Owing to pressure of time, the Saints of the Day shall be given next week. Happy Father's Day to all fathers.

God bless

Fr Stanislaus PANG, Assistant Parish Priest