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The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family (ACF) is collaboration with the Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore (CTIS) to offer a Formation Programme in Marriage and Family. Open to all in the Marriage and Family apostolate and those who are interested. Beginning 1 Mar '19 (Refer to website), 7.45pm - 10.00pm at Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore, 618 Upper Bukit Timah Road. Contribution: \$30 per person per module (for Family Ministry members), \$60 per person per module (for others). Register at: <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/come-be-my-light-acf-ctis-formation/>

ACF - Come learn and understand the Church's teaching on Human Sexuality as written by St John Paul II in his document Theology of

the Body. Listen as Fr David Garcia, OP, Mr Andrew Kong and Dr Douglas Ong share more about this hot topic. For married couples and singles (above 20). 2 Mar '19 (Sat), 9.00am - 3.00pm at St Joseph's Institution Lecture Theatre 2, 38 Malcolm Road, Singapore 308274. Contribution: Love Offering. Register at: <https://catholicfamily.org.sg/unpacking-the-deepest-desire-of-our-hearts/>

**COME ALIVE: A WEEKEND RETREAT - 2ND RUN** Pray with the songs from the movie, "The Greatest Showman". Discover who you are and discern God's dream for you. Where are you fully alive, and what keeps you from being fully alive? Presented at Montfort Centre. 8 - 10 Mar. Contribution: \$345(Single), \$270(Twin). Details / Registration: [anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com](mailto:anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com) or 96311943.

**SPP Columbarium** - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building will be closed to the public from **14 Jan '19** onwards for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed, except for the following periods when it will be accessible for visits: **(1) Lunar New Year period: 03 - 10 Feb '19 (2) Qing Ming Festival period: 30 Mar - 07 Apr '19 (3) All Souls' Day period: 27 Oct - 10 Nov '19. Visiting Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm.** Subsequent niche blessings and interment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and interment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

**Sunset Mass** : 5.30pm  
**Rosary** : 4.30pm (Saturday)  
**Sunday Masses** : 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English),  
2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)  
**Weekday Masses** : 7.20am and 5.30pm  
**Intercensory Prayer** : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)  
**Infant Jesus Devotion** : 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)  
**Divine Mercy Devotion** : 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)  
**Sion Adorers - Holy Hour** : 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)  
**Hour of Mercy** : 3.00pm daily  
**Secretariat's Operating Hours** : Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm;  
Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

**Columbarium Opening Hours** : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

**Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:**

**(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; **(ii) Carmelite Friars (S) Ltd** - for contributions/donations to the Friars Formation and Community; **(iii) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)** - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

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**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 916

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** My lips will tell of your help.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 4 February 2019 - SAT 2 February 2019

**MON:** HEB 11:32-40, MK 5:1-20 **TUE:** HEB 12:1-4, MK 5:21-43 **WED:** HEB 12:4-7, 11-15, MK 6:1-6 **THU:** HEB 12:18-19, 21-24, MK 6:7-13 **FRI:** HEB 13:1-8, MK 6:14-29 **SAT:** HEB 13:15-17, 20-21, MK 6:30-34

On the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Luke's gospel continues the story of the Jesus teaching in the synagogue. The crowd, although "amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth" began to challenge Jesus. He responds that "no prophet is accepted in his own native place" and challenges their assumptions, angering the crowd. When they try to drive him out of town, he passes through their midst.

Tuesday is the Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr. Wednesday is the Memorial of the Japanese Jesuit Saint Paul Miki and his Companions, Martyrs.

The first reading this week continues with the Letter to the Hebrews. Jesus is priest and we should not be discouraged.

In Mark's Gospel this week, Jesus continues to heal and teach. A man in the Gerasenes is healed of unclean spirits and wants to stay with Jesus but he tells the man, "Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you." The young daughter of a synagogue official is sick and on the way to cure her, as Jesus stood in a crowd, he felt the power go out of him as a woman with a hemorrhage touched his cloak. "Your faith has saved you," he reassures her. To the synagogue official he says, "Do not be afraid; just have faith" and heals his daughter. He teaches in the synagogue in his hometown "and they took offense at him." He was not able to perform miracles there,

because of their lack of faith. Jesus sends his apostles, in twos, to share the good news. After publicly promising a dancer anything she wants, Herod reluctantly gives the girl her wish and orders John the Baptist to be beheaded. When Jesus' disciples return from their journeys, he encourages them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." But as they tried to get away "and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things."

On the Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we reflect on Luke's Gospel's marvelous call of Peter. Jesus preaches from Peter's boat, invites Peter out into "deeper water" and shows him his power to catch fish. When Peter recoils in fear, Jesus calls him to gather people with Jesus' same power. "Do not be afraid," Jesus tells him, and says that from now on he will be catching people instead of fish.

### Daily Prayer This Week

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Even though we are trying to be people who find intimacy with God in the very midst of our everyday lives, there might be moments this week

when we plug into a really great connection with our Lord. So often that happens when we find ourselves in need of healing. Perhaps after many years of one part of our life being dominated by an unclean spirit, we discover a readiness to be whole again, pure again. Maybe we encounter a sin that has become “my” sin, my obstacle to growth in my relationship with God. This may be the week to open my heart to pure grace and reconciliation.

This could be the week when we discover what a handicap fear itself is in my life. It may be the reason we don’t ask or even reach out to touch Jesus for healing. This may be the week we are being invited to no longer be afraid and to let our Lord love us and heal us. Touching his cloak, without words, may be enough for us.

This week, like so many, can be a time for us to be consciously aware of our being called - placed in a position of being his disciple. In that situation, whatever way the invitation comes to us, we are clearly facing an opportunity to be a source of good news, rather than bad news; to love tenderly, rather than selfishly; to be a gatherer of others, rather than a divider; and to be a source of compassion, rather than a heartless judge. And, when that happens, we can delight in spending a bit more time with Jesus, comforting us for being his disciple there. We can “come away with him” for even a brief moment and give thanks that we had that taste of his ministry, happening through us.

When we rest each night this week, expressing our thanks for this daily prayer is quite in order.

Taken from the “Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer” on the Creighton University’s Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

## Reflection

The readings this week seem to be about healing and call. In our ongoing renewal, we can ask our Lord to be continually healed of what is getting in my way and to continually be more and more open to my call.

Last Sunday’s Gospel related the story of Jesus’ returning to His hometown of Nazareth. We heard that He got up in the Synagogue and

read a prophetic passage from Isaiah. Then he declared that He was the fulfillment personally of that very reading.

The Gospel we hear today immediately follows this dramatic self-statement. He had been tempted about His identity and makes this announcement as the first public affirmation of Who He was. What we do hear today has two important features. The town’s folk are quite impressed with Jesus’ words. They know His parents and are quite excited that Jesus will make them proud and famous perhaps.

Jesus begins His being public and not localised or confined. He knows their expectations for Him and yet He knows He is meant to be for more than them. He quotes two familiar stories from their scriptures. (1 Kings 17, and 2 Kings 5, 14-9) These stories provoke His listeners and they change their opinions and feelings concerning Jesus. They do not like the implications of His interpretation of the stories and so when they, like ourselves, do not like the message, they attempt to get rid of the messenger. Jesus does a little Houdiniesque move and leaves to continue His healing, teaching, and provoking.

Those who deal with problems associated with sight and seeing, have two basic categories. One is blindness which is not being able to see anything. The other is known as “Low-Vision” or “Legally Blind” wherein there is some light or object recognition.

Persons having some limited vision have a little added problem. They can see light and dark, or varying degrees of recognition of objects and other persons. Their problem is that, because they can see a little bit, they easily can assume that they can see more than they really can. The result is that they less fearfully move about and so more easily bump into or trip over or knock over somethings or someone. They can become too confident or trusting in what they can see and less aware of what they cannot.

The folks of Nazareth were blinded by their rigidity and their seeing Jesus as limited to their own expectations. Jesus became a stumbling object, because they thought they could see

Who he was, but could not because of their low-vision. They could see a little bit and so they thought they could see more than they could.

Jesus provokes us to admit we have low vision about most things and especially about the God of Revelation. Faith is a way of living with the admission that God offers us little glimpses and the grace to see them and trust in what is behind and beyond them.

When we say that we see, we are also saying that we do not see as much as we wish. In a sense,

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## PARISH NEWS

**MASS TIMINGS** for Lunar New Year - **4 Feb** - Only ONE mass at 7.20am, **5 Feb** - 8.30am (M); 10.00am (E) **Ash Wednesday 6 Mar** - 7.20am (E); 12.15pm (M); 5.30pm (E).

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**MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK** - 10 Feb 19 (Sun) at 4.00pm. English Mass. Kindly note the following Canonical Conditions for Anointing: 1) The anointing of the sick can be administered to a member of the faithful who, having reached the use of reason, begins to be in danger due to sickness or old age. 2) This sacrament can be repeated if the sick person, having recovered, again becomes gravely ill or if the condition becomes more grave during the same illness. For the sick who satisfy the Canonical Conditions and wish to receive the Anointing, please approach the Parish Secretary’s Office to furnish the details. Deadline: 3 Feb ‘19 (Sun)

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## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**JESUS FOR EVERYONE** - ‘Many, many people hereabouts are not becoming Christians for one reason only: there is nobody to make them Christians.’ St. Francis Xavier

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**‘REVIEW OF LIFE’** Workshop by Caritas Singapore Formation Committee. How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the ‘Review of

when we think we know it all, about God or each other or some subject, we really do not see it, but only enough to attract or distract us. In the scroll from which Jesus read last Sunday, He affirms that He has come to assist recovery of sight to the blind. This recovery is about our being blinded by what we see and think we have it. When we have “it” we really do not. Jesus left their sight, because their low vision lead them to think they knew Him and had It and they didn’t. See what I’m getting at?

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/020319.html>

Life’ (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. 26 & 27 Feb ‘19 (Tues & Wed); 7.30pm - 9.30pm; in Agape Village (7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh). For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org)

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**AT HOME RETREAT - (2 choices)** Journey from Ashes to Easter - a 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life’s daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. **MORNINGS:** 26 Feb – 30 Apr (Tues), 9.30am - 11.30am at LaSalle Centre - St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS:** 26 Feb - 30 Apr (Tue), 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St. Contribution: \$250.00.

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**ACF** - To help Catholics understand the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment, the Archdiocesan Commission for the Family is collaborating with the Archdiocesan Tribunal to organise a Symposium on Divorce, Separation and Annulment: 16 Feb ‘19 (Sat), 9.00am - 1.00pm (includes 1 tea break) at St Peter’s Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (2 Highland Road, Singapore 549102) Speaker: Fr Terence Pereira. Contribution: Love Offering.