Remain In Love

ove comes in many forms, shapes and degrees. It is almost impossible to even try to quantify it. Yet, we see people asking the question, "How much do you love me?"

A cheeky reply from a husband could be: "I love you more than you think!" Wife: "Yes, the trouble is that I can't think anymore. So, I feel you don't love me!"

When love becomes a bargaining tool, it loses its transformative power. It cannot be demanded like an ice cream. Give me what I want and I will demonstrate my love. Yet, we know that true love is unconditional and immeasurable. When it becomes a commodity to be traded, then it loses it value. It is distorted by pride, greed and selfishness.

More problematic is the perception that love is seen as a measure of self worth, or by what is given in the inheritance left to them by their parents in their will. If I get less, it means that my parents did not love me enough. Interestingly, if that were the case, I would be the most pitiful person indeed as my Dad did not leave a single cent for me. Does this mean that he did not love me at all? Hardly, he showed his love for me in the way that he knew how and was comfortable with – in deeds more than words – when he was alive.

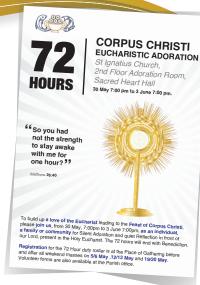
Yes, Jesus reveals the most astounding truth to us about his love. "Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love."

We remain in love with God when we keep the commandments, which are not hard to keep. The outcome is the joy of the Lord. How can we be at peace and be joyful Christians? By following and keeping the commandments, and loving the Lord. Jesus does not make unreasonable demands on us. What he wants of us is within our power to keep and we will be his servants, and our laboring will not be in vain, but be fruitful and joyful. Pope Francis released his latest letter of Apostolic exhortation, "Gaudate et Exsultate" (Rejoice and be Glad). He tells us ...

"When we love one another, we are fulfilling the command of our Lord. Any one who wants to be a true disciple of the Lord is invited to be conscious of the command and do our best to abide in his love." Most of all, we do well to show our love for mothers by praying for them during this month of May.

To honour mothers, I encourage all children to express our gratitude by doing something special for them. Maybe to even spend an hour at the 72-Hour Eucharistic Adoration in preparation for Feast of Corpus Christi.

FR COLIN TAN, SJ



72-Hour Eucharistic Adoration For Corpus Christi

Let us come together as a Parish family to adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist over 72 hours of Eucharistic Adoration, in the lead up to the Feast of Corpus Christi on Sunday 3 June. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in Sacramentum Caritatis: "I heartily recommend to the Church's pastors and to the People of God the practice of Eucharistic adoration, both individually and in community." Begins after evening mass on Wednesday 30 May, continuously until Saturday evening 2 June, ending with a Benediction. We are looking for volunteers to be on duty for the entire devotion, and need about 140 volunteers to commit one hour (or more) to accompany our Lord in silent adoration. Signups start this weekend 5/6 May after all masses.

To Love Mary is to Honour and Love Our Mothers

For the month of May, boards will be placed at the Place of Gathering for children, of all ages, to place their pledges to love and honour Mary by praying for their own mothers with spiritual bouquets, rosaries, acts of kindness and thanks. We encourage all to make their pledges of Prayers and Sacrifices.



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PARISH NEWS

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday 9 May, Vigil Mass at 6.00pm Thursday 10 May, Masses at 7.00am, 6.00pm and 8.00pm

PMC (Person with Mobility Challenge)

For all masses from this weekend, certain seats will be reserved for parishioners with limited mobility "PMC". Look out for reserved signs for the elderly and wheelchair bound, who require communion to be brought to them. Only one caregiver may be seated next to their PMC. All seats are first come first served. Please inform the greeter if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

JUMBLE SALE BY HOMEMAKERS

Saturday and Sunday, 23 and 24 June, 9.30am to 1.00pm at St Ignatius Hall. In support of the Parish Social Mission Fund. **Ensure all donations are in good and saleable condition.** NO bulky furniture, fax machines, TV and printers; video and cassette tapes and text books. Place your donations by 4 June at the drop-off point outside the Sacred Heart Hall canteen.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Starting July 11, journey through the entire Bible with Jeff Cavins' Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation. Taking orders for participants' study kits now Wednesdays, 9.45am to 12 noon at Room SH-F, Level 2, Sacred Heart Hall. Whatsapp Viv @97852268 or Jo @81832273.

RCIA – Come and experience the fullness of life!

A special invitation for inquirers of the Catholic faith and sponsors to join the next RCIA journey, beginning: Tuesday 3 July, for Sponsors and Facilitators, Tuesday 7 August, for Inquirers. Thereafter every Tuesday, 8-10pm, at St Ignatius Hall. For information, contact: Parish office: Angela (6466 0625) | RCIA: Sandra (9628 6472). Register Now at https://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia or scan the QR

RCIY

Invite non-Catholic friends and family, aged 17-24, to RCIY and share the joy of the faith today.

Saturday 14 July, welcome tea and info session, 4-6pm Saturday 21 and 28 July, First two sessions, 4-6pm Subsequent sessions every Tuesday from 7 August, 8-10pm

Website: https://tinyurl.com/stiggysrciy Contact: Eliza (97247613) or Aaron (8228 3419)

Email us: rciy.ignatius@gmail.com

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT (CER) FELLOWSHIP

Thursday 17 May, 7.15pm – 9.45pm at St Ignatius Hall.

An evening of praise and worship, discussion and fellowship with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. A gathering for post-CER retreatants from other parishes as well are welcome.

Dinner from 7.15pm – 7.45pm. For catering

purpose, please signup at https://goo.gl/forms/tC5cQC7FZZxbBYIY2 or scan the OR

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

The grace of God is still moving powerfully among His people — in the past and in the present. Come and listen to the

sharing of how God's grace is still moving mightily and steadfastly in our lives. Join us this Wednesday, 9 May at St Ignatius Hall. We start at 7.30pm with our fellowship dinner and end at 9.30pm. All are welcome!

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BE PART OF OUR PARISH FAMILY

We encourage new parishioners and those who have yet to register, who attend Masses regularly at St Ignatius Church to register with the Church Office. Being registered as parishioners gives you the privilege of using the church for weddings, Catechism Classes and funerals among other advantages.

The 12 NCC and SCC groups within our parish allow for parishioners to support each other in faith and fellowship. If you wish to be part of any of these communities of faith, contact the church office or Bernard at bernard@attitudeDS.com or 9450 7077. You can also leave your contact at the Help Desk at the Place of Gathering. All, whether young or old, are welcome.

ASSISI FUN DAY 2018

Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and support to their families. To accommodate the hospice's increase in the number of patients, the Assisi Fun Day at SJI International School on 24 June, is one of their major fundraisers. The team is at the Place of Gathering this weekend to sell Fun Day coupons @ \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. For information, contact Ms Lisa Law @ 6832 2856 or email lisa.law@assisihospice.org.sg

THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL thank our parishioners and all Jesuits during last weekend's fund raising event. The total amount of \$19,350.75 from cash donations will go towards their new convent building fund.

If you would like to support the building of the new convent, you can donate via direct bank transfer.

Name: Daughters of Saint Paul Building Fund / Account

Number: OCBC Bank 615892189001

Cheque donations payable to Daughters of St Paul Building Fund, mail to Daughters of St Paul, 47 Jurong West Street 42, Singapore 649368

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE B DISTRICT 2 GROUP 1

Thursday 17 May, Contact lennard.thean@gmail.com Programme: Revelation – Jeff Cavins

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 31 May, #01-04

Programme: 1) Gospel Sharing – Daily Word of God

2) History of Christianity

The Christian faithful are to hold the Most Holy Eucharist in the highest honor... worshiping it with supreme adoration. Code of Canon Law 898





In the lead up to the Feast of Corpus Christi on June 3, you are invited to come adore our Lord in the Holy Eucharist in our parish's 72 hour Eucharistic Adoration

hatever stage of your life journey you are in, wouldn't you want all the extra resources and help you will ever need? Help is here.

God is here. God is present. God is waiting for you. Eycharistic Adoration is a personal invitation to you from Jesus.

"Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love," wrote St John Paul II in Dominicae Canae. Jesus himself says, "I myself am the living bread come down from heaven" (Jn 6:51). He also promises us "behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt 28:20). With the Eucharist, God has truly given us everything.

Inaletter from then Cardinal Bergoglio (now Pope Francis) to catechists in 2001, he wrote, "The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that in the Eucharist we find all the good of the Church. In it we have the certainty that God is faithful

Sometimes Eucharistic contemplation just means keeping Jesus company, being there under His gaze, giving Him the joy of contemplating us, too.

to His promise and stays with us until the end of time (Mt. 28.20) ... In [our] visits and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, we experience the closeness of the good Shepherd, the tenderness of His love, the presence of [a] faithful friend. We ... all experience [this] large support provided by faith [and our] personal and intimate dialogue with the [Lord in the Eucharist]."

Make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament today, and perhaps make it a lifetime habit. For a start, commit an hour for the upcoming St Ignatius 72 Hours Eucharistic Adoration (see bulletin for details).

In my own visits to the Blessed Sacrament, I've found that God is patient with me, and He is a God of surprises. Through my visits, and a deeper awareness of the Gift, and the Giver, I have become more aware that my guardian angel is always with me. So I am never alone when I visit.

Over time, I have grown in awareness,

gratitude (Eucharist means thanksgiving), and a deeper appreciation of my identity and my faith relationships. It is me Here is the Church's treasure, the heart of the world, the pledge of the fulfilment for which each man and woman, even unconsciously,

Yearns. St John Paul II, Ecclesia de Eucharistia

before my Creator. My Lord and my God. My sustenance, my life. In the stillness of the chapel, besides casting all my petitions, prayers and distractions, I await for inspiration, insights and grace. I come away enriched.

> St Peter J Eymard wrote, "Eucharistic adoration is the greatest of actions. To adore is to share the life of Mary on earth when she adored the Word Incarnate in her virginal womb, when she adored Him in the Crib, on Calvary, in the divine Eucharist."



Although we are but useless creatures and sinners, we are still the fruit of His passion for whom He

gave His life. Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, Preacher to The Papal Household

JESUIT NEWS

CONNECTED PARENTS, THRIVING KIDS

Learn how to connect with your children to express understanding, validation and affirmation for who they are becoming. Build their confidence, and maintain motivation by safeguarding healthy self-esteem. Date: Thursday 17 May

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Contribution: \$30 Register: http://tinyurl.com/parentsxkid

BECOME A JESUIT

If you are considering a vocation as a Jesuit priest or brother, go to www.mas-jesuits.org and www.facebook.com/jesuit.vocations.malaysia.singapore for information. You can also contact Fr Jerome Leon, SJ or Fr Adrian Danker, SJ at mas-vocations@jesuits.net

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerard Keane, SJ, Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Charles Sim, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ, Fr Gregory Tan, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

Kingsmead Centre, Tel: 6467 6072 Jesuit Mission Office Tel: 6463 6022

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

JESUS MARY RALLY 2018

Organised by Legion of Mary and Office for the New Evangelisation Saturday 26 May, 1pm - 4pm at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

All are invited to encounter Jesus Christ through Mary, the first disciple! Programme includes Praise & worship by Jesus Youth, Eucharistic Adoration, and preaching by Fr Luke Fong. Come and discover how God can carry out His mighty works through you as He did with Mary, our Mother.

CENACLE WOMEN'S CIRCLE

invites you to UNFOLDING THE ROSE
"...The desert shall rejoice, and
blossom as the rose." Isaiah 35:1
A gathering of women to create a safe
space for inner reflection and
conversation, nurturing and
encouraging each other in their
spiritual journey. Conversations over 4

Wednesdays — 9, 16, 23 and 30 May, 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Venue: LaSalle Retreat House (at St Patrick's School, East Coast Road) Registration: cenaclemission singapore@gmail.com or call Mary Rose at 8522 8428

SATURDAY TALKS IN MAY By the

Apostolate for Catholic Truth (ACT) Time: 7.30pm to 9.30pm

- 1. **Explaining Purgatory, Statues, etc** Kelvin Chia, 12 May
- 2. The Truth behind the Crusades, the Inquisition & Galileo
 Nick Chui, 19 May

3. **The Holy Face of Jesus Christ** Andrew Kong, 26 May

Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S187954

FREE, All are Welcome. Details and Registration at www. catholic.sg/act or SMS Andrew at 9649 3893 for enquiries.

Church Office

120, King's Road, Singapore 268172 or 8, Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492

Entrance via 8 Victoria Park Road

Kingsmead Hall (Priests' Residence), St Ignatius Hall, Sacred Heart Hall, Kingsmead Centre (for Ignatian Spirituality & Counselling)

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6.00pm Sunday: 6.45am, 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm and 6.00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday: 7.00am & 6.00pm Saturday: 7.00am

Confessions

Every Friday & Saturday: 5.40pm Every Sunday Mass: 20mins before Mass begins

Infant Baptism (each month)

Briefing for parents & godparents (compulsory): 1st Sunday, 3.00pm Baptism: 2nd Sunday, 3.00pm sharp Registration forms are available at front of Church office

Weddings

Couples must make themselves known to the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. Contact: Robert Ong (8511 4614)

Visiting Hours (Columbarium)

Open daily from 6.30 am to 8.00 pm (including weekends & Public Holidays)
Memorial Mass at the Main Church every 4th
Friday, 6.00 pm for all deceased parishioners and families, followed by prayers in Columbarium.

Inigo Bookstore

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 4.00pm to 6.20pm and during weekend Masses

Sick elderly and homebound

Please contact the parish office if help is needed for parishioners hospitalised (regardless of hospital). In emergencies, you may also contact priests' residence at 6466 3225

Bereavement

Please contact the parish office Sacristan, Robert Ong (8511 4614) for help and advice before contacting the funeral director.

Church of St Ignatius has no official social media accounts.

WEEKLY

Rosary in Church

Monday to Saturday, after 7am Mass and Monday to Friday 5.15pm to 5.45pm, except first Friday of the month

Intercessory Prayers

Tuesday, 2.30pm in Sacred Heart Hall Adoration Room, Level 2

Catholic content online, login:

www.FORMED.org; parish code: 4904ed

Gentle Light

Tuesday, 10am – 12noon in St Francis Xavier Chapel (Kingsmead) Thursday, 10am – 12noon in Sacred Heart Canteen (Room SH-A)

Divine Mercy Devotion

Every Wednesday after 6.00pm Mass in the Main Church.

Christian Meditation

Friday, 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier Prayer Room (Kingsmead)

MONTHLY - in Main Church

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Every 1st Friday, 8.00pm (No 6.00pm Mass) Followed by **Eucharistic Adoration**

Eucharistic Adoration by Generation CHRIST!

Children Eucharistic Adoration Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 6.00pm, followed by prayers in Columbarium