



CATHOLIC CHURCH of St Ignatius

Job Description for Church Leaders

As the liturgical year winds down, the church is less concerned with the number of shopping days until Christmas than with sobering reflections. The Gospels conclude with Jesus' final instructions to his disciples, his final testaments, which weave together words of hope and warnings about the pitfalls that loom during his absence.

Today's Gospel launches a bitter polemic against the Pharisees that is almost a caricature of the historical Pharisees. Its purpose is less to pillory them than to warn Matthew's community leaders about certain "pharisaical" attitudes. They preach, but do not practise; they lay burdens on people without lifting a finger to lighten them; they revel in external signs of respect and honor elegant garments, privileged places at worship and at banquets; they are full of concern for official titles. In contrast, Jesus' disciples are to be equal brothers and sisters, with only one Father in heaven, one master, Christ, and their chosen title should be "servant", one who seeks humiliation rather than exaltation.

This sounds a strong warning to religious leaders of all ages. Matthew has long been the bulwark of ecclesiastical leadership, with the Petrine promise of 16:15-18 serving as a "gospel within a gospel". Yet, reading

it through the lens of the institutional leadership dilutes its message. In this passage, taken from Jesus' first great sermon, in which he praises the poor in spirit, the meek and humble, the mournful and merciful and those who seek peace and justice, until his final proclamation that he is hidden in the least of his brothers and sisters, Jesus heralds values directly opposed to dominating power. Instead of laying burdens, Jesus will give rest to those

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who "labor and are burdened" (11:28), and his prime honorific title is "glutton and drunkard, friend of tax collectors and sinners" (11:19). Jesus summons his disciples to be a contrast society free of the pretensions of power and office.

The church is not exempt from the bureaucratization that has affected all elements of society, and the higher the ecclesiastical office the more a bureaucratic model dominates. Though diocesan bishops are faced with almost insurmountable tasks, the Second Vatican Council's decree on bishops highlighted their primary role as "spiritual guides to their flock", proclaimers of God's word and pastors to their priests. Pope John Paul II said that during the ordination ceremony when the priest puts his hands between those of the bishop it is not simply a one-way gesture of



Sunday 5 November 2017

Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10

2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

Monday 6 November

The Commemoration of All the Departed of the Society of Jesus

Tuesday 7 November

Liturgy of the day

Wednesday 8 November

Liturgy of the day

Thursday 9 November

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday 10 November

St Leo the Great

Saturday 11 November

St Martin of Tours

Sunday 12 November

Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

obedience, but "in reality, the gesture commits them both: priest and bishop. The young priest chooses to entrust himself to the bishop and, for his part, the bishop obliges himself to look after those hands." This is a "primary duty for every diocesan bishop" (Sept. 29, 2002).

Paul provides a countervision to domination and distant leadership. His care is that of a "nursing mother" for his children, who among them shared not only the "Gospel of God, but his very own self, so dearly beloved had you become to us." Paul writes, "We treated each one of you as a father treats his children, exhorting and encouraging you." A nursing woman's love and a father's encouragement are wed in Paul's pastoral consciousness. There is a deep lesson here for a church so characterized by patterns of exclusive male control.

John R. Donahue, SJ

PARISH NEWS

COLLECTION FOR POOR in the month of October amounted to \$24,090.50. Thank you for your generosity.

CCTV: Surveillance recordings show indiscriminate parking and unauthorised removal of Church property.

THE BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY thanks all who signed up last weekend for their generous response. If you still would like to join, contact Chad Tan SMS/WhatsApp 9675 6621.

NOVEMBER — MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEAD

In the month of November, you can submit names of deceased relatives and friends in the box provided at the Place of Gathering. These names will be offered during weekend Masses in November.



GIFT TO JESUS

The DVC Youth Choir warmly invites all youth and young adults to join us in celebrating the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at the Christmas Midnight Mass. Please contact Nicholas@8201 8078 for more details.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PAGEANT AND MASS

The 8.15 Family Choir invites all to join us for 5.30pm Christmas Eve Children's Pageant & Mass, or 8.15am Christmas Day Mass. Practices are every Thursday (8-10pm) starting 16 November. If you are interested, please say hi to us after the 8.15am Sunday mass, or contact Mike (mikevinlim@gmail.com/ 9151 5267).

Salve Regina Orchestra will be accompanying both masses. String/woodwind musicians (approximately Grade 5 ability) are invited to join us. Rehearsals: Sundays, 10am-1pm, from 19 November. For information, contact ooi.claire@gmail.com by Friday 10 November.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER (WOGP) COMES TO ST IGNATIUS

Sunday 26 November to Saturday 2 December Sojourners' Companions invites all to WOGP to learn how to pray with Scripture and develop a closer relationship with the Lord. \$30/participant. Register: www.sojourners.sg/about_WoGP.html Enquires: wogp@sojourners.sg or call Suzanne Leong at 9697 7800

2018 LEADING LITTLE ONES TO GOD REGISTRATION

LLOTG K1 (children born in 2013) online registration is open until 15 November. Registration: <https://goo.gl/ChpWbL> (case-sensitive).

WEEKEND CATECHETICAL PROGRAMME

Primary 1 registration is now open. Limited spaces may be available for NEW registrations for other levels - subject to the existing enrolment and other conditions. Children already in our programme need not register again. All registrations will close on 30 November and done strictly through our website at: <http://stignatius.org.sg/home/ministries/faith-formation/catechetical-ministry/weekend/registration> Contact us at: stignatius.wecat@gmail.com if you have any queries.

Catechetical sessions for 2017 will end next weekend on Saturday 11/Sunday 12 November. Look out for notices regarding the start of sessions in 2018 at the beginning of the new year. We wish all our children, youth and families a blessed holiday and thank all for your support and prayers this year.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Our CRC community is having a Thanksgiving Mass before the year ends. Fr Jerome Leon is the celebrant. All are welcome this Wednesday November 8, at St Ignatius Hall. Start at 7.30pm with Praise & Worship, Mass at 7.50pm to be followed by dinner fellowship.

RIP NEWS – RISEN IN THE LORD

Gerard Chiu Kuo Kwong – 74 years old
Date of death: 28 October 2017

NCC NEWS

Unless otherwise stated, all meetings start at 8.00pm.



ZONE A DISTRICT 1

Wednesday, 8 November, SH-02-E
Programme: "Who Am I to Judge? – Responding to Relativism with Logic and Love" by Edward Sri
Session 3 – Real Freedom, Real Love
Written on the human heart is the law of self-giving: We find happiness only when we make our lives a gift to others. Learn how central aspects of Catholic morality – the virtues, grace, and the moral law – are all about helping us become the kind of people who make their lives "something beautiful for God"

ZONE D DISTRICT 1

Friday, 17 November, SH-E
Programme: Video – Bishop Barron – The Saints.

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

Angela Kurnadi Parish Administrator ★ Joyce Setiawan Parish Accountant ★ Jeremy Aloysius Catechetical Director ★ Gerard Robert Youth Coordinator ★ Cheryl Lek Youth Coordinator
Robert Ong Sacristan ★ David Saw Operations Manager ★ Steven Leong Facilities Manager ★ Therese Gian Communications Manager

Spiritual Food and Technology

It was a quiet dawn in the park when the girl spotted a squirrel up a tree. The squirrel piqued her interest. Standing on its feet, the squirrel was holding a burger wrapper with its tiny paws and began sniffing the sheet. To her surprise and horror, it started munching the wrapper; the gravy on the sheet must have been so delicious that the squirrel could not resist finishing it in no time – swallowed whole. It was not aware that it was ingesting something harmful.

Her mind wandered to the young family she saw in a restaurant yesterday. The parents were busy looking at their smartphones, and the child, probably six years old, was busy tapping and swiping his iPad with his delicate fingers. Did the young couple know of what the boy was playing? She surely hoped so, for the boy could scarcely take his eyes off the screen.

People of all ages and from all walks of life are increasingly hooked on their smartphones. After all, we do live in a world that is going digital, and the development in digital technology is

unstoppable, influencing and changing the way we live and interact. The technology industry's forerunners have been monitoring and limiting access in their households due to the addictive nature and ease of smartphone usage. Steve Jobs did not let his children use an iPad, while Melinda Gates preferred to wait longer before putting a smartphone in her children's pockets, both realizing that children and adolescents do not yet have the emotional maturity to deal with it.

nourishment:

- ★ Resources for faith formation for all ages and interest – children, youth, and adults, from light-hearted cartoons and movies to intense faith formation programs: <https://formed.org/>
- ★ Classic Christian literature, including writings from the saints: <http://www.ccel.org/>
- ★ Materials on liturgy and prayers: <https://stpaulcenter.com/library/liturgy-and-prayer/#prayer-spirituality>
- ★ Daily reflection: <https://www.catholic>

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At the same time, technology development has also given a wide access to Christian treasures, something unimaginable even at the turn of the last decade – if we know how to harvest them. For example, the Bible and classic and contemporary Christian literatures are no longer confined to hardcopy; lecture series and talks are also available online. These electronic and audio versions allow us to read and listen anytime and everywhere. What would have been difficult to secure or burned a deep hole in our wallets are now available at our finger tips – many are for free. The audio books and lectures are especially great for those who are hard-pressed for time; one can listen to spiritual reading in the morning walk, during the commute, or while doing chores. All we need is a smartphone and the desire to deepen our faith.

Here are some examples of websites and mobile apps for spiritual

[sg/archbishop/scripture-reflection/](http://archbishop/scripture-reflection/)
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>

- ★ Mobile Apps Laudate, which can be downloaded for free, contains the Bible, the daily Mass readings, daily prayer and reflection, Liturgy of the Hours, the Rosary prayer, the Stations of the Cross, and even Vatican documents, in multiple languages (including Asian languages).

It has been said that who we are in five years' time is determined by what we read today. The statement may be an oversimplification, but there is a ring of truth in it: what we read and watch shapes who we become. Many of us pay attention to our diet; perhaps it is time to do so for the nourishment of our soul as well. The digital world is here to stay, and it is up to us to make a responsible choice.

Parishioners of
St. Ignatius can
subscribe to
www.formed.org
Our parish code is
4904ed.
Create your own
login ID and
experience how
your regular visits
transform your faith.

JESUIT NEWS

HEROIC/ SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP IN PASTORAL MINISTRY

In this day of conversation, reflection and sharing, learn about how self-awareness, ingenuity, love, and heroism form a unique formula that has moulded Jesuit leaders for more than 450 years.

Date & Time: Sunday, 19 November 2017, 10am - 5pm

Facilitator: Chris Lowney

Contribution: \$50

Register: <http://tinyurl.com/ChrisL17>

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 Colin Tan, 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

FAITH FORMATION SESSION

Date: Saturday, 11 November

Venue: Agape Village

Time: 2pm to 5pm.

Speaker: Fr Ambrose Vaz

Theme: "Growing In Faith Through Community Building"

To have a better understanding of "Growing In faith" and the challenges to live the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation. To have a missionary spirit reaching out (extension) to as many as possible by our simple way of being living witnesses in our daily lives.

All CFSM members are invited to attend as a community.

THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT)

Talk by Andrew Kong

1) Theology of the Body Introductory Talk
10 November

2) Theology of the Body 10-hour Course
24 November, and 1, 8, 15 December

Details: www.catholic.sg/act or on

FaceBook: Apostolate for Catholic Truth

Time: Friday. 7.00pm to 9.30pm

Venue: St Joseph's Church Conference Room, Victoria Street

Love Offering and All are welcome, No registration required.

Call 9649 3893 for enquiries (Andrew).

CLARITY'S MATERNAL HEALTH AWARENESS TALK

Expectant mothers and mothers experience significant physiological, hormonal and life-style changes that are uniquely part of motherhood. Learn more about maternal health from our speaker and panel of mothers who will share their postnatal experiences. Bring your spouses, parents, in-laws and friends. Goodie bags and light refreshments provided.

Date: Saturday, 18 Nov 2017

Time: 10.00am to 12.00pm

Fees: \$20

Venue: Agape Village. 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh S(319264). Level 3 Multi-purpose rooms

To register: <https://tinyurl.com/ybcc3u47>

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)

Columbarium Opening Hours

Daily: 6.30am - 8.00pm

Public Holiday: Closed

Inigo Bookstore

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:

4.00pm to 6.20pm and during

weekend Masses

Sick and elderly

Please contact the parish office

if help is needed for parishioners

regardless of which hospital

they are at. 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 and last Fridays 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, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)

Followed by

Generation CHRIST!

Eucharistic Adoration

Children Eucharistic Adoration

Every 3rd Friday, 7.45pm

Memorial Mass

Every 4th Friday, 8pm (No 6pm Mass)