



Encountering God

In our daily experiences, most of us will find it easier to meet God in good times, rather than in bad. I hope that we have found God more easily during this festive season, as we seek and share the thanksgiving of God's abundant blessings in our life, family, community and the Church in this Lunar New Year.

Two God-moments for me in the past week were the World Day of Consecrated Life (WDCL) and the Lunar New Year celebrations. In the WDCL mass, the archbishop shared about the joy of consecrated life that is founded on one's religious vows to God in seeking evangelical perfection that adds to the holiness of the Church, and increases her apostolic zeal and work of salvation for God's glory. It was a joy to see the fifteen committed religious jubilarians, who celebrated their silver, golden and diamond anniversaries. The other moment, for most of us, is perhaps the celebration of the Lunar New Year festival over fifteen days. We spend more time with our family, relatives and friends. This is a joyful occasion in thanking and sharing God's blessings and presence with others.

This weekend's readings also bring to light *the personal encounter with God*. Isaiah, who saw a vision of the Lord's magnificence, feels himself very small and limited. But the Lord reaches out to

him and calls him to be God's messenger, a prophet. This personal moment of God's encounter prompts Isaiah to respond, "Here I am, send me." Like most of us, St Paul himself had not yet met Jesus of Nazareth. But the fruit of his indubitable personal experience with the Risen Christ had transformed him from the enemy and persecutor of the Church of God to become the apostle and missionary to the gentiles. In fact, St Paul is one of the most credible historical witnesses of our faith today.

The Gospel recounts the first personal encounter of Simon Peter with Jesus of Nazareth. Like in our daily experiences, Jesus steps into our lives and Simon's in the ordinariness of day. Jesus uses Simon's boat and preaches the Good News to the crowds. Seeing Simon's generosity, Jesus further invites Simon, "Put out into deep ... pay out your nets for a catch." Jesus performs a miracle of the catch of fish that bridges the miracle of hearing the Good News and living it. Similarly, Christ also invites us to listen and follow Him more closely as disciples to bring joys, blessings, and a good catch for God's glory. Recognizing this miracle and encounter with Jesus, Simon realises his unworthiness as a sinful man. But Jesus's words offer him consolation, "*Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.*" They leave everything and

2019 Catechetical Programmes

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS) starts next Saturday, 16 February

LLOTG 2018 PROGRAM FOR K1 AND K2

is back from Saturday, 23 February.

LLOTG K1 1.30pm to 3pm

LLOTG K2 4.00pm to 5.30pm

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

begins Sunday, 17 February at the 8.15am and 10.15am Masses.

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

for all levels begin next weekend Saturday 16/ Sunday 17 February.

follow Jesus as his close-disciples.

St Ignatius of Loyola invites us to find God in all things by being contemplative in action. This means that we can encounter God daily in prayer and in the realities of our lives. In order to unite and serve as Christ's disciples today for God's glory, we first need to experience and welcome God's love and mercy in our lives, so that we have the consolation of listening to Jesus' words, "Do not be afraid." This joy and peace remind us that we are not alone, since Christ has promised to be with us until the end of time.

My friends, as we begin this Lunar New Year, the parish invites us "to be more loving" in our lives. Can you recall and share *the God moment and encounter in your life today?*

FR AGUSTINUS TANUDJAJA, SJ



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PARISH NEWS

Next weekend's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the GIFT campaign by the Catholic Foundation.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

Friday 15 February, 7.45pm - 9pm

Children, join us to adore Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Let's sing hymns, pray the Rosary, offer intercessory prayers, and spend an intimate hour with Jesus.

You can drop off last year's **PALMS** in the basket near the vestry room. Last day of collection is Sunday 3 March.

All are welcome for food, fellowship and family gatherings at our **SUNDAY CANTEEN** which reopens next Sunday 17 February, 9am to 12noon.

ALPHA FILM SERIES: BEGIN THE GREATEST ADVENTURE

Session 1: Is There More to Life than This?

Alpha, the series of interactive sessions that explores the meaning of life in the context of our Christian faith, starts 14 February and on every Thursday. Sessions begin with a meal, followed by a video presentation/talk and a short group discussion. 7pm at Sacred Heart Hall (Canteen).

MASS FOR THE ELDERLY AND THE SICK with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is on Saturday, 16 February at 2.30pm. Confessions from 2.00pm. Registration forms at the Place of Gathering.

SATURDAY ROCKERS

Draw closer to Christ by immersing yourself in The Great Adventure's bible study, Matthew: The King and His Kingdom. Encounter Christ, understand His mission and discover what Jesus' life and teachings mean for us today. Begins Saturday 16 February, 1.30pm at Room 02-02. Pre-registration is required: Contact Magdalene at 9152 8227 (whatsapp) or svdp88@gmail.com

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

All are invited to our 40th Anniversary with a special Mass celebrated by Fr Colin Tan, to give thanks to almighty God for His steadfast love and faithfulness in seeing CRC through all these years. This Wednesday 13 February at St Ignatius Hall. Praise and Worship begins at 7.30pm, with Mass at 7.45pm, followed by dinner

Fr Colin Tan, SJ Parish Priest

Fr Matthew Tan, SJ Assistant Parish Priest ★ Fr Jerome Leon, SJ Assistant Parish Priest

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Suzie Wee Parish Accountant

Jeremy Aloysius Catechetical Director ★ Robert Ong Sacristan

Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Cheryl Lek Youth Coordinator

David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager

Therese Gian Communications Manager

A little love note

1. Shower appreciation
2. Surprise someone
3. Harvest a smile



fellowship right up to 9.30pm.

MIND YOUR STUFF

Parishioners are advised to keep watch on their personal belongings, especially handbags and valuables while receiving communion. Please also do not leave your big bags and luggages unattended within the

church premises. Check to ensure you have not left anything behind when leaving.

TAKING CARE OF GOD'S HOUSE

Help keep the church a sanctuary for peace and prayer for all who come to rest in God's house. Please dispose food crumbs, wrappers, soiled tissues and other litter in the bins outside at the Place of Gathering. Please remind your children to treat the Sunday missals and hymn books with consideration and to refrain from plaiting the ribbon markers.

PARISH BULLETIN EDITORIAL

Please note that all announcements and visual materials for publication in the Sunday bulletin should be submitted to Angela (csi.admin@catholic.org.sg) or Therese (stig.communication@gmail.com) at the parish office by Tuesday of every weekend.

RIP NEWS- RISEN IN THE LORD

Chua Kim Seng - 80 years old

Departed: 2 February 2019

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday 13 February, Rm Sh-02-E

Programme: SYMBOLON: Episode 5 Matrimony and Holy Orders

The Sacraments of Service and Communion

ZONE A DISTRICT 3 - ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday 20 February, #02-06

Programme: Symbolon, Session 2: The Eucharist - Source and summit of Christian life

ZONE B DISTRICT 1

Tuesday, 12 February, room SH-E

Programme: Prayers/Reflection/Discussion & Fellowship

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Monday 18 February, 7.30pm

Venue: The Nexus, Function Room, Bukit Timah Road

Programme: CNY Pot Luck dinner & fellowship

ZONE B DISTRICT 2

Thursday 21 February. Contact: lennard.thean@gmail.com

Programme: Gospel of Matthew by Jeff Cavins

Connecting with the Word of God



The energy was high as parishioners waited eagerly for Bible ConeX to start. Anyone who expresses doubts or concerns that Catholics are not interested in the Bible can rest assured that we are thirsty for the Word of God, willing to sacrifice our Saturday to deepen our Bible knowledge and understanding.

The brainchild of parishioner Alex Ho, whose love for the Scripture created this program in 2007, the name Bible ConeX is rich. Originally intended as "Bible Connects" it obtains a new meaning as "Bible Conversion Experience", a tagline to the popular Conversion Experience Retreat (CER).

The program was light-hearted and fun: four presenters – Fr Esmond Chua, OFM, Fr Desmond Rowland, OFM, Fr Colin Tan, SJ, and Gerard Ee helped participants remember the "must know" verses to learn important topics. Supported by a live-wire MC, an uplifting and Spirit-filled music team and all involved in logistics, helped to make the event complete.

Fr Esmond opened with the "Eucharist – Once for All Sacrifice," drawing from Hebrews 7-11 and Matthew 26:26 (the new covenant of Christ), 14 (the feeding

of 5000) and 15 (the feeding of 4000). Jesus extends the Passover's breaking of bread from Jewish' familial affair to the Christian communal meal. For Catholics, the Eucharist is more than just a sacrifice; it was also a thanksgiving, the body of Christ, an anticipation of the feast in Heaven.

Fr Rowland followed with a skit to home in on Psalm 14 and Psalm 53 (the psalms denouncing Godlessness) and turned them into Psalm 143 (Protoevangelium; prayer of deliverance from enemies). Fr Rowland, Singapore's first deaf priest, delivered the theme using sign language comically which drew laughter from the audience.

Fr Colin posed a question to the audience, "How do you start an evangelization conversation with a one-liner?" His offering was "Have you ever been in love before?" He also used Mother Teresa's one-liner to stress the importance of good work in our faith: "Good works are links that form a chain of love."

Gerard Ee covered the mystery of suffering, using Psalm 22, which starts with "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me" which is immediately followed by praises and proclamation

It was an early Saturday morning when 250 Catholics from St Ignatius Church and other parishes packed St Ignatius Hall to the brim for Bible ConeX



of trust in God. He reminded us that praising God precedes God's answering our prayer, to have faith that God is listening, and for us to affirm our faith in God even when we are suffering.

At the end, sensing the audience's hunger for the Scripture, Fr Colin promised that the highly popular "Guided Tour of the Bible" will be back in our parish in July.

Bible ConeX would have been incomplete without the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. And what a perfect ending it was, as the audience knelt in silence in front of the Lord, the Word we learned in our heads descended to and remained in our hearts.



**ROSINA SIMON
PHOTOS: PETER KAY**

◉ JESUIT NEWS

WITH OPEN HANDS – A WEEKEND WITH FATHER HENRI NOUWEN

This retreat will feature 4 talks around Henri Nouwen's book, *With Open Hands*. Each talk will focus on a chapter of this book as prayer – namely: Prayer and Acceptance, Prayer and Hope, Prayer and Compassion, Prayer and Prophecy.

Facilitator: Fr Chris Gleeson, SJ

Dates & Times: Friday, 1 March, 7.30pm to Sunday, 3 March, 4.00pm

Contribution: \$270 (non-ac); \$330 (ac)

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/gleeson19>

Jesuit Regional Curia, Telephone: 6469 7356

Fr Christopher Soh, SJ, Fr James Tan, SJ

Kingsmead Hall, Jesuit Community, Tel: 6466 3225

Fr Gerald Tseng, SJ, Fr Charles Sim, SJ, Fr Leslie Raj, SJ, Fr Agustinus Tanudjaja, SJ,
Fr Gregory Tan, SJ, Fr Ravi Michael Louis, SJ, Msgr Philip Heng, SJ, Fr Adrian Danker, SJ,

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

◉ ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CARITAS SINGAPORE TALKS @ AGAPE VILLAGE

CELEBRATING THE GOLDEN YEARS

The Sunday Times' Invest Editor, Lorna Tan, discusses CPF life and how you would like to spend the rest of your years. Sr Linda Lizada, RC, also addresses questions about identity, relationships, meaning and fruitfulness of life.

Date/Time: 22 February (Friday),
7.30pm to 9.30pm

Venue: Agape Village (7A Lorong 8
Toa Payoh S 319264)

Register/Info: email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org or call 6801 7400.

DOWN MEMORY LANE 7

CHARITY DINNER SHOW featuring the music of the 70s and 80s, is Caritas Singapore's biannual fundraising to support the work of 27 member organisations, serving the vulnerable in our community. Saturday 2 March at One Farrer Hotel. Reservations and

enquiries at dml@caritas-singapore.org or call 6338 3448

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 March. Contribution: \$345 (Single) \$270 (Twin). Registration: anthonyatmontfort@gmail.com or 96311943.

CHOICE

It takes that one weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life.

Date: 29 - 31 March (Friday evening to Sunday evening)

Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47
Jurong West Street 42, S 649368

Enquiries: Celia (9876 3214)

Register/Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/?page_id=8

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 one year before the wedding.

Contact: Sacristan, 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 to Saturday: 4.30pm to 7.00pm and during Sunday Masses. Closed on Monday and Tuesday

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

Church of St Ignatius has no official social media account.

WEEKLY

Rosary Devotion 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 by Generation CHRIST!**

Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm. No session in June and December

Memorial Mass

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