“Lord, fill me with your love. Inspire me to do good deeds for others.”

Peter had just healed a beggar. The people who witnessed the miracle were amazed, but the rulers were offended because Peter had said that it was Jesus who healed the man. Jesus wants us to do good deeds each day. He wants us to go out and help people who are in need. As Pope Francis said, “What matters for Jesus is, above all, reaching out to save those far off, healing the wounds of the sick and restoring everyone to God’s family” (Homily, February 15, 2015).

As our Holy Father often reminds us, there is an intimate relationship between our being filled with God’s love and our desire to do good deeds for people. The more we are filled with God’s love, the more we will want to give back to him—with gifts of praise and gifts of deeds. Like Peter, our good deeds will have the same effect on people today that they had on the people back then. They will melt people’s hearts. They will help them believe that God’s love is real and is powerful. They may spark some opposition, but not even that will diminish the power of our witness.

So pray each day and ask Jesus to fill you with his love. His love is the catalyst that can move you to love and serve those around you. Then be as generous as you can. Be on the lookout for opportunities. Jesus wants us to do good deeds. We may not have Peter’s courage, but we all know how to do random acts of praise and gifts of deeds. Like Peter, our good deeds will have the same effect on people today that they had on the people back then. They will melt people’s hearts. They will help them believe that God’s love is real and is powerful. They may spark some opposition, but not even that will diminish the power of your witness.

Daily Readings

SUNDAY, 22 APRIL 2018 • FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Acts 4:8-12
Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)
1 Jn 3:1-2
Jn 10:11-18

Helping Hands Needed
We need more hands to clean the church. Just come by every Saturday from 8:00am to 10am at the main Church. All are welcome!

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Mass & Prayer Times
Weekday
6:30am, 8:15pm
Saturday
6:30am, 5:30pm
Every 1st Saturday of the month
7:30pm Tagalog Mass
Every 3rd Saturday of the month
7:30pm Syro-Malabar Mass (Chapel)
Sunday
7am, 9am, 11.30am, 5:30pm
Confessions: 15 min before Mass.
Public Holidays: 8am only
Divine Mercy Devotion
Daily at 6.45pm (Chapel)
Saturday at 5.00pm, Sunday at 5:00pm (Main Church)
Prayer for Priests
Every Thurs 5:15pm followed by 6:15pm mass

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Funeral and Wake Services
Para Catholic Church - 8:30am
Divine Mercy Apostolate - 9am
(St Teresa’s Catholic Church)
Indian Catholic Church - 10am
(St Mary’s Cathedral)
Neighbourhood Christian Community
- 10am
(Our Lady of Good Counsel Church)
Church of Divine Mercy - 10am
(Easter Weekday)
Gaudete et Exsultate! Rejoice and be Glad!
In his latest Apostolic Exhortation, Pope Francis’ reminds us to keep our “lamps lit” as a response to Christ’s invitation to be saints.

“...If we are unable to stand up to this sort of temptation, it means that we are already asleep’ (1 Thess 5:6).

The path of holiness is a source of peace and joy, given to us by the Spirit. At the same time, it demands that we keep ‘our lamps lit’ (Lk 12:35) and be attentive. ‘Abstain from every form of evil’ (1 Thess 5:22), ‘Keep awake’ (Mt 24:42; Mk 13:35). ‘Let us not fall asleep’ (1 Thess 5:6).

Those who think they commit no grievous sins against God can fail to realise that their spiritual life has gradually turned lukewarm. They end up weakened and corrupted. Everything appears acceptable: deception, slander, egotism and other subtle forms of self-centredness, for ‘even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light’ (2 Cor 11:14).

“The Christian life is a constant battle. We need strength and courage to withstand the temptations of the devil and to proclaim the Gospel. This battle is sweet, for it allows us to rejoice each time the Lord triumphs in our lives,” writes the Pope.

All the faithful, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Every person has a unique vocation to whom they’re called on by Him and “For those faithful to His word, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.”

Read more about the Pope’s Gaudete et Exsultate here
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en.html
Pope Francis refers to three aspects of a vocation - … listen, discern and live …

1. Pray from the heart for the young men and women in our parish and diocese who are called to be brothers, sisters, and priests
2. Encourage fellow parishioners to pray similarly
3. Pray the Rosary for Vocations

Altar Servers Commissioning • 22 April, 11.30am Mass

This Sunday, 10 Altar Servers will be commissioned, bringing the ministry strength to 69! Here are some sharing from two altar servers.

Bon, one of the old timers of the altar ministry of CDM, said, "If I wasn't in the ministry, I wouldn't have been able to understand what happens during mass. It gave me a deeper understanding on why certain things are done in a certain way." Bon (right), who is now in charge of training, enjoys the "sense of brotherhood" and feels privileged to be able to pass his experience on to others.

There are new recruits like Andray are ready to join the "family" after undergoing six months of training, "I feel like God was calling me to serve serve him every time I attended mass because I always had a desire to be on the altar to serve", said Andray (left), who really enjoyed serving at his first mass on Maundy Thursday.

For more information about the Altar Server Ministry, please email altarservers@divinemercy.sg.

 Welcome to CDM!

On 12 April, CDM hosted 13 members of the Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circle to a tour of our church. The tour was led by Fr Johnson. The members were impressed and amazed at the details for each sacrament and the meaning of the Divine Mercy. They also learnt about the different types of feasts and reasons behind each one.

Home Rosary Session

Host Bernadeth Lucanas
Dates 23 - 29 April 2018
Rosary days with community: Mon, Tues and Wed at 8:15pm; Sun at 3pm
Venue Blk 7, Elias Green, #08-01
For more info, contact Sharon Khng at 9631-7575 or visit the Ministry's webpage.

The Children of Praise

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thess 5:16-18) We invite all to join us in Praise, Worship and Prayer.
When Thursday 26 April at 8pm
Where Parish Hall (L2)

Gift Shop Closed
Gift Shop will be closed on 14/15 April and 21/22 April.

Give the Gift of Christ!

Do you know of any non-Catholics who would like to find out more about the Catholic faith? Perhaps you feel called to journey alongside others as an RCIA Sponsor? A new RCIA journey begins on Saturday, 7 July 2018 at 3pm in the Parish Hall. Registration Forms are available at the parish office. Email rciacdm@gmail.com or call 9022 8734 for details.

Cenacle Women’s Circle - Unfolding the Rose

The Cenacle Sisters invites you to join a series of 4 conversations. The gatherings aim to create a safe space for inner reflection and conversation, nurture and encourage each other in our spiritual journey.
When 10, 17, 24 and 31 May 2018
Where LaSaile Retreat House at St Patrick’s School
For registration, call Mary Rose 85228428 or email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

A Study of the Book of Revelation

Do you desire to go in-depth and find out more about the Revelation of Jesus Christ? Join this upcoming 14-week Bible Study with Msgr Ambrose Vaz.
When Starting 16 July 2018, Every Monday (14 sessions) 7.45pm - 10.00pm
Where OLPS Church
Cost $10 per person
Online Registration via www.olps.sg/revelation
For enquiries, contact Geoffrey Cheok @9788 4190 or email gc@cheok25@gmail.com

JC/NS Day of Recollection

Are you a JC/NS student or serving National Service? You are not alone in your faith walk nor in your life’s journey. Come join fellow Catholics for a day of recollection on 5th May at the Office for Young People. Make time to pray, listen to sharings, relax and have good conversations. Discover how we can encourage one another to keep the flame of our faith alive amidst the stresses and pressures of life.
When 5 May 2018, 10am - 6pm
Lunch is provided
Where Office for Young People
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