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When the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?

As I reflect on the gospel reading from St Luke, I find the last sentence sobering and it hits out at me. Indeed, will He find any faith on earth?

We are in a world where instant gratification seems to be the norm. Children learn from their parents who are consumers who demand to be served instantaneously. The tolerance levels for delays and error is zero! Working adults have to contend with the fast-paced work demands and find themselves burnt out. Social media feeds the hearts and minds of millions of consumers. Netflix occupies the space of our living rooms.

Honestly speaking, do we have time for God? Are we spending enough time on prayer?

I will be the first to admit that I have not spent enough time with God. The time that I devote to Him is a mere fraction of the time I spent on work. I am experiencing time deficit for sleep, prayer, exercise, family and work. A voice inside me tells me - you will have more time to pray when you retire. But how will I know if I will still be alive by then? I know it sounds morbid but we never know when our time is up, do we?

So what can we do about it? Jesus tells us in the gospel reading to 'pray continually and never lose heart'. I do not have an answer yet on how to manage all these important blocks in my life. In my discomfort, I keep asking Him to guide me. I am consoled by the parable of the widow who persistently appealed to the dishonest judge. God is telling us if a dishonest man can give in to the widow's demands, what more God, who is always good and loves us so much.

I know that in my continual asking, God will guide me to see how I should best live my life. I have to listen and wait in patience as events unfold.

I thank God that He has given me the opportunity to go for a retreat at this point, to spend some time with Him to walk my inner journey.

God is always waiting for us to draw closer to Him each day. I ask of you to continually pray for our community for faith to grow and flourish. For us to hear God's voice amidst the din so that He would recognize us as the faithful when He comes.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year C
 20 October 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 20 October	Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8 Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Mon, 21 October	Rom 4:20-25; Lk 12:13-21 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel! He has visited his people.
Tue, 22 October St. John Paul II	Rom 5:12,15,17-21; Lk 12:35-38 Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
Wed, 23 October St. John of Capestrano	Rom 6:12-18; Lk 12:39-48 Our help is in the name of the Lord.
Thu, 24 October St. Anthony Mary Claret	Rom 6:19-23; Lk 12:49-53 Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
Fri, 25 October	Rom 7:18-25; Lk 12:54-59 Lord, teach me your statutes.
Sat, 26 October	Rom 8:1-11; Lk 13:1-9 Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

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

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Assisi Hospice Turns 50

Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. Founded in 1969 by the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), Assisi Hospice celebrates 50 years of God's blessings in 2019.

The medallion is specially created to commemorate Assisi Hospice's 50 years of caring for life. The design is part of the Hospice's logo, reflecting our missionary role to reach out and welcome all who need our care. The phrase at the back "We Rise by Lifting Others" captures the joyful love that is shared when one gives kindly, patiently and humbly.



All proceeds from the medallions go to patient care, enabling us to continue their mission and service to those in need. Please give us your generous support.

For those who are interested to get the medallion, there is an online order option: <http://bit.ly/AssisiMedallions>.

The medallion will be delivered via registered mail and **full tax deduction will be given before 31 Dec 2019.**

For more information, please contact Lilian at 6832 2880 or email us at donate@assisihospice.org.sg. QR code as attached.



Praying The Rosary

There will be praying of the Rosary at 6pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm from Monday to Friday in the month of October.

Theology of the Body Conference

Archdiocesan Commission for the Family will be organising a conference on the Theology of Body.

Pope St John Paul II's Theology of the Body echoes true in today's world and is important for our families and young people to learn and be educated on God's Divine Plan for Human Love.

Date: 26 October 2019 (Saturday)
Time: 10.00am to 4.00pm
(Sunset Mass at 4.00pm).

Venue: St Joseph's Institution
(Lecture Theatre 2)
38 Malcolm Road,
Singapore 308274

Cost: \$20 per person

(Free for Priests and Religious)

Advent Novena

Our Advent Novena to prepare for Christmas will begin on 26th October. The Theme for this special Novena is, "The Birth of Jesus". All are welcome. Bring along your family and friends.

26 Oct: Jesus, fully Human

2 Nov: Jesus, the Christ-Child

9 Nov: Jesus and Bethlehem

16 Nov: Jesus the Immigrant

23 Nov: Jesus and the Manger

30 Nov: Jesus and the Shepherds

7 Dec: Jesus and His Family

14 Dec: Jesus - Saviour, The Light of the World

21 Dec: Jesus - The King

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 27th October 2019 at 12 noon.

27th October, Deepavali

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

28th October, Public Holiday

Please take note that there will be **NO** lunch time Mass on Monday, 28th October being a public holiday. Masses will be at 8am and 6.30pm.

Redemptorist Vocation Retreat

If you are a young man discerning what God may be calling you to do in life, the Redemptorists invite you to a stay-in vocation retreat.

Come and find out more about the Redemptorist mission and way of life.

Date : 9th to 10th November 2019
Venue : 11 Nallur Road,
Singapore 456610

Register by sending your details to vocationdirectorcssr@novenachurch.com

Extraordinary Missionary Month

Today, the Church celebrates World Mission Sunday. When his time in this world was coming to an end, Jesus prepared and commissioned his disciples to continue the mission that he had begun. We, who are baptised, are Jesus' disciples. We are called to follow his example by sharing the Good News of God's mercy and redemption with the abandoned and the poor.

The Vision of Novena Church is to be a place where people find healing, hope and love. So many people need to experience that today. That is our mission, we have been baptised and we are sent.