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A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

The readings for this Sunday all point to the fact that putting our trust in the Lord, with our faith anchored on Him would be the enlightened path to take. Why so?

The first reading from the Book of Jeremiah shares with us that the wise man “is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream”. If we examine nature closely, we will understand that it will show us principles of survival. Just like how the tree or a plant gravitates itself to the source of life and nutrition, human beings would also put themselves in the best possible circumstances to survive.

The second reading from the first Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians elaborates on the meaning of death and Resurrection, how Christ has through His own death and resurrection redeemed the world.

The two readings “build up” to the gospel reading from Luke where Jesus shares The Beatitudes. In particular, I would like to share my reflection on the following:

“Happy are the poor, yours is the kingdom of God” – when I cultivate a humble and lowly disposition, I can then better appreciate the awe of the kingdom of God. Being aware of what I do not know helps me to be open to learn and embrace the larger universe created by God.

“Happy you who are hungry now, you will be satisfied” – the hunger could mean the hunger to know Jesus and walk with Him. As I continue to be hungry and thirst for the Word, I would then understand that being a disciple of Christ is a life-long vocation.

Jesus uses analogy from daily life like poverty, hunger and happiness to inform us that the world of God is at odds with the material world. Ultimately, He is not telling us to wear a long face but to be mindful to remember that our focus should be on Him and not be sucked into the material world of today. The rewards of eternal life are much more than what we can imagine.

To live out the Beatitudes, one must have the wisdom given by the Holy Spirit as it is not easy to have a disposition that is different from the world. But those who trust in the Lord will not be led astray.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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 17th February 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

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| Sun, 17 February | Jer 17:5-8; 1 Cor 15:12,16-20; Lk 6:17,20-26 Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord. |
| Mon, 18 February | Gen 4:1-15,25; Mk 8:11-13 Pay your sacrifice of thanksgiving to God. |
| Tue, 19 February | Gen 6:5-8;7:1-5,10; Mk 8:14-21 The Lord will bless his people with peace. |
| Wed, 20 February | Gen 8:6-13,20-22; Mk 8:22-26 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord. |
| Thu, 21 February St. Peter Damian | Gen 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33 The Lord looked down from heaven to the earth. |
| Fri, 22 February Chair of St. Peter | 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. |
| Sat, 23 February St. Polycarp | Hebr 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13 I will bless your name for ever, 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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Chair of St. Peter, The Apostle 22nd February

The Chair of Saint Peter, also known as the Throne of Saint Peter, is a relic conserved in St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the sovereign enclave of the Pope inside Rome, Italy. The relic is a wooden throne that tradition claims the Apostle Saint Peter, the leader of the Early Christians in Rome and first Pope, used as Bishop of Rome.

The relic is enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze casing designed by Gian Lorenzo Bernini in 1647. In 2012, Pope Benedict XVI described the chair as "a symbol of the special mission of Peter and his Successors to tend Christ's flock, keeping it united in faith and in charity."



Beatitudes of the Heart

Blessed are the humble of heart; they will find rest for their souls.
Blessed are the warm-hearted; they will radiate kindness and goodness.

Blessed are those whose heart is in their labour; they will find joy and satisfaction in their work.

Blessed are those who do not lose heart;

they will find strength to persevere.
Blessed are those who set their hearts on the Kingdom of God; they shall be given everything their heart desires.

Chinese Lenten Rally 2019

ACAMS will be organizing a Lenten Rally in Novena Church. The Theme for this Lenten Rally is : "Communion In Church"

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

13 Mar - Fr. Henry Siew
20 Mar - Fr. John Chen Binshan
27 Mar - Fr. Peter Zhang
3 Apr - Fr. Eugene Lee
10 Apr - Fr. Terence Wee

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 24th February at 12 noon.

Lenten Novena

Our Lenten Novena to prepare for Easter will begin on Saturday, 16th February 2019. The Theme for this special Novena is: "The Three Pillars to Holiness" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

16 Feb : The Three Pillars to Holiness

23 Feb : Prayer : Our Talking to God

2 Mar : Prayer : Our Listening to God

9 Mar : Prayer : Our Living with God

16 Mar : Fasting : Our Physical Hungers and Needs

23 Mar : Fasting : Our Spiritual Hungers and Needs

30 Mar : Almsgiving : Our Works of Charity

6 Apr : Almsgiving : Our Works of Justice and Peace

13 Apr : Growing and Living in Holiness

RCIA English Programme

We are starting our new RCIA Programme. It will begin on 2nd July 2019 to 19th May 2020. RCIA is for adults - 18 years and above, who are interested to know more about the Catholic faith. The application form can be obtained at the Church Office. The closing date for application is on 18th May 2019.

Donations

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