

JULY 2020 BRIEF FINANCIALS FOR SSVV

Brief financial for SSVV Holy Family Church Conference for month of July 2020:

- a) Amt collected thru First Sunday-2nd Collections : \$ 0.00
- b) Donations received (up to 29 July): \$ 14,190
- c) Amt disbursed in June: \$ 15,750.00

AN URGENT PLEA FOR DONATIONS

Our poor needs 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>.

HOLY FAMILY KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten registration is now open for parishioners, with children born in 2015 to 2018.

Kindly contact the office at Tel; 6440 4344 or email us at lss-cohf.principal@catholicpreschool.edu.sg on a first come first serve basis.



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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

(Columbarium 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** & **Secretariat Office** for dates.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6.00pm @ Church Function Hall

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



GOD'S TABLE

Nothing can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus Our Lord, Paul assures us. Today the Lord calls us to eat with him. He is so generous and overwhelming in hospitality that there are twelve baskets (one for each of the apostles) left over for the nourishment of the Church throughout time and space. The nourishment we receive from the Lord is not only food and drink, but also food for divine life. Welcome to the table of the Lord.



18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2020 - Year A
Sunday Missal Page No: 541

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 16 August

Is 56:1,6-7 Rom 11:13-15,29-32 Mt 15:21-28

MESSAGE FOR THE 18TH ORDINARY SUNDAY, YEAR A, 2020

Reflecting on the Gospel

After three weeks of hearing Jesus preach and teach in parables, we now move into the next chapter of Matthew's gospel, one in which Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Unlike some of the parables from last week and the week before, which are found only in Matthew, the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes is in each gospel, and in both Matthew and Mark the miracle happens twice! (Mark 6:32-44; 8:1-10; Matt 14:13-21; 15:32-39). Many scholars will posit that precisely because of the multiple attestation of this miracle, the event is rooted in some historical event in the life of Jesus (which cannot be said for every gospel story).

This even was retold a number of times, with various pieces of the story being accented or downplayed, as well as connections made with the Old Testament prophet Elisha and the Last Supper of Jesus with his disciples. Indeed the gospel story as we have it (or them) makes it nearly impossible to reconstruct the historical event, as the story had been the subject of theologizing for some time prior to being written down, and then again by those who wrote it down—the evangelists themselves.

For those who have a familiarity with the Old Testament, the connection to Elisha (2Kgs 4:42-44) seems clear. In that story, the prophet tells his servant to give bread to the people so they can eat. The servant objects that the bread is not enough for the number of people who need to eat. Elisha merely repeats his command and says, "[F]or thus says the LORD, you will eat and have some left over" (2Kgs 4:43). The connection between that the story and what we have in Matthew seems crystal clear. The evangelist, or somebody who told the story before him, made the connection between Jesus' acts and those of Elisha.

And yet there is a connection to the Last Supper too. Four verbs serve as the link between the multiplication story and Jesus' actions the night before he died. In both settings, Jesus *takes* bread, *says a blessing*, *breaks* the bread, and *gives* it. Both the eucharist tones and the allusions to Elisha are clear.

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Jesus' actions are those of a prophet and so much more. The Gospel of John uses the story to launch into the bread of life discourse, but in Matthew we have the narration of the miracle without any such extended discourse on the part of Jesus. We are reminded by this miracle story, a version of which appears six times in the gospels (!), that Jesus feeds the hungry and in so doing is a model for his followers to do the same.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Bread is such a simple but profound sign. It does not occur naturally, but requires human effort. Grain must be crushed to form flour. Flour is mixed with water or some other liquid to form dough, and the dough must be leavened with yeast to rise. Then the baking begins and we finally have a loaf of bread, sustenance that will fill us up and last. The human effort required to make bread is significant, and it involves time, all of which perhaps explains why so many of us simply buy bread today. Even so, there are not many things that taste better than a good loaf of homemade bread.

When we consider that Jesus multiplied the loaves so that all could eat, we recall that he acted as the prophet Elisha of old. He also foreshadowed his own Last Supper and the eucharistic gift he would leave his followers. As a result, even today we take bread, bless it, break it, and give it. In so doing we celebrate and consume Jesus himself, who was broken for us and given to us. As we are sustained on our earthly journey by the Eucharist, we live the paschal mystery.

Fr Adrian Yeo
Parish Priest

