

Totus Tuus

When Pope John Paul II was elected Pope, he chose as his motto, Totus Tuus, Completely Yours. The phrase is from the book True Devotion to Mary by St. Louis Marie de Montfort. This phrase expressed Montfort's devotion to Mary: 'I am all yours, my queen and mother, and all that I have is yours.' These sentiments reflect the devotion of thousands of devotees who come to the Novena Church every week. They come here to ask for Mary's intercession and guidance, but most of all, to show their love. And since the first Procession in 1953, the first Sunday of September has been the highlight of the year for devotees. However, we are reminded that our devotion, if it is a true devotion, must lead us to follow the example of Mary and help us to grow as disciples of Jesus.

The Scripture readings today, taken from the 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, remind us to be humble and generous. In the Gospel today, Jesus says: 'For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.' We can reflect on how Mary shows us how to live this teaching of Jesus by her example.

First, humility is not only being aware of our limitations but also embracing our gifts and talents. We cannot be generous until we acknowledge that we have something to share.

Secondly, humility is acknowledging that whatever we have is a gift from God. Jesus gives the analogy of the wedding banquet. We are the poor, the cripple and the lame, and it is God who has invited us to His banquet, exalted us and raised us up. Mary was very much aware of what God had done for her. Humility reminds us to be grateful for what we have received.

Finally, God has given us our gifts and talents to serve our brothers and sisters. When the angel Gabriel asked if she would be the mother of Jesus our Redeemer, Mary was puzzled and was not certain what this could mean. But she said Yes, trusting in God. She realised that God was calling her to do her part to serve His plan of redemption. As God has lifted us up, we are called to raise others.

Over the last nine weeks, we have reflected on how our devotion must lead us to mission and service. It must lead us to worship together as a community, to grow in our understanding of the faith, to serve the poor and the abandoned, to welcome migrants and to share the faith with young people. As God has blessed and welcomed us, we are called to bless and welcome others.

Reflection by Gerard Louis, CSsR

Novena notes

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year C
1 September 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 1 September	Sir 3:19-21,30-31; Hebr 12:18-19,22-24; Lk 14:1,7-14 In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.
Mon, 2 September	1 Th 4:13-18; Lk 4:16-30 The Lord comes to rule the earth.
Tue, 3 September St. Gregory the Great	1 Th 5:1-6,9-11; Lk 4:31-37 I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Wed, 4 September	Col 1:1-8; Lk 4:38-44 I trust in the goodness of God for ever and ever.
Thu, 5 September St. Teresa of Kolkata	Col 1:9-14; Lk 5:1-11 The Lord has made known his salvation.
Fri, 6 September	Col 1:15-20; Lk 5:33-39 Come before the Lord, singing for joy.
Sat, 7 September	Col 1:21-23; Lk 6:1-5 I have God for my help.

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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Novena Youth Rally

Date : 2nd September 2019

Time : 7pm

Theme : A Journey

*Finding stillness amidst rising tides.
Dive into the safe space of community.*

Calling all youths. Dive deep. Join us at the Novena Youth Rally. Bring your friends to come experience the stillness of God's presence.

On 2nd September 2019, the Masses will be as usual for 6.30am and 12.15pm. There will be **NO** Evening Mass in preparation for the Youth Rally.



Novena in preparation for Annual Procession 2019

We are in our last week of Novena in preparation for our Feast on 1st September. The theme for today is "Completely Yours: In Youthful Passion"



Exam Mass

Feeling anxious over your exams? The Redemptorist Youth Ministry will be hosting a biannual Exam Mass. Bring your friends, teachers and parents and come join us at 8pm on 13th September, Friday. Let us open our hearts and let God guide us and help us fulfil our resolutions during this exam period.



PIETA

Pieta is a support group for bereaved parents. We come together as bereaved parents – in prayer, in WORD and in faith. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. Our monthly session is on every 4th Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm to 9.00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8, and the next session would be held on Tuesday, 24th September 2019.

For further information, you can contact us at pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook : <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 8th September 2019 at 12 noon.

Daughters of St. Paul

As a gift to our Blessed Mother, whose birthday is celebrated on 8 Sept, the Daughters of St Paul will be launching a Rosary Recording with Scripture Readings at Novena Church on 7-8 Sept. The rosary will be prayed with the recording at noon in the church on Sat 7 Sept, and the recording on CD and USB will be available outside the church over the weekend at \$15 each. It will also be available online on itunes, Apple Music and Spotify. Please give them your generous support.

Sowers Fund Raising

Bring home a copy of the memorable moments captured in print at this year's annual procession in honour of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Please give your generous support to the Sowers who are selling these photographs on 7th and 8th September as part of fund-raising efforts in their weekly outreach to the elderly and less fortunate in the homes.