

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Today's Readings

First Reading : Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19
 Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13
 Gospel : Luke 4:21-30

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Special Days This Week

Sun 31/1 St John Bosco, priest (*not celebrated this year*)
 Tue 2/2 Presentation of the Lord;
 World Day for Consecrated Life
 Wed 3/2 St Blaise, bishop & martyr; St Ansgar, bishop
 Fri 5/2 St Agatha, virgin & martyr
 Sat 6/2 St Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs

Next Sunday's Readings

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When Jesus first proclaimed the good news of God's kingdom to his own townspeople at Nazareth (Luke 4:23-27), he did not hesitate to confront them with their sin of indifference and unbelief. He startled his listeners in the synagogue at Nazareth with a seeming rebuke that no prophet or servant of God could receive honour among his own people. He then angered them when he complimented Gentiles (non-Jews) who had shown more faith in God than

the "chosen ones" of Israel. Some who despised the Gentiles even spoke of them as "fuel for the fires of hell." Jesus' praise for "outsiders" offended the ears of his own people because they were blind-sighted to God's merciful plan of redemption for all the nations. The word of rebuke spoken by Jesus was met with indignation and hostility. The Nazarenes forcibly threw him out of their town and would have done him physical harm had he not stopped them.

We all stand in need of God's grace and merciful help every day and every moment of our lives. Scripture tells us that "the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). God gives grace to the humble who seek him with expectant faith and with a repentant heart that wants to be made whole and clean again.

The Lord Jesus will set us free from every sinful habit and every harmful way of relating to our neighbour, if we allow him to cleanse and heal us. If we want to walk in freedom and grow in love and holiness, then we must humbly renounce our sinful ways and submit to Christ's instruction and healing discipline in our lives. Scripture tells us that the Lord disciplines us for our good that we may share his holiness (Hebrews 12:10). Do you want the Lord Jesus to set you free and make you whole again? Ask him to show you the way to walk in his healing love and truth.

"Lord Jesus, teach me to love your ways that I may be quick to renounce sin and wilfulness in my life. Make me whole and clean again that I may delight to do your will."

Don Schwager (www.dailyscripture.net)

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Parish Mission Statement

Towards SBC being a participatory church in which everyone is co-responsible for the overall care of the parish and shares in the mission of Christ.



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MASS SCHEDULE

English
 Monday to Friday 6.30am & 6.00pm
 Saturday 6.30am; Sunset Mass 6.00pm
 Sunday 9.30am; 11.00am (*change to 11.15am wef 14 Feb*) & 5.30pm

Chinese

Sunday 8.00am

Indonesian

2nd & 4th Sunday 3.30pm

Filipino

2nd Sunday 1.00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5.30pm
 Sunday 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am & 5.00pm

PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 9.00pm
 Sunday & Public Holiday 7.30am to 7.30pm

CHURCH GATES CLOSING TIME

Monday to Saturday 10.30pm sharp
 Sunday 10.00pm sharp
 Church groups & visitors are to vacate church premises at least 30 minutes before closing time.

GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday: 5pm-7pm; Sunday: 9am-12pm & 5pm-7pm

Week starting 31 January 2016

AT THE ADORATION ROOM

Opening Hours: Monday to Sunday: 7.00am to 10.00pm
 Closed for cleaning: Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm

Tue	7.00pm-8.00pm	Divine Mercy
	8.00pm-9.30pm	ALIFE (Young Adults)
Wed	1.30pm-2.30pm	PD Galilea Prayer Group
Thu	10.00am-12.00pm	Spanish Group
	7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Fri	6.30pm-8.00pm	Spanish Youth Group
	8.00pm-9.30pm	1 Peter Community
Sat	2.00pm-3.00pm	Living Stones
	7.30pm-9.30pm	Children's Eucharistic Adoration

AT THE GROTTA

Rosary Prayer at the Grotto
 every Wednesday at 7.30pm.
 All are welcome.

CANTEEN

Canteen is open today!
 All are welcome to have a free cup of coffee or tea
 after the morning masses.

NOTICE: Parishioners and visitors to this Church and its premises are advised that CCTVs are in operation and you may be individually identified on video, in photographs or any other forms of visual representation, taken by photographers, whether authorized or official, for use in any Church publication, Church archives or any other social media form.

CHANGE IN SUNDAY MASS TIME: With effect from the 1st Sunday of Lent, i.e. 14 Feb 2016, our 11.00am mass time will be changed to 11.15am. This is to ease traffic congestion in our carparks in between masses. All other weekend mass timings remain unchanged.

CHANGE IN MASS TIME for Public Holidays: With immediate effect, the morning mass time on Public Holidays, with the exception of the Lunar New Year, Christmas and New Year Day, will be changed to 8.00am instead of the usual 6.30am. There will be no evening mass on Public Holidays.

LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

MASS TIMES:

8 Feb: 9.00am in Mandarin,
10.30am in English

9 Feb: 9.00 am in English

There are no evening masses on both days.



on 10TH FEBRUARY.
Mass time:
6.30am & 7.00pm.

There will be imposition of ashes at both Masses. Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent, is a Day of Fast & Abstinence.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



During the season of Lent, beginning on Friday, 12 Feb, there will be Stations of the Cross after the evening mass, i.e. evening mass at 6.00pm followed by Stations of the Cross at 6.30pm.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE & CLOSING OF THE YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE - On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (2 Feb), there will be a special Eucharistic celebration for the World Day for Consecrated Life and the Closing of the Year of Consecrated Life at 6pm at the Church of St Ignatius, 20 King's Road. Join us in praying for consecrated men and women. Join us in reflecting on the role of Consecrated Life in the Church. Organized by the Conference of Religious Major Superiors.

Children's Eucharistic



Adoration

Parents, come with your children to join us for an hour of worship before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: on Sat 6 Feb & Sun 21 Feb, 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Adoration Room.

INFANT BAPTISM will take place next Sunday, 7 Feb after the 11am Mass. Parents & god-parents are reminded to attend the Preparation Session which will be conducted today.

NEO CATECHUMENAL WAY - The Neo Catechumenal Way Community will be having the Prayer of the Divine Office, morning Lauds, during the season of Lent, every morning, Mondays to Fridays, from 7.00am to 8.00am, from 15 Feb to 18 Mar, at the Mount Tabor Room (at the Annexe). All are welcome.



RECYCLING OF BLESSED PALM LEAVES

- Please do not leave your old palm leaves in and around the church. Please deposit them in the yellow basket outside the Sacristy. These would be burnt and grounded into ashes for use on Ash Wednesday. Thank you.



Bible STUDY
Join us!

@ ST BERNADETTE
Wednesday evenings,
8.00pm-10.00pm:

- **Bible Lecture Series on the Book of Job with Hannah Lim:** Ongoing. 3, 24 Feb, 30 & every Wed in March, April & May.
 - **Lenten Scripture Prayer Retreat/Reflection with Fr Gregory Hon OCD:** 2, 9 & 16 Mar.
 - **Bible Lecture Series on the Gospel of John with Msgr Ambrose Vaz:** Jul to Nov.
- Enquiries/registration: StBernBAT@gmail.com

WISDOM BOOKS - A course on Ecclesiastes and Daniel by Msgr Ambrose Vaz, from 16 Feb to 17 May, every Tuesday, 9.30am to 11.30am, at the Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Rd, S'pore 549102. Fee: \$100. To register: email bibleapostolate@catholic.sg, or call Lucia at 62800354 (9am-1pm, Mon to Fri except public holidays). Website: bibleapostolate.wordpress.com.

CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD (CLG) PRO BONO LEGAL CLINICS @ AGAPE VILLAGE

- Are you facing a legal issue on a ***personal** matter and do not have legal advice or representative; facing a legal dispute that you wish to have mediated & resolved; unable to afford a lawyer? (**CLG clinics do not cover legal issues on business or professional matters and are intended for the poor, disadvantaged & sandwiched classes.*) If so, you may wish to seek basic legal advice and information at the CLG Pro Bono Legal Clinics. For more info on clinic dates & registration, please visit website at <http://www.clgsingapore.com>

RETRouvaille - A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED & HURTING MARRIAGES - Do you feel disappointed or even despair about your marriage? If you are serious about making your marriage work, Retrouvaille could be worthwhile for you. Coming weekend: 26 to 28 Feb. For confidential enquiry, call 67116774. Online registration at www.helpourmarriage.sg

TALK BY CHARIS: "WHAT IS CHRISTIAN MISSION?" - on 20 & 27 Feb, 12 Mar & 2 & 9 Apr at Catholic Centre, 10am-12pm. Learn & share about the Trinitarian nature of mission - the trust of the very heart of Christian life - and how we can do so in a dynamic way. Contact Victoria at victoria@charis-singapore.org or tel 63374119. Website: www.charis-singapore.org

HelpLines

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION - Helps people see, accept, and live out God's will in their lives. Available by appointment. Email: CitySpDs@gmail.com

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Help in overcoming alcoholic addiction available, every Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 9053 1764.

COUNSELLING SERVICE - Trained para-counsellors from Family Life Society offer counselling service in 10 parishes including our parish. Call 63820688 (Mon to Fri, 10.00am to 5.00pm) for appointment.