

# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Today's Readings

First Reading : Wisdom 18: 6-9  
 Second Reading : Hebr 11: 1-2, 8-19  
 Gospel : Luke 12: 32-48

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## Special Days This Week

Mon 08/8 St. Dominic  
 Tue 09/8 St. Teresa Benedicta  
 Thu 11/8 St. Clare  
 Sun 14/8 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Next Sunday's Readings

### Assumption of the B.V.M.

First Reading : Apoc 11: 19, 12: 1-6  
 Second Reading : 1 Cor 15: 20-26  
 Gospel : Luke 1: 39-56



## How strong is your faith?

Every week at Mass, we are reminded of the mystery of our faith – that by his death and resurrection Jesus set us free, and he will come again in glory. How do we know, and convince others, that this is true? If what we mean by “true” is factual evidence, backed up by science, we will not be able to “prove” this to anyone. But God provides us with a different way of knowing. It comes from the revelation of God in creation, Scriptures, and Christ. Our faith is a gift from God, the ability to recognise the truth of the mysteries we proclaim.

In the reading from Hebrews, Abraham was praised for his faith which led him to obey the God he did not know. Abraham wasn't worried about proving that God spoke to him; he lived it. In the same way, Jesus calls his disciples to be ready and waiting for the Lord's return.

We can't convince everyone that the resurrection and baptism affect salvation, that the consecration is real, or that Jesus will come again. We can, however, point to the life and witness of the Church and show the difference our faith makes in our own lives as we encounter others, work for justice, and spread the gospel. Our obedience, virtue, and good works manifest our faith and reveal the truths entrusted to us. Nowhere is this truer than at the Eucharistic table, where we celebrate the mysteries in union with and joyful expectation of the One who was, who is, and who is to come.



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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; 11.15am & 5.30pm

### Chinese

Sunday 8.00am

### Indonesian

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday 3.30pm

### Filipino

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 1.00pm

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 7.45am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

## PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

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

## GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS

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

## 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.*

## Week starting 7 August 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-9.00pm	ALIFE (Young Adults)
Wed 1.30pm-2.30pm	KKIS
8.00pm-9.00pm	Prayer for Vocations
Thu 10.00am-12.00pm	Spanish Group
7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Fri 6.30pm-8.00pm	Spanish Youth
Sat 2.00pm-3.00pm	Living Stones
7.00pm-9.00pm	Chinese Taize

### AT THE GROTTA


Rosary Prayer at the Grotto  
 every Wednesday at 7.30pm.

### CANTEEN

Our canteen is OPEN today. Please drop in for free coffee/tea after 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.

**Children's Mass**  

 Today being the 1st Sunday of the month, there will be a Children's Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Paul Staes. All children are welcome!

**Date: 7 Aug, 9.15am**  
**Venue: Parish Hall**

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
 Parents with children ages 4 to 9 are invited to this *Liturgy of the Word with Children (LOWC)* programme this Sunday in which the scripture readings are explained for children.

**Date: 7 Aug, 8-9.15am**  
**Venue: AV room 1**

**Infant Baptism**  
 The following babies will be baptised after the 11.15am mass today:

- Kerry Wong Kai Xuan,
- Mattias Wong Pin Rui,
- Natasha Elaine Kosdi,
- Nadia Alissa Kosdi,
- Catherine Charlene Ong Xiu Yun,
- Ethan Kong Jun Yuan,
- Alexis Ng Ezann,
- Kenneth Ng Jayen,
- Nikhita Foo Bedi,
- Natashka Foo Bedi,
- Francis Isaiah Lim ZheQing,
- Gwen Teo Ming Yen,
- Gen Teo Zi Yi,
- Christopher Daniel Widjaja,
- Catherine Danielle Widjaja.


We congratulate their parents and god-parents and pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide them and their little ones in their faith journey.

**Date: 7 Aug**




**2nd collection by SSVV**  
 Today being the 1st Sunday of the month, there will be a 2nd collection by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at all masses in aid of their apostolate to the poor and needy families. Please do give them your generous support!

**Date: 7 Aug, 8-9.15am**

**Mass on National Day**  

 Please note that there will be only one mass (English) on Tuesday, National Day, as it is a public holiday.

**Date: 9 Aug, 8am**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  

 This feast, which usually falls on 15 Aug, will be celebrated on 14 Aug instead. Hence, the Saturday Sunset Mass at 6pm on 13 Aug and the Sunday masses on 14 Aug that weekend fulfils both the Sunday obligation and the Assumption Day obligation.


**Date: 13 Aug (Sat), 14 Aug (Sun)**

**Wedding Anniversary Blessing**  
 The blessing of couples celebrating their wedding anniversary in August will take place next Sunday.

**Date: 14 Aug, 11.15am Mass**

**Special Marriage Encounter Outreach**  
 Celebrate your marriage with the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (ME) Weekend. ME facilitates very special weekends for married couples who want to build a stronger marriage foundation. It is a beautiful and enriching experience which builds couple intimacy and closer relationship.  
 There are still limited spaces for the September weekend (2 - 4 Sep). Register at <http://wwmesg.org/> or visit their booth at church today.

**Date: 13 Aug (Sat), 14 Aug (Sun)**

**Sacrament of Confirmation Mass**  

 Archbishop William Goh will be here in our parish on Sunday (21 Aug) to celebrate the Confirmation Mass. He will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 66 youth and adults. Let us support them in our prayers as they undergo preparation for the reception of the Holy Spirit!


**Date: 21 Aug, 11.15am Mass**

**Are You Thirsty?**  
 "Quench" is a 3D2N Youth Retreat organised by Jesus Youth Singapore. We welcome anyone aged 18-35 years old looking for warmth and simplicity in this busy world.  
 Contact Fionne [90061884](tel:90061884) or Jennifer [83682118](tel:83682118), or email [www.singapore.jesusyouth.org](http://www.singapore.jesusyouth.org).

**Date: 10-12 Sep**  
**Venue: Choice Retreat House**

**Alpha programme at SBC**  
 The Alpha programme comprises of a series of talks on video covering topics on Jesus' life, death and resurrection, the Bible, prayer and healing, with a day focusing on the Holy Spirit. Meals are followed by talks and group discussions. It is free-of-charge!  
 Contact Richard [97987788](tel:97987788), Andy [83225356](tel:83225356) or register via email [andy\\_lee\\_4health@yahoo.com](mailto:andy_lee_4health@yahoo.com).

**Date: 16 Sep – 2 Dec (Fridays), 7.30-9.30pm**

**Silence during Mass**  

 Please maintain a reverent ambience in church especially during Mass and while others are praying. Crying babies and young children should be brought outside the church temporarily to calm them down and when they are settled, please bring them back in again. Thank you for your understanding.

**Please keep our Church Clean**  
 Parishioners are kindly reminded to keep the Church clean. Please remember not to leave behind your used tissue papers and bulletins.

HelpLines
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