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Repent and believe in the Good News

Today is the first Sunday of Lent. I feel a great sense of excitement and anticipation for the first time. I have set resolutions to be more focused on the Lord during this season, something that I never consciously commit to do in the past. Perhaps, I was always doing stuff and not sitting still by being.

This year, I choose to declutter my mind, free myself from the distractions of social media and endeavour to spend more time with the Lord. I realise that my life was just too full of things, that I find it challenging to listen to His voice.

Like the first reading from Genesis, God spoke to Noah and told him that He had already established a Covenant with us, "no flood shall destroy the earth again". But we choose our own floods all the time when He just wants to save us.

This is echoed by the second reading from 1 Peter:

"That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects."

All God wants is our pledge to Him from a good conscience. It calls for us to reflect and search deep within ourselves, to cross-examine our relationship with God so that we can enjoy the Good News every day of our lives.

To do that, He has given us the Sacrament of Reconciliation which is truly a gift. I confess that I did not fully understand and appreciate the power of this Sacrament till recently. God does not need us to confess to Him but He has given us this opportunity to do so, so that we can understand more deeply His compassion and mercy. I realise that being humble to realise that I have sinned and having the discipline to approach the Sacrament of Reconciliation on a more regular basis has helped my spiritual journey. It has strengthened me to embrace my daily trials with a more cheerful disposition.

Indeed, when Jesus proclaimed in the gospel of Mark: 'The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News', the time is now. There is no better time than now for a renewal of spirit and mind, to prepare ourselves during this Holy season.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



1st Sunday of Lent
 Year B
 18 February 2018

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 18 February	Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15 Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.
Mon, 19 February	Lev 19:1-2,11-18; Mt 25:31-46 Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life.
Tue, 20 February	Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15 The Lord rescues the just in all their distress.
Wed, 21 February	Jona 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32 A humbled, contrite heart, O God, you will not spurn.
Thu, 22 February Chair of Saint Peter, The Apostle	1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fri, 23 February	Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26 If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
Sat, 24 February	Deut 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48 They are happy who follow God's law!

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

Lenten Novena

Our Lenten Novena to prepare for Easter began on Saturday, 27th January 2018. The Theme for this special Novena is: "Jesus gives eternal life!" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

27 Jan : The 7 Signs of Jesus in St. John's Gospel

3 Feb : Changing Water into Wine

10 Feb : Healing of the Royal Official's Son

17 Feb : Healing of a Crippled Man at Bethesda Pool

24 Feb : Feeding of the 5,000

3 Mar : Walking on the Water

10 Mar : Healing of the Man Born Blind

17 Mar : Raising of Lazarus from the Dead

24 Mar : Dying on the Cross

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 25th February at 12 noon.

Chinese Lenten Rally 2018

ACAMS will be organizing a Lenten Rally in Novena Church. The Theme for this Lenten Rally is : Repent, Rebuild & Return (悔改, 重建, 归回)

The rally consists of 5 nights & will start at 7.45pm with Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 8.15pm.

21 Feb - Fr. Henry Siew

28 Feb - Fr. John Chen Binshan

7 Mar - Fr. John Chua

14 Mar - Fr. Peter Zhang

21 Mar - Fr. Terence Wee



Donations for our new pews

The pews give us the place to sit in silence, pray and worship. Your gift would be etched on a plaque affixed to the side of the pews.

Brochures can be obtained from the Reception Office.

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the Cross will commence on 16th February at 6pm and it will be held every Friday during Lent followed by 6.30pm evening Mass.



Maintenance of the new church

Now that our building fund target has been met, all further donations will go towards our Church Maintenance Fund.

You can donate by cheque. You can now also donate via GIRO.

Kindly issue your cheque payable to:

Redemptorist Fathers Maintenance Fund.

Those who wish to donate via GIRO, please obtain the GIRO Form from the Reception desk.

Our credit card machine can now accept donations to the Maintenance Fund via Pay Wave.

Thank you very much for your generous support.



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There will be a second collection on Sunday, 18th February 2018. The proceeds are to fund the many organisations in the Archdiocese involved in family projects and other initiatives. Please give generously. Thank you