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Taking The Leap Of Faith

“When you want something, the entire universe conspires in helping you to achieve it.” (Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist).

I studied electronics engineering and worked as a software developer for nearly a decade. My working years were fulfilling. I was earning a good salary and I got to explore my passion for computer programming languages. But surprisingly, I was being led to something more. I felt a calling to the religious life. My life’s journey turned from Software to Godware.

I am a devotee of the novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. I used to stand along the gates of the old Novena Church every Saturday. I experienced the consolation, guidance and the love of God through Mother Mary. One Saturday, I prayed that I would know the state of life that God was calling me to. Was it marriage, the single life, the diocesan priesthood or religious life. They were all appealing. Over time, God led me to understand that He wishes all of us to be saints, but each according to his/her state of life. The married as married, the businessman as a businessman, the cook as a cook, the sportsman as a sportsman, the religious as a religious?

As I was seeking God’s will, I went to Kolkata in India to work with the Missionaries of Charity. In a place called Kalighat, I had to dress the

wounds of a very filthy old man who was picked up from the street. It was difficult to endure the bad odor of that man but the sisters taught me how to share God’s love with others by showing respect for their human dignity. I saw Christ in that man and I felt a sense of hope. I also became engaged in ministry. I served in the choir of Christ the King parish and I experienced the importance of community. They supported and encouraged me and helped me to grow in my relationship with Jesus. These experiences helped me to discern that I was called to the religious life. They helped me to make the leap of faith, to leave my career as a software programmer and dedicate myself entirely to God’s work – the Godware. I will always be grateful to all those who helped me in my journey of discernment.

Today, as I make my First Profession, I feel blessed to have discovered where God was calling me to be. I pray for all young men and women who are discerning their own vocation in life. Be courageous and take the leap of faith.

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Antony Charles Prabhu

Antony will be making his First Profession in the Redemptorist Congregation on 26th May at the 5.30pm mass.

Novena notes



6th Sunday of Easter
 Year C
 26th May 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 26 May	Ac 15:1-2,22-29; Rev 21:10-14,22-23; Jn 14:23-29 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.
Mon, 27 May St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	Ac 16:11-15; Jn 15:26-16:4 The Lord takes delight in his people.
Tue, 28 May	Ac 16:22-34; Jn 16:5-11 You stretch out your hand and save me, O Lord.
Wed, 29 May	Ac 17:15,22-18:1; Jn 16:12-15 Your glory fills all heaven and earth.
Thu, 30 May Ascension Of The Lord	Ac 1:1-11; Hebr 9:24-28,10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 God goes up with shouts of joy the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Fri, 31 May Visitation Of The Blessed Virgin Mary	Zeph 3:14-18; Lk 1:39-56 Great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Sat, 1 June St. Justin, Martyr	Ac 18:23-28; Jn 16:23-28 God is king of all the earth.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
 Mandarin: 2.30pm
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

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

Novena notes

"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 : 26th May 2019, 2nd & 9th 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)

Part Time Property Officer

We are looking for a part-time property officer to work on weekends and public holidays and/or to cover the regular staff from 10pm to 8am. For those who are interested, kindly leave your contact details with the Church Reception.

RCIA Chinese Programme

The New Chinese RCIA programme (2019/2020) for Adults will begin on 29th 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.

Ascension Of The Lord

The Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 7pm on Wednesday 29th May. Rosary will begin at 6.30pm before the Mass.

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

5th June, Hari Raya Puasa

Please take note that there will be NO lunch time Mass on 5th June being a public holiday. Masses at 8am and 6.30pm.

First Profession

Antony Charles Prabhu, will make his First Profession in the Redemptorist Congregation at the 5.30pm Mass on 26th 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.

Kickstart 2019



World Communications Day

There will be a second collection at Masses on 1st and 2nd June for Archdiocese Media Apostolate.

PIETA

Pieta is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents - in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next session would be held on Tuesday, 28 May 2019.

For further information, you can contact us at pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook : <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Humanitarian Forum & Fair 2019 Roadshow

Interested to do overseas volunteer work or go on a mission trip? Come learn more about overseas humanitarian work at the **CHARIS Humanitarian Forum & Fair on Saturday, 1st June 2019 at Catholic Junior College**. To register via our online form, visit our website at www.charis-singapore.org/hff2019 or call +65 6337 4119.