



For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God

As I reflect on this Sunday's readings, what struck me is that God's wisdom surpasses everything. He understands man's every deed. Essentially, no one can escape his scrutiny. So where does that leave us?

Jesus gives the answer with His sermon on the Mount. He tells his disciples that He had not come to abolish the law but to fulfil it. He teaches us to live by the Spirit not by the Law.

Jesus uses a few examples to illustrate to us how we should live our lives.

Do not kill

Do not kill others with our judgement, our anger or malice as our conduct will bring us to a bad end. We are asked to reconcile, make peace if not we will pay till our last penny. Indeed, if we harbor negative feelings, we may not pay in monetary terms but we pay in not having the peace of mind and it may haunt us till our last breath. So it is wise to forgive and let go instead of letting the wound fester in us.

Do not lust (after what is not yours)

The example Jesus gave was about lusting after another woman who is not one's wife. Taking this into a broader context, it could mean about desiring for things that are beyond one's reach. In doing so, it may lead us to blind ambition and acts that may not be right in the eyes of God.

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Being grateful for what one's state in life would be the right mindset to have. We will be happier people.

Do not take a false oath

Do not lie. Be honest with God, yourself and with others. God knows our hearts and our minds.

I believe these are timely reminders as our country battles with the virus outbreak. Last Sunday, the gospel exhorts us to be the salt and light of the world. Today, we are reminded of what it is to live according to the spirit of the Commandments. We live in an imperfect world. A crisis brings out the best and worst in us.

How can we take this opportunity to show the best side of our faith to our fellow men? We can be more tolerant towards one another, more charitable and generous in making sure that those who need help and resources are able to have them. Let's continue with making an honest living. Ultimately, God is more than a powerful MRI machine, He sees through our intentions.

"The eyes of God are on those who fear him:

He understands man's every deed"

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



6th Sunday Of Ordinary Time
 Year A
 16 February 2020

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 16 February	Sir 15:16-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 They are happy who follow God's law!
Mon, 17 February	Jm 1:1-11; Mk 8:11-13 Let your love come to me and I shall live.
Tue, 18 February	Jm 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21 Happy the man whom you teach, O Lord.
Wed, 19 February	Jm 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26 The just will live in the presence of the Lord.
Thu, 20 February	Jm 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33 This poor man called; the Lord heard him.
Fri, 21 February St. Peter Damian	Jm 2:14-24,26; Mk 8:34-9:1 Happy the man who takes delight in the commands of the Lord.
Sat, 22 February Chair of Saint Peter	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

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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70th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE SERIES



FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. ALPHONSUS
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Pilgrimage Series Part I

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Lenten Novena

Our Lenten Novena to prepare for Easter has begun. The Theme for this special Novena is: "A New Spring Time." All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

15 Feb: Stop Slow Down, Enter the Desert

22 Feb: Listen
Where am I with God?

29 Feb: Receive
Be refreshed by the dewfall of the Spirit

7 Mar: Breathe
May we allow the spirit to breathe forgiveness in our heart.

14 Mar: Change
Be transformed.

21 Mar: Love yourself
Where am I with myself?

28 Mar: Love others
Where am I in my relationship with others?

4 Apr: Hope
Where do I go from here?

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 23rd February at 12 noon.

Canteen Closed

Please take note the canteen will be closed until further notice.

RCIA English Programme

We will be starting our new RCIA Programme. It begins on 7th July 2020. Those interested in joining the new RCIA journey may collect the application form at the Church Office. The closing date for submission is on the 24th May 2020.

Old Palms

As we are preparing for Ash Wednesday on 26th February, please bring your old palms and drop them in the boxes available at the front of the Church.

Ash Wednesday, 26th February

Masses will be at 6.30am, 12.15pm and 7pm.

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the Cross will commence on 28th February at 6pm and it will be held every Friday during Lent followed by 6.30pm Mass.



Chinese Lenten Rally

ACAMS will be organizing a Lenten Rally in Novena Church. The Theme for this Lenten Rally is: "Passover with Jesus Christ".

The rally consists of 5 nights & will start at 7.45pm till 9.45pm

- 4 March - Fr. Henry Siew
- 11 March - Fr. Gabriel Wong
- 18 March - Fr. Bartholomew Jia
- 25 March - Fr. Peter Zhang
- 1 April - Fr. Terence Wee



Matters of Hygiene

Novena Church is taking the necessary precautionary measures in keeping with the MOH's and the Archdiocese's guidelines. We have sanitised the Church for everyone's safety. Please help us keep the Church and the surrounding areas clean and hygienic at all times. Thank you.

In conjunction with our 70th Anniversary Celebration, we are organising Pilgrimages to Italy and to the places where St. Alphonsus lived and worked. We'll also have the opportunity to visit the Church of St. Alphonsus in Rome, where you'll see the original icon of the Mother of Perpetual Help. You may pick up the itinerary from the Church Reception and sign up quickly as there are limited places available.