

#### Love one another; just as I have loved you

Jesus gave the disciples a new commandment:

"Love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples."

This is also the commandment He passed down to all of us. This is a prayer that we pray together every day as a family. I believe that it has helped to keep us together, in good times and in bad.

We know it is not easy to love another person. We are all imperfect. It is only through God's love that we can continue to love another.

As the Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in love, we can learn to be like Him.

Personally, I know I cannot love in the same way if I do not reflect on His goodness. His commandment is not a hard precept. It is only when you experience the love, then you can extend it to others. 300 Thomson Road, Singapore 307653 T 6255 2133

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Although I may not fully appreciate how to forgive someone seventy times over, I know how painful it is to bear the grudge and hurt. Sometimes, it may cause you to fall sick or depressed. Forgiveness is so much easier on the soul.

It is also through Christ that I learnt how imperfection can be perfected. God loves us no matter how often we fall into sin. If so, how can we judge others when we are equally imperfect!

I gradually understood that seeking for perfection in a relationship or a job is actually chasing an illusion. The perfection comes in appreciating the ups and downs of life, with its rough edges. God wants us to live and love in a real way. More importantly, He wants us to grow more like him.

Thus, being a disciple of Christ can be a joyful experience. All we need is to see it with the eyes of Jesus. Loving others as much as we can, can be a joyful gift.

#### Reflection by Hope

# Novena notes

**Readings & Responses for the Week** 



5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter Year C 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Sun, 19 May	Ac 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35 I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.
Mon, 20 May St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest	
Tue, 21 May SS. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs	Ac 14:19-28; Jn 14:27-31 Your friends, O Lord, shall make known the glorious splendour of your reign.
Wed, 22 May St. Rita of Cascia, Religious	Ac 15:1-6; Jn 15:1-8 I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
Thu, 23 May	Ac 15:7-21; Jn 15:9-11 Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
	Ac 15:22-31; Jn 15:12-17 I will thank you, Lord, among the peoples.
Sat, 25 May St. Bede the Venerable, Priest & Doctor St. Gregory VII, Pope	Ac 16:1-10; Jn 15:18-21 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
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	SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm Mandarin: 2.30pm
SUNDAY MASS Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm	Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.
PUBLIC HOLIDAY Time: 8am, 6.30pm	DAYS OF OBLIGATION Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation) 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

# **KEN-YA-COME**

Inviting all youth aged 14-25 to an engaging dialogue session with Mr. Gabriel Teo and two Kenyan youths. They will be sharing their testimonies about how education has empowered them and how they have been empowered.

Date : 24 May 2019

Time : 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Venue : Level 2, Auditorium, Pastoral Block, Novena Church



#### **RCIA Chinese Programme**

The New Chinese RCIA programme (2019/2020) for Adults will begin on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Application forms can be obtained at the Church Office.

#### **Praying The Rosary**

There will be the praying of the Rosary immediately after the 6.30pm evening Mass from Monday to Friday in the month of May.

### 19<sup>th</sup> May, Vesak Day

Masses will be as usual at 8am, 10am, 12pm and 5.30pm

# 20<sup>th</sup> May, Public Holiday

Please take note that there will be  $\underline{NO}$  lunch time Mass on  $20^{\text{th}}$  May being public holiday. Masses at 8am and 6.30pm.

# **Good Shepherd Sunday**

The second collection last Sunday amounted to \$12,563/-.

# **Tagalog Mass**

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on  $26^{\text{th}}$  May 2019 at 12 noon.

#### "DAWN Skill Development Programme for foreign domestic workers"

Registration is open for Baking & Cooking (Basic & Advance), Basic Cake Decoration, Sewing & Handicraft from July 2019 till December 2019.

The 2nd Batch 2019 Care-Giving Course is scheduled to begin on 5 May 2019.

Classes will be conducted on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of each month from May 2019 till November 2019.

Dates : 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Time : 10 am to 2 pm Venue: DAWN, Good Shepherd Place, 9, Lorong 8, Toa Payoh, Singapore 319253.

Contact: 96702880 (Suzeth), 82694546 (Rowena), or 82333728 (Sr. Barbara)

# Ascension Of The Lord

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated at  $\underline{7pm}$  on Wednesday  $29^{\text{th}}$  May. Rosary will begin at 6.30pm before the Mass.

The Mass times will be at 6.30am, 12.15pm and <u>7pm</u> on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Rosary will begin at 6.30pm before the Mass.

#### **First Profession**

Antony Charles Prabhu, will make his First Profession in the Redemptorist Congregation at the 5.30pm Mass on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

All are welcome to join the Redemptorists for this joyous celebration as we welcome one more confrere into our community.

We thank you for all your prayers and generosity in support of our seminarians.

# Mass for World Day of Prayer for the Church in China

