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He is the Son of God

Only those who believe in Christ and are inspired by the Holy Spirit can proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God. Non-believers may see Jesus as a prophet, an ATM machine or even a genie.

In the gospel from John, John the Baptist testified by saying that he saw the Spirit coming down like a dove from the sky. John was very privileged to be the precursor of Jesus, paving the way. He knew his place well. He was inspired by the Holy Spirit and said "I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel".

Jesus came to save the world. Would we not want to know our Saviour? How do we get to know Jesus better? To read the Word of God, receive the Holy Eucharist and pray. We can do all that to a certain extent.

What about our attitude? The word "humility" keeps popping up in my mind's eye. I realized I have a lot to learn from John. He is aware that there is a lot of God's plan that he does not know. But he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

I had just celebrated my birthday recently. As I reflected on the past year, I realized that there is still a lot that I don't know about life and about my faith. I would like to take on a child's eye to explore the world around me and grow in my faith.

I was recently very humbled that I had misjudged a friend whom I had been trying to connect with for the last 20 years. I took her frequent last-minute cancellations of appointments as a lack of sincerity to re-connect. I almost wrote her off in my life. I made one last attempt as we shared the same birthdate. She responded and we finally met up last week. I realized that I had misjudged her. She was battling with life challenges on so many fronts and there was really too much on her plate. I was grateful that we re-connected and she still holds the same values.

From this, I realized how damaging it is to judge others and their intentions. We all have been baptized by the Holy Spirit, let us continue to ask Jesus who is the Son of God to guide us how to live our lives and be Christ to others.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year A
 19 January 2020

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 19 January	Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34 Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.
Mon, 20 January St. Fabian & St. Sebastian	1 Sam 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22 I will show God's salvation to the upright.
Tue, 21 January St. Agnes	1 Sam 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28 I have found David, my servant.
Wed, 22 January St. Vincent	1 Sam 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mk 3:1-6 Blessed be the Lord, my rock.
Thu, 23 January	1 Sam 18:6-9,19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12 In God I trust; I shall not fear.
Fri, 24 January St. Francis de Sales	1 Sam 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19 Have mercy on me, God, have mercy.
Sat, 25 January The Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle	Ac 22:3-16; Mk 16:15-18 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

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

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon*, 5.30pm
 *2nd & 4th Sunday - Mass in Tagalog, subject to the availability of priests.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY : 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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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS 2020

JANUARY

WED, 1ST

LAUNCH OF NOVENA CHURCH
70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
Venue: Novena Church

SAT, 18TH

NOVENA CONFERENCE FOR NOVENA MINISTRIES
Venue: St Joseph's Institution Junior

MARCH

SAT, 14TH

WALK-A-JOG
Venue: Gardens by the Bay

MAY

FRI, 1ST

FAMILY DAY
Venue: Novena Church

FRI, 15TH

AN EVENING WITH THE NOVENA CHOIRS
Venue: Novena Church

JUNE

FRI, 26TH

INTER-CHURCH ALTAR-SERVERS COMPETITION
Venue: Novena Church

AUGUST

SAT, 8TH

MARIAN FESTIVAL CONCERT BY THE
CATHEDRAL ORGAN SCHOLARS AND CHOIR
Venue: Novena Church

SAT, 15TH

AN EVENING OF SACRED MUSIC IN PRAISE OF
MARY & HER SON, JESUS @ 8:30 PM
BY THE CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF THE RISEN CHRIST
Venue: Novena Church

SUN, 30TH

ANNUAL PROCESSION 2020 @ 2:00 PM
YOUTH RALLY 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Venue: Singapore Expo @ Changi

OCTOBER

THU, 29TH

FRI, 30TH

SAT, 31ST

COMFORT! A MUSICAL ABOUT VOICELESS WOMEN
AND MARY'S COMFORT
A REDEMPTORIST PRODUCTION
Venue: Drama Centre @ the National Library

NOVEMBER

SUN, 1ST

DECEMBER

SAT, 5TH

70TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING DINNER
Venue: Singapore Expo @ Changi

OTHER EVENTS TO NOTE

10 DAY PILGRIMAGES SPLENDOUR OF ITALY WITH REDEMPTORIST SHRINES
There will be 8 pilgrimages throughout the year led by The Redemptorists.

TALKS, CONFERENCE, RETREAT AND FORMATION
On-going throughout the year.

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Schedules for Chinese New Year

Operating Hours of Reception

24th January: 9am to 1pm

25th January: 7.30am to 8pm

26th January: 8.30am to 7.30pm

27th January: Closed

Operating Hours of St. Alphonsus Bookroom

24th January: 11am to 3pm

25th January: Closed

26th January: Closed

27th January: Closed

Mass Times

24th January: Chinese New Year Eve
Mass at 10pm. There will be NO
6.30pm Mass.

Please come in Red attire and bring
2 oranges for exchange.

25th January: Masses and Devotion
as usual.

26th January: Masses as usual.

27th January: Masses at 8am and
6.30pm. There will be NO lunch-
time Mass.



Novena Family Walk

In conjunction with our 70th Anniversary Celebration, we are organizing a "Novena Family Walk" as a way to give thanks to God and Mother Mary for the blessings received, and also as a time of fellowship.

Date: 14th March 2020

Time: 8:00am to 11.30am

Venue: Gardens by the Bay

Registration Fee: \$10 per person
Registration Form available at
the Reception.

Registration will close on 14th February 2020 and comes with a Goodie Bag, Food & Beverage and Lucky Draw. Bring your whole family and come join the Redemptorists and Novena Community for a day of fun, joy and laughter.

Novena Church Altar Servers

The Novena Church Altar Servers are having their annual recruitment drive. Young people aged 20 years old and below who are interested to join this ministry may pick up a form from the reception office. Registration closes on 31st January.

Church Canteen

Please take note the canteen will be closed on 25th January 2020.

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 26th January at 12 noon.