



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Becoming Spiritual People

Paul uses the word “flesh” in two rather different ways here. On the one hand, he means our simple nature as humans, created physical beings with bodies and such fleshly needs as food and sleep; and on the other, “flesh” can signify for him a view of reality which is limited to the merely material: the only things that count are what I can see or feel or touch.

What Paul says, then, about the spirit (small s) corresponds to the first of these, where we realise that there is more to our fleshly existence than the merely animal part of our nature. Spirit (with a capital S) refers to how God calls us to get beyond our limited earthly vision and to reach out eagerly and generously to the fullness that God created human life for.

In the light of the Spirit’s revelation to us of who we are, we recognize that we have *always* existed in the mind of God: Earth is physical, concrete, and has time, but we have always been and will

always be present to God, who lives in an eternal *now*. At the time which the Holy Three thought best, we took on that earthly flesh, a life which should not be aimed at itself but be the springboard to eternal life for all of us, the first stage of a life that will change radically, with God’s loving help and our choices. From a human point of view, all starts in the flesh and, from God’s viewpoint, all starts and ends in the Holy Spirit.

If we put our efforts and wealth into the externals of our earthly lives — and that can be anything from toenail polish to a suntan to plastic surgery – or maybe a more expensive suit, a newer car, or a bigger house – instead of centering on our internal lives, we have entirely missed the point. In that case, we take our flesh in Paul’s worse sense, limited to

the merely material; what I can see or feel or touch. As we age and lose our bodily strengths, as we find our bodies creaking and falling apart, the true people that we are become clear to the world; it is then that those people who depend only on the material, only the show, only the sensation, discover their utter poverty, their complete failure as human beings.

From a simply human standpoint, our life *seems* to be only a journey of growth outwards, towards greater strength and power and control for ourselves, but it is actually what is within us which is important, what life is all about: love, an active concern for others, wisdom, humility, generosity. After all, who are the people that we admire the most? What is it that we like or love about them? It is not their achievements, their good taste, or their money, it is how loving and kind they are, how like Christ and His saints.

We need to have bodies, just as wheat needs a stalk or a foetus needs a placenta, but that is not what we are about; our life is so much greater than this merely physical side of our existence. We need to use our bodies and our lives to become the people God wants us to be, to let our bodies be those so necessary placentas which we leave behind once they have served their purpose. We need to choose to be spiritual people in the best senses of the word, and that is what the Spirit is calling us to: not to hate the body, but to let go of it and all it ties us to.

BOOKING FOR
MASSES
WILL
COMMENCE
ON
**Tuesday
7 July**
from
3.00pm
onwards

**BOOK
YOUR
MASS**

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**ONE SLOT
PER PERSON
PER MONTH**

**DATE
MASS
TIME**

SATURDAY 11 JULY
**3.00pm, 4.30pm,
6.00pm**

**DATE
MASS
TIME**

SUNDAY 12 JULY
**8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm,
3.00pm, 4.30pm, 6.00pm**

Please note that carparking is available only at the King’s Road Church basement carpark.

For latest Information on Phase 2 Resumption of Weekend Masses, go to www.stignaitus.org.sg/home/

CHAS KESTERMEIER, SJ

Jesuit Community, Creighton University

Come and experience
the fullness of life

at St Ignatius Church

Spiritual Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ

RCIY 2020/2021

Journey begins on
Saturday, 25 July 2020,
4.00pm
Find out more at:
www.rciy.sg

RCIA 2020/2021

Journey begins on
Tuesday, 4 August 2020,
8.00pm
Sign up at:
[tinyurl.com/
stignatius-rcia](http://tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia)

PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed on POLLING DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY Friday 10 July.

PARISH OFFICE OPERATING HOURS

The church office is open from Monday to Friday, 9am-6pm, strictly by appointment only. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.
Communications via telephone, email and Telegram will be as usual.

The King's Road church gate will remain closed until further notice.

Fr Colin Tan, SJ is available for **TELE-MEETING** with 10 parishioners daily. Call the office (6466 0625) to leave your name and number. He will be happy to return your call. Or email him at csi.pp@catholic.org.sg

All are invited to join Fr Ravi, SJ, and our youth community, De Vita Christi, for **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** "live" on YouTube, every Wednesday, 8pm -10pm. The link will be posted on Telegram.

St Ignatius Church is looking for

YOUTH COORDINATOR

We are looking for a Christ-centred and dynamic individual to provide comprehensive and holistic ministry and formation to youth and young adults within our parish. You will be primarily responsible for journeying with and sustaining the development of our vibrant and growing youth community. As a leader of leaders you will have the opportunity to engage, communicate with and inspire individuals in their respective faith journeys. You will also collaborate across the community in the conduct of parish events and initiatives.

DESIRED SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Personal spirituality and ability to accompany and support individual youths through their faith journey
- Strong leadership skills with the ability to inspire others and lead by example

- High level of accountability and organisational skills
- Emotional competence and a good sense of healthy boundaries
- Ability to teach, lead worship, run cell groups
- Experience in social media communications, conflict resolution and facilitation

COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

We are looking for a creative and experienced individual who has a desire to serve with the spirit of Christ and work in a faith based organisation, to lead in conceptualising, overseeing and coordinating all internal and external communications across our parish platforms, ensuring its message is consistent with the wider parish vision and goals. You will be primarily responsible for formulating and implementing effective communications strategies and guidelines. You will also collaborate closely with stakeholders

to plan and manage the design, content and production of communication materials in meeting the parish communication needs.

DESIRED SKILLS & EXPERIENCE

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience in communications via social media and digital media platforms
- Experience in designing EDMs, posters and other digital marketing content
- Experience in planning and executing communications strategy and campaigns
- Ability to work independently while managing inter-personal relationships and networking with parish ministries and external stakeholders
- Ability to multitask and work well under pressure.
- Excellent organizational and time management skills.

Interested applicants to submit resume to csi.hr@catholic.org.sg

WEBCAST MASSES at 6.00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday. Presided by Fr Jerome Leon, SJ. Please go to www.youtube.com/c/jeromeleonsj
The webcast will come online 3 minutes before noon. The video will not be accessible after the webcast.

A recorded **GOSPEL REFLECTION** by Fr Colin Tan, SJ for this weekend 5 July, is available at Weekly Sunday Reflection: <https://stignatius.org.sg/home>

SUNDAYS WITH JESUS is a Liturgy of the Word for Children session, with homily by Fr Leslie Raj, SJ. It is available at <https://stignatius.org.sg/home/>

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY POWER OF TESTIMONY

Personal testimonies have the power to transform us to be a light for others so that more may glorify our Lord. All are invited to a sharing this Wednesday 8 July at 8pm. Email cpg.cpsi@gmail.com for details.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR YOUTH (RCIY) 2020/2021

Do you know youths who are seeking God? Or do you feel called to journey and help non-Catholics find God?

New cycle begins 25 July. Sessions are every Saturday, 4-6pm. Find out more at www.rciy.sg

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA) 2020/2021

Begins 4 August (every Tuesday, 8.00pm to 10.00pm). Introduce friends or family to our Catholic faith. Baptised Catholics are also invited to journey as sponsors.
Spiritual Director: Fr Colin Tan, SJ
Registration is now OPEN for inquirers of the Catholic Faith, sponsors and facilitators.
Enrol at tinyurl.com/stignatius-rcia at stignatius.org.sg. Contact Teddy (9745 8313) or Angela (6466 0625).

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ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CBN CAREER COUNSELLING SERVICE is now available via Zoom. You can have discussions with a trained counsellor on Career Exploration, Career Planning, Career Transitions, Workplace Challenges, Job Search Strategies etc. Call 9111 7335 or email admin@cbn.sg. There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administration costs.