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In submission to the transfigured Lord Jesus, we are free to (Lk 9:35) — even about the love-filled life of daily crosses and daily dyings. In submission to the transfigured Jesus, we are led to receive a new Pentecost. Then the Spirit shows them to be enemies of the cross of Christ.”

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RCIA's Rite of Election

Last Saturday, 42 Catechumens and Candidates celebrated the Rite of Election at St. Joseph’s Church. Together with 1021 catechumens from the parishes of the North, East and Serangoon districts, they signed the Book of Elects and presented it to Archbishop William Goh. Now called Elects, they move into the final phase of spiritual growth in the Catholic faith. Archbishop was candid in his homily, calling on all catechumens to pray the word of God daily and to evangelise as they continue to grow in faith after baptism. Ruth, godparent to Angeline, a new Elect, was so moved by the whole event: “ROE at St. Joseph’s Church was awesome, with the chanting of the litany of saints at the start of the rite, I felt so blessed to be part of it. Thanks be to God for such a memorable day.”

As one body of Christ, let us keep our Elects and Candidates in our prayers.

How Can We Respond to Difficulty?

Jesus’ Passion is depicted more than any other event. In the thousands of paintings, sculptures and movies, we can see them as a way of placing ourselves in the presence of Christ.

Search for an image of a scene from the Stations of the Cross that resonates with a difficulty you’re experiencing now. If you feel betrayed by a friend, pick the scene when Judas hands Jesus over to the Roman authorities. Look at the image. See the colours, expressions of those present, background and see if you notice anything. Maybe there’s an angel near Jesus. He symbolizes God’s presence. Maybe a dark spirit is near Judas. Picture yourself in that image.

If you were Jesus, how would you feel? Is your heart broken or are you at peace? How would you respond? After a minute, make the Sign of the Cross, and carry that experience with you throughout the day.

QUIZ ANSWERS

+ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home Rosary Session
Host Cindy and Cosmas Tan
Dates 17 - 24 Mar 2019
Rosary Days with community
Mon, Tues and Wed at 8.15pm; Sun at 3pm
Where Blk 474 Pasir Ris Dr 6 #06-568
For more info, contact Susan Tan at 9119 5909 or visit the Ministry’s webpage.

The Children of Praise
Join the Children of Praise in the Meditation on the Stations of The Cross followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
When 21 March 2019 at 8pm
Where Chapel (B1)

Fridays in Lent
6.30am Mass
3pm Stations of the Cross
3.30pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6.30pm Stations of the Cross
7pm Mass

华语神圣慈悲敬礼
Divine Mercy Devotion (Mandarin)
When 24 Mar 2019, Sunday 星期日 12.15pm @ Chapel 小教堂
All are welcome 欢迎参加

CHIJ Schools’ 165th Anniversary Eucharistic Celebration
The CHIJ schools in Singapore will be celebrating their anniversary with an Eucharistic Celebration with Archbishop William Goh. Admission is free
When 28 May 2019, 9am-12pm
Where National Stadium, 1 Stadium Drive
Obtain tickets from any of the 11 CHIJ schools.

Choice Weekend
By Archdiocesan Commission for the Family
It takes that 1 weekend to inspire you for the rest of your life. Come away for a Choice Weekend.
When 29 - 31 Mar 2019, Fri to Sun evening
Where Choice Retreat House
47 Jurong West Street 42
For enquiries, contact Celia (9876 3214)
Register & Info: http://www.choice.org.sg/

Clarity’s Better and Happier Programme
Like a rice bowl filled with different ingredients that bring nourishment to our physical bodies, our in-house programme aims to bring the different ingredients of wellness together as nourishment to our mental wellbeing. Come join us to find out how you can use these ingredients to improve your mental wellbeing.
When Every Friday from March till May 10am-11.30pm
Where Clarity Yishun
Fees $5
Register at ask@clarity-singapore.org

Clarity’s Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Support Group
‘In Your Hands’ is a process-oriented group designed to connect individuals in recovery from OCD. Members both give and receive emotional and practical support surrounding the struggles associated with living with OCD and share their thoughts in a friendly and welcoming environment.
When Wednesday 20 March & 17 April 2.30pm - 4.30pm
Where Agape Village
Register at ask@clarity-singapore.org

“Welcoming Returning Catholics” Returned!
An evening of testimonies by Catholics who have returned and strengthened their faith with the help of Landings. You will hear stories of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation.
When Friday, 22 March 2019, 7.30pm
Where JM Beurel Centre (Annex Building), Level 3

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