



Our Father's

Love

In this passage from his first letter to Timothy, Paul speaks indirectly of God as a father: Paul either states or implies that the Father is firm, loving, patient, respectful, and hoping deeply for what Paul might become in His love. We ourselves might look at God's love in the same way and question whether we are receptive to that love or not, whether we are truly seeking to become our Father's children or whether we go our own childish and self-centered way. Are we praying from our hearts (and not only in someone else's words)? Are we making a real effort in spite of the changes which that might call for?

Paul's response is that he is the worst person in the world because he is wilful and unfaithful in response to the Father's constant, faithful, and generous invitation and call. We ourselves also need to see where we fall in response to that question.

Luke's Gospel offers us today a longer and more concrete reflection on what our stance can be before the Father's love for us as His children. The older son is a typical first child: he grows up fast, deals with hardships, and works hard. He has never really been a child, trusting and knowing love,

that profound security that surpasses accomplishment or simple merit; he is all about earning love and not about receiving it freely, not recognizing that he is simply loved without any need for him to work to deserve it. He embraces things, concentrating on his work to earn his father's love. He is not willing to love his brother and rejoice over his return: it's all about him. He really doesn't know or love his father, and while the father is always there, always loving him, this son is not ready to receive that.

The younger son is less of an ant and more of a grasshopper (if you remember Aesop's fable), and since he feels himself "entitled" he is more adventuresome and takes more risks. He too is all about himself and his desires, something like a self-centered four-year-old right down to the end, no matter how his father feels about his departure or even his return. He too embraces things rather than people, and he winds up working with the very lowest of animals, pigs.

On the other hand, while this younger son gives himself to dissipation, even to the use of prostitutes, his primary sin here is his turning away from his father. At the end of that

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

We celebrate Catholic Education Sunday this weekend 15 September. The theme is "Many Gifts, One Mission". Watch the video at bit.ly/2019cesvideo or access the QR code. There will be a prayer of blessing for Catholic teachers, distribution of bookmarks at all masses in all parishes. School students will also join the congregation in worship at 8.15am and 10.15am masses.



dissipation he has a job, feeding swine, but he does not even have enough to eat. Jesus doesn't mention the master who doesn't even feed his servants, but that manager is symbolic of Satan, who draws us to false happiness and only reveals his profound poverty (and a poverty which we ourselves have chosen) once he has enslaved us.

Christ also fits into this parable somewhat, taking the role of the father, rather like the Good Shepherd, but He also fits into this comparison when He "leaves" the Father out of love both for the Father and for us. He comes to us precisely to be as prodigal as the father in the parable (and even far more so) with His own and His Father's gifts. He feeds us and labors among us unclean people without ever fully receiving our trust or love, without being welcomed by His own (John 1:9-11), but when His earthly labor is complete He returns to His Father in a most glorious and loving manner and even takes with Him those who wish to live in His Father's house, an everlasting banquet and feast of joy.

CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

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PARISH NEWS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR CHILDREN

All in the family are invited to a procession of light and to spend an intimate hour with our Lord in the Holy Eucharist during this Season of Creation. This Friday 20 September, 7.45pm-9.00pm at the main Church building.

DONATION FOR WALKWAY PROJECT

Our church is raising \$650,000 for an "additions & alterations" project to enable wheelchair access at the front of the church and covered walkways at Sacred Heart Hall behind. We have received \$545,000 to date. Your cash/cheque contribution should be put in the appeal envelope and dropped into the weekly collections during offertory or into the Vestry's drop box. Thank you for your generosity.

NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO PPC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are inviting nominations for candidates who would like to stand for election to the PPC executive committee. Elections will be held at the annual Parish Assembly on Saturday 19 October, 9am to 12pm at the St Ignatius Hall. Nomination forms are available at the Place of Gathering and on our church website. All forms must be submitted to the parish office by 18 September.

MIGRANT CELEBRANT SUNDAY

The ACMI will be celebrating their Migrant Celebrant Sunday mass in our Parish next Sunday 22 September, 12.15pm mass. A large crowd of 600 migrants is expected to attend. To avoid congestion, you are encouraged to attend earlier masses or the Sunday 6.00pm.

The usual Sunday canteen service will be closed on 22 September for a special migrant lunch.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES AT ST IGNATIUS

Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS Singapore) is screening the movie *The Staging Post* on Saturday 28 September, 7.30pm, at St Ignatius Hall. A love offering for admission, food and drinks will be collected. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/movie-screening-of-the-staging-post-at-church-of-st-ignatius-registration-68764294857> for information and registration. All proceeds to support JRS projects in Thailand and Indonesia.

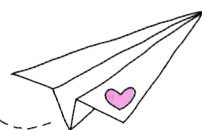
POP-UP CAFÉ

Parents are invited for discussions and sharings on parenting in the context of our faith. Come for coffee at the pop-up cafe while your children are at their catechetical sessions. Hosted by the Magis Family Ministry

A little Love Note

LOVING OUR CHURCH

Pure love ... knows that only one thing is needed to please God: to do even the smallest things out of great love - love, and always love." MARY FAUSTINA KOWALSKA



at Sacred Heart Hall, Saturday 21 September, 3.45pm to 5.30pm. Topic: Screen addictions and distractions. Love offerings are welcome.

TUESDAY LADIES' JOURNEY

Study on Catholicism – A Journey to the Heart of the Catholic Faith by Bishop Robert Barron to delve into what Catholics believe and why. Tuesday, 10am to 12pm. Register with Theresa 9665 4451 or Jennet 9864 3793 or email yoongtheresa@yahoo.com.sg.

ARISE! – WEEK 10

We thank God for His many blessings on our charismatic community, and for sending His people to ARISE! It has been a privilege to journey with them these past months. We conclude our ARISE! Program with a Thanksgiving Mass, celebrated by Parish Priest Fr Colin Tan. This Wednesday 18 September at St Ignatius Hall. Praise & Worship begins at 7.30pm, followed by Mass at 7.50pm. The evening ends at 9.30pm.

INFANT BAPTISMS on Sunday 13 October at 3.00pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend the briefing on Sunday 6 October, 3pm at La Storta Room. Registration forms at church office or website. Please choose a saint's name for your child. Contact Michele Khoo (9765 5065) & Lin Wein Khoo, or Lea (9815 9889) & Wahjudi Gunawan.

SSVP SHOP

The Society of St Vincent De Paul is pleased to announce the launch of its social enterprise SSVP Shop. The shop sells new and pre-loved items of good quality with something for everyone at affordable prices. Profits fund SSVP programmes for the needy. Address: 501, Geylang Road, Singapore 389459. Opening: Tuesday – Sunday, 10am – 6pm. Call 6974 2480 or email shop@ssvpsingapore.org. Nearest MRT station: Aljunied

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.

ZONE A DISTRICT 1 – ST PAUL THE APOSTLE

Wednesday 9 October, Rm Sh-02-E (opp adoration room)
Programme: The Pivotal Player: Michaelangelo – The Artist

ZONE A DISTRICT 3 – ST JOSE MARIA RUBIO

Wednesday 18 September, Rm #02-06
Programme: Symbolon Session 9: Catholic social teaching (Building a civilization of love)

ZONE B DISTRICT 3

Thursday 19 September, #02 SH-F
Programme: 1) Daily Word of God
2) 7 Secrets of The Eucharist (DVD) Rev. Robert E. Barron – Creator & Host of The CATHOLICISM series.

ZONE C – ST TERESA OF CALCUTTA

Monday 16 September, Loyola Room, 7.30pm
Programme: Mother Mary A World Icon

A Hand To Hold

*Do you feel called to serve the poor?
Have you often wished you could
do more for the disadvantaged?*

Here at the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SSVP), we are looking for more committed and compassionate members to help support our efforts to help the poor and needy. Our members come from all walks of life, but are joined in the mission to serve. Beyond just serving the needs of the poor, we also focus time on growing our faith, through our bi-weekly meetings, spiritual formation talks and retreats. Together, we are a community of friends seeking to deepen our faith by serving the poorest of the poor with respect and love.



**And there have been
no regrets ...**

"I was trying to seek meaning in my direction in life. As we chase our individual careers and keep up with our hectic family demands, it is extremely easy to fall into this whirlwind of madness and lose sight of God's intention for you in life. So I started being involved in SSVP because I wanted to anchor myself to an activity that gives back to the community not just by monetary means, but through action. And there have been no regrets since. In SSVP, I've learnt that it's not just about the items you give to our Friends-in-Need, but your friendship that helps to touch them and to get them through difficult times. Before joining I never saw it through this lens."

Natalie Seah



"SSVP gives us the opportunity to be their voice, hands and legs, to bring what little comfort we can for them. Ah Huat was one such FIN (Friend-in-need) of SSVP. Mute, destitute and homeless, sleeping in a HDB void deck, SSVP was given the grace to care for him for 19 years. Ah Huat joined us for Sunday 8.15am Masses and is known to many of our parishioners. Ah Huat was loved and cared for until his peaceful demise at 78 years old, but not before he was baptised and renamed Joseph by Fr Chris Soh, SJ. SSVP arranged for his wake, funeral Mass and interment at St Ignatius. For us, the joy that comes with caring for the poor cannot be measured. We know that Joseph Ah Huat will be at the gate of heaven to welcome SSVP members."

Dorothy and Peter Kay



We will be at the Place of Gathering next weekend (21-22 September)! Come for a chat with our members to find out more about SSVP and how you can be part of it.

JESUIT NEWS

WEEKEND RETREAT: THE DYNAMICS OF SPIRITUAL DESIRE

The Way of the Faithful carries us through the stages of spiritual development of growing intimacy with the Christ. These stages follow the Four Weeks of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Facilitator: Fr Monty Williams, SJ.

Date/Time: Friday, 4 October (7.30pm) to Sunday, 6 October (5.00pm)

Contribution: \$270 (non-AC); \$330 (AC).

Venue: Kingsmead Spirituality Centre, 8 Victoria Park Road, Singapore 266492

Registration: <http://tinyurl.com/monty19>; T: 6467 6072

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Series

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

AN INTERVIEW WITH GOD

Blessed Sacrament Church is embarking on a church restoration project. You are invited to join them for an afternoon screening of **An Interview with God**. Saturday 9 November, at Salt Theatres, Capital Towers, Level 9 (big picture theatre), 168 Robinson Road. Registration begins at 1.30pm and the show will begin at 2.00pm. Free seating; so come early for the best seats. Each ticket at \$50, comes with gourmet popcorn and drink of your choice. Money raised will go towards Blessed Sacrament Church Restoration Project. Tickets online at <http://saltmedia.asia/booking/bsc>

PERSONALITY SELF-PORTRAIT

Weekend retreat to learn about your Personality Self-Portrait (PSP), a new personality system developed by Dr John Oldham, MD, former President of the American Psychiatric Association.

It presents 14 personality styles that explain why you think, work, love and act the way you do, and to teach you how to modify aspects of your character that may be keeping you from reaching your full potential. By Sr Cecille Tuble, RC.

Date & Time: 18 October, 8.00pm to 20 October, 1.00 pm

Venue: Montfort Centre, 622 Upper Bukit Timah Road S678117

Contribution: \$300

Register at www.cenaclemission.com

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on Tue 24 September 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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

Friday & Saturday: 5.40pm

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)

Inigo Bookstore Opening Hours

Saturday: 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Sunday: 8.00am to 2.00pm, 5.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Monday to Friday.

Enquiry: Peter Hong 9749 3702

Sick, Elderly and Homebound

Please contact the parish office if pastoral help is needed for a parishioner who is homebound or hospitalised (regardless of which hospital). In emergencies, you may also contact the priests' residence at 6466 3225.

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 the Columbarium.

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