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Your endurance will win your lives

The gospel reading from Luke this Sunday warns us of the signs of end times. We will experience deception, false prophets, wars and revolutions, earthquakes and plagues, persecution but the Lord assures us that He shall give us an eloquence and a wisdom that none of our opponents will be able to resist or contradict. He also warns us of betrayal from family and friends which could lead to death.

The picture painted is a somber and frightening one. How can we be better prepared?

The Lord promises us that we may be hated by all men on account of His name, but not a hair of our head will be lost.

We are told that our endurance will win our lives. Indeed, perseverance in our faith will win us the crown. How do we have endurance? We got to train for it.

I now see prayer; praying each bead of the rosary like a pump, building up of our spiritual muscles in the gym of life. The more I meditate on the mysteries, the more I feel strengthened. Before we reach the finishing line at the end of our lives, we continue to battle our daily challenges.

A friend shared with me that she does not know if she can keep the faith. I replied that she would need to have the meaning and purpose to keep the faith. We would need to ask ourselves what made us believe in the first place and recall that experience. Convicted, we can then build up our spiritual muscles.

Life is never easy. Challenges abound in family life and at work.

Recently, I felt very challenged when my helper became ill and had to be hospitalized. I had to look after my elderly mum on my own besides meeting the demands of working life. I was thrown off equilibrium. I realized how an important part our helper played in our lives. Her presence enabled me to work, contribute to the church ministry and lead a generally balanced family life.

Thank God she is recovering well from her operation and my mum is generally cooperative. It is through these challenges that I realize how much the Lord is protecting my family and keeping me within His ring of peace.

It is indeed true that the Lord will give us endurance and perseverance to run the race on earth.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
 Year C
 17 November 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 17 November	Mal 3:19-20; 2 Th 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19 The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.
Mon, 18 November Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St Paul	1 Mac 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-64; Lk 18:35-43 Give me life, O Lord, and I will do your will.
Tue, 19 November	2 Mac 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10 The Lord upholds me.
Wed, 20 November	2 Mac 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28 I shall be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory, O Lord.
Thu, 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Zec 2:14-17; Mt 12:46-50 The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!
Fri, 22 November St. Cecilia	1 Mac 4:36-37,52-59; Lk 19:45-48 We praise your glorious name, O Lord.
Sat, 23 November St. Clement I & St. Columban	1 Mac 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40 I will rejoice in your saving help, 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

Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon*, 5.30pm
 *2nd & 4th Sunday - Mass in Tagalog, subject to the availability of priests.

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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Advent Novena

We are in the 4th week of the Advent Novena and this year theme is, "The Birth of Jesus". All are welcome. Bring along your family and friends.

16 Nov: Jesus the Immigrant

23 Nov: Jesus and the Manger

30 Nov: Jesus and the Shepherds

7 Dec: Jesus and His Family

14 Dec: Jesus – Saviour, The Light of the World

21 Dec: Jesus – The King

Novena Church 70th Anniversary Celebrations

The Novena Church will be celebrating its 70th Anniversary next year. We invite your submission for a contest to design a logo for the celebrations.

The winning entry will be awarded a cash prize. If you are interested, please pick up a copy of the form at Church Reception or email to secretariatcssr@novenachurch.com, and the Contest submission form and specifications will be emailed to you. Closing date is 30th November 2019.

Advent Prayer Reflection and Musical Presentation



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5 ADVENT FIGURES
AN ADVENT PRAYER REFLECTION
Risen Christ Youth Symphony
conducted by Dr. Aloysius Leong
DATE : 10th Dec 2019
TIME : 8.00pm – 9.30pm

CHRISTMAS THROUGH THE AGES
A Musical presentation by
Boni De Souza & Friends
DATE : 20th Dec 2019
TIME : 8.00pm – 9.30pm

All happening at Novena Church.
Free Admission.
A love offering would be greatly appreciated.

Tagalog Mass

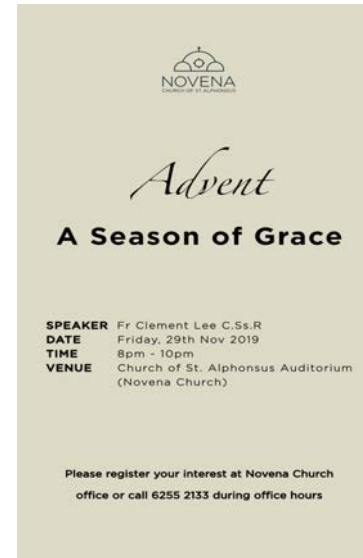
Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 24th November 2019 at 12 noon.

Church Canteen

Please take note the canteen will be closed on 30th November 2019.

Advent – A Season of Grace

We are organising a formation session to help us prepare for Advent and Christmas. Please register at the Church Reception. All are welcome.



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Advent

A Season of Grace

SPEAKER Fr. Clement Lee C.Ss.R
DATE Friday, 29th Nov 2019
TIME 8pm – 10pm
VENUE Church of St. Alphonsus Auditorium (Novena Church)

Please register your interest at Novena Church office or call 6255 2133 during office hours

Archdiocesan Commission for Apostolate of Mandarin Speaking

Chinese RCIA for Chinese speakers who are not free on weekdays but desire to know the Catholic Faith. Catholics are welcomed as sponsors and refreshers. There will be an orientation session on Sunday, 1st December 2019, 7.30pm at CANA The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street #02-01. For more information, kindly contact Joseph Ho at 9818 4769 or Patrick Lu at 9669 0316.

Advent Chinese Musical Play



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祂, 等你回来!

圣雅丰索堂, 音乐话剧
CHURCH OF ST ALPHONSUS, A CHINESE MUSICAL PLAY

日期: 12月13日 (星期五)
13 Dec 2019 (Fri)
时间: 晚上 7.30pm
地点: Novena Church

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赠送限量精美纪念品
FREE ADMISSION/LOVE OFFERING
LIMITED SOUVENIRS

香港演出
CAST APPEARANCE

李明发神父
FR. EUGENE LEE C.Ss.R

黄财龙神父
FR. TERENCE WEE C.Ss.R

罗彬神父
FR. ROBIN LOMANGKOK C.Ss.R

We will be organizing a Chinese Musical on the theme: Homecoming Pilgrims @ Novena (He is waiting for you) It will be held in Novena Church on 13th December 2019 at 7.30pm and admission is free. All are welcome!