

The Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer

Our Church celebrates the Feast of the Most Holy Redeemer on the 3^{rd} Sunday of July. It is a wonderful day to commemorate the gift of Christ as our Most Holy Redeemer with joy and gratitude.

How apt to gaze at the centrepiece stained glass in church and feel the wonders of our redemption. I am always humbled and enraptured at the same time when I look at the stained glass image of Christ, fully clothed, resurrected from the dead, carrying the cross for us. His other hand is raised, exposing his nail wounds from His Crucifixion. This constantly reminds us that through one man our sins have been washed away, we are redeemed. But his wounds remind us that the world out there continues to need love and healing. As followers of the Most Holy Redeemer, we are called to carry on His mission to bring love and healing to the world.

I love this quote from St Alphonsus Liguori - The Passion and Death of Jesus Christ:

"Yes, my gentle Redeemer, let me say it, You are crazy with love!

Is it not foolish for you to have wanted to die for me?

But if You, my God, have become crazy with love for me, how can I not become crazy with love for you?" 300 Thomson Road, Singapore 307653 T 6255 2133 F 6356 9910 E secretariatcssr@novenachurch.com W novenachurch.com PETITION & THANKSGIVING LETTERS novenaletterscssr@novenachurch.com

This sums up that intense, regenerating love of God for mankind. God loved the world so much that He gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. It is not only eternal life but eternal light too.

I recall that I was recently distressed and wanted to give up a failing relationship. To be honest, I have tried my best, to do what is right. I found myself hurting badly and I sincerely believed that the only way was to walk away. But God, being the ever Most Holy Redeemer gave me an insight and as 'crazy' as what St Alphonsus had written, He told me that since it is with a crazy love that God loved me, then how can I not return this crazy love by loving another in an equally crazy manner.

With all this "craziness", I felt the burden lifted and slowly but surely, the redemptive love of Christ took root. There was restoration of peace and love, and even joy started to grow in my heart again.

That's how crazy God's love is. It comes in abundance as a free gift through one man, Jesus Christ. It gives us the strength to do things and love others beyond imagination.

With Him, there is plentiful redemption. Happy Feast Day, brothers and sisters!

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Readings & Responses for the Week

15 July 2018

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Sun, 15 July	Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13 Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
	ls 1:10-17; Mt 10:34-11:1 I will show God's salvation to the upright.
Tue, 17 July	ls 7:1-9; Mt 11:20-24 God upholds his city for ever.
Wed, 18 July	ls 10:5-7,13-16; Mt 11:25-27 The Lord will not abandon his people.
Thu, 19 July	Is 26:7-9,12,16-19; Mt 11:28-30 The Lord looked down from heaven to the earth.
-	ls 38:1-6,21-22,7-8; Mt 12:1-8 You have held back my life, O Lord, from the pit of doom.
Sat, 21 July St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	,
WEEKDAY MASS (MON – FRI) Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm Confession: Half an hour before Mass	SATURDAY MORNING MASS Time: 7am
SUNSET MASS (SAT) Time: 6.30pm SUNDAY MASS	SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm Mandarin: 2.30pm Confession: After every Novena Service
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Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Time: 8am, 6.30pm

DAYS OF OBLIGATION Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation) 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

except after the 11am service.

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Solemnity of The Most Holy Redeemer



The seal of the Congregation consists of a cross with a lance and sponge mounted on three hills. The crown over the coat of arms can be interpreted as the crown of alory that is the reward for persevering in one's vocation.

Around the seal is the motto, which translates into English, as "With him there is Plentiful Redemption." It is based on Psalm 130:7. It speaks of what binds all Redemptorists under an honourable coat of arms that is centered on Jesus Christ, the Redeemer and under the protection of Mary.

Novena in preparation for **Annual Procession 2018**

The Novena in preparation for Annual Procession is in the 2nd week. The Theme for this special Novena is: "Called To Love!" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

7 July : Love is always Patient and Kind

14 Julv : Love is not Envious

21 July : Love is not Boastful or Conceited

28 July : Love is not Selfish

4 Aug : Love is not Resentful

11 Aua : Love Deliahts in the Truth

18 Aug : Love is always ready to Excuse and to Trust

25 Aug : Love is always ready to Hope

1 Sept : Love Endures to the End

During this 9 week Special Novena. write a short Thanksgiving on the front of the specially provided heart-shaped papers. On the back, write the Names of your families for the Consecration of Families on the Day of the Annual Procession. Drop vour "Hearts" in the special boxes at the front foyer and veranda of the Church.

Novena Annual Procession

The Annual Novena Procession will be on Sunday, 2nd September 2018 at 6.00pm.

Specially printed Annual Procession Envelopes are available around the Church compound. All collections collected will be used to defrav the cost of the Annual Procession. We thanks you for your generous support.

Evening of dance as expression of faith

The Novena Youth Ministry will be organising an evening of dance to explore dancing as an expression of (mobile number + email) and faith and we strongly encourage singing/playing/acting ANYONE between the ages of 14-23 years old to join us on this Reception (indicating The Advent amazing night!

Date : 20th July 2018

Time : 1900 - 2230

Venue : Plaza

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 22nd July at 12 noon.

The Nativity Carol - the Gifts we bring

Novena Church will be presenting 2 enchanting nights of music. dance and drama recounting the story of the nativity.

It will be a *new. fresh* and *fun* take on the familiar story - the excitement & anticipation of the birth of a new king.

We are looking for actors, singers and musicians!

If you are keen to be a part of the an project Come meet with us on 23 July 2019 Monday!

> Interested individuals. please provide name, contact details experience to the Church

Project) or contact us directly @ Jeannie 9233 8399 / Remv 9022 3016.

No Eating and Drinking inside the Church. please.

