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Finding Jesus

Last Sunday, at the Novena RCIA 'Kick Off Session' 2018, I shared with my RCIA Ministry members some verses from St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. As I prepared for the session, I was amazed at the words spoken by St. Paul to the early church in Corinth. The words continue to apply to our Ministry, to our faith Community and to our Church. The words applied to us as Christian struggling to live the life as a disciple of Jesus the Christ. The words also applied to us as members of the Novena Church RCIA Ministry; starting a new journey in July 2018 with Inquirers who want to know more about our Christian faith and the Catholic Church. After the session, several of the RCIA members came to me to say that they did not know about these words and of their power. The words had revealed, assured and affirmed each one of us.

"I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." (1 Cor 1: 4-8.)

Today we celebrate Bible Sunday, and in the first Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord says: *"Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them"*. And in the Gospel, Jesus was amazed that the people in his hometown could not accept him as a Prophet. But we know Jesus is not just a Prophet, he is the Son of God. We have also accepted him as our Saviour. Yet, we still look for him. Also, as we are often lost or discouraged, we continue to search for peace and joy in our lives.

But Jesus is found in the Scriptures, and he offers the message of love, peace, hope and joy.

"Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)

The answer is there. Yet how many of our Bibles in our home remain unopened and unread? I have started to read and reflect on the Bible - one book at a time. My prayer for each one of us on this day is that we open and find Jesus in the Scriptures, and let his words console, teach, empower and form us.

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly." (1 Col 16)

Reflection by Ros



14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year B
 8 July 2018

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 8 July	Ez 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6 Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.
Mon, 9 July SS. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest ad 119 Companions, Chinese Martyrs	Hos 2:16-18,21-22; Mt 9:18-26 The Lord is kind and full of compassion.
Tue, 10 July	Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Mt 9:32-38 Sons of Israel, trust in the Lord.
Wed, 11 July St. Benedict, Abbot	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Mt 10:1-7 Constantly seek the face of the Lord.
Thu, 12 July	Hos 11:1-4,8-9; Mt 10:7-15 Let your face shine on us, O Lord, and we shall be saved.
Fri, 13 July St. Henry	Hos 14:2-10; Mt 10:16-23 My mouth shall declare your praise.
Sat, 14 July St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest	Is 6:1-8; Mt 10:24-33 The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

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

On the façade of the Church (facing Thomson Road). We have 4 stained-glass panels depicting the Four Evangelists.

The next two Evangelists are :

Luke



Luke is represented by an ox.

John



John is represented by an eagle.

Novena in preparation for Annual Procession 2018

The Novena in preparation for our Annual Procession will begin on Saturday, 7th July 2018. The Theme for this special Novena is: "Called To Love!" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

7 July : Love is always Patient and Kind

14 July : Love is not Envious

21 July : Love is not Boastful or Conceited

28 July : Love is not Selfish

4 Aug : Love is not Resentful

11 Aug : Love Delights in the Truth

18 Aug : Love is always ready to Excuse and to Trust

25 Aug : Love is always ready to Hope

1 Sept : Love Endures to the End

Novena Annual Procession

The Annual Novena Procession will be on Sunday, 2nd September 2018 at 6.00pm.

Peter's Pence Collection

The second collection last Sunday amounted to \$11,398/-.



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.

Safety Checks

For our peace of mind and the safety of all, our Ministers of Hospitality will be carrying out a simple check of bags and bulky items being brought into the Church.

Please give them your full cooperation. Thank you.

Solemnity of The Most Holy Redeemer - 15th July 2018

This is the Titular Feast of The Redemptorists.

There will be a con-celebration and the renewal of their vows at the 10am Mass on Sunday, 15th July 2018. Please continue to pray for them and also pray for more vocations to the Redemptorist Congregation.

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.

No Eating and Drinking inside the Church, please.

