

## PARISH NEWS

**CATECHISM CLASS '19** - class begins on 20 Jan '19 at 9.30am in new temporary premises: Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, #02-01, S(187954) For Enquiries, pls contact parish office.

### 150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

- Calling all designers! Join the SPP Logo Design competition as we prepare for our 150th Anniversary Celebrations in the Year 2020. Attractive prizes for top 3 designs. The winning logo will be used in the 150th Anniversary activities and collaterals. For Guidelines, Terms & Conditions, please collect them from the Parish Office. Submit your entry by 31 Jan '19.

### 2019/2020 NEWLY ELECTED WARDENS

**Chairman** - Lukas Loke, **Vice Chair** - Valerie Goh, **Secretary** - Rita Chua, **Treasurer** - Josephine Tan, **Advisor** - Peter Chang

### CO-ORDINATORS FOR MASSES:

**5.30pm Sunset Mass** - Valerie Goh, **8.30am Mandarin Mass** - Helen Seow, **11.00am Sunday Mass** - Rita Chua, **4.00pm Sunday Mass** - Daisy Lim

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Intercessory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 9.30pm, Sat: 9.30am - 5.30pm, Sun: 9.30am - 5.00pm; Lunch hours: 1.00pm - 2.00pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
<b>Columbarium Opening Hours</b>	: Mon - Sun: 7.00am - 7.00pm.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, Teresa Wong Sok Mun, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

### Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:

- (i) **Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; (ii) **Carmelite Fathers** - for contributions/donations to SPP Friars Community, Friars Formation; (iii) **Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)** - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

## NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

**AT HOME RETREAT - (2 choices)** Journey from Ashes to Easter - a 10-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team. **MORNINGS:** 26 Feb - 30 Apr (Tues), 9.30am - 11.30am at LaSalle Centre - St. Patrick School - 490 East Coast Road OR **EVENINGS:** 26 Feb - 30 Apr (Tue), 7.30pm - 9.30pm at Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St. Contribution: \$250.00

**TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group.** Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women. Please call 92985808 to confirm session. Every Wednesday beginning 23 Jan'19. Time: 9.30 - 11.30 am. Venue: La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd. Contribution: Love Offering



# the apostles

The Epiphany of the Lord

06 January 2019 Year C

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 832

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great your are.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 7 January 2019 - SAT 12 January 2019

**MON:** 1 JN 3:22-4:6, MT 4:12-17, 23-25 **TUE:** 1 JN 4:7-10, MK 6:34-44 **WED:** 1 JN 4:11-18, MK 6:45-52 **THU:** 1 JN 4:19-5:4, LK 4:14-22 **FRI:** 1 JN 5:5-13, LK 5:12-16 **SAT:** 1 JN 5:14-21, JN 3:22-30

### Epiphany Proclamation 2019

While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon" and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Dear brothers and sisters,  
the glory of the Lord has shone upon us,  
and shall ever be manifest among us,  
until the day of his return.

Through the rhythms of times and seasons  
let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination,  
the **Easter Triduum** of the Lord:  
his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial,  
and his rising celebrated  
between the evening of the Eighteenth of  
April

and the evening of the Twentieth of April,  
**Easter Sunday** being on the Twenty-first  
day of April.

Each Easter -- as on each Sunday --  
the Holy Church makes present the great  
and saving deed by which Christ has for  
ever conquered sin and death.  
From Easter are reckoned all the days we  
keep holy.

**Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent,  
will occur on the Sixth day of March.

**The Ascension** of the Lord will be  
commemorated on Sunday, the Second day  
of June or Thursday, the Thirtieth day of  
May.

**Pentecost**, joyful conclusion of the season  
of Easter, will be celebrated on the Ninth  
day of June.

And, this year the **First Sunday of Advent**  
will be on the First day of December, 2019.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the  
passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy  
Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles  
and Saints, and in the commemoration of  
the faithful departed.

Information is correct at time of publication.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Lord of time and history, be endless praise,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Epiphany-Proclamation.html>

### Third Week of Christmas

Sunday is the celebration around the world of the Epiphany of the Lord. The light has come into the darkness of the world and our salvation was made known to the Gentiles. The Prophet Isaiah offers us a vibrant image of hope and fulfillment: “Rise up in splendour, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.” Matthew’s Gospel brings us the story of the Magi and their encounter with Herod on the way to “do homage” to the newborn King of the Jews. “And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.”

In the week that follows the Epiphany we continue with more of the beautiful first readings from the First Letter of John. He wants us to believe the message: we are from God and are loved by God and “whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”

The Gospels this week are from all four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We read of Jesus traveling through Galilee “teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness among the people.” He feeds loaves and fishes to the hungry and exhorts his disciples, “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid!” when they are caught in a storm at sea. When he reads from the scriptures at the synagogue, he proclaims, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing.” On Saturday,

John tells his followers he is not the Christ. “He must increase; I must decrease.”

Sunday is the Baptism of the Lord. We hear the Lord say in the first reading from Isaiah, “Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit.” Those words are echoed in the reading from Luke’s Gospel, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” This feast marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time on the Church calendar.

### Daily Prayer This Week

This week is a time with two special Sundays book-ending the week. Both celebrations offer an “epiphany,” an understanding and insight into the essence of who Jesus really is. When the Wise Men visit the poorest of families and find the baby Jesus, they have a clearer idea of what kind of king he will be.

At the Baptism of the Lord the following Sunday, Jesus is baptised and the skies open and the voice of God proclaims, “You are my beloved Son.” More than just a prophet, this special relationship with God is made manifest in that moment.

How can we make this week a special one as the Christmas season draws to a close? In some parts of the world daylight is plentiful right now, but for many of us the days are short and the dark of night surrounds us many hours each day. This could be the week to reflect on that darkness and the light that Jesus brings into our hearts.

Each morning as our feet touch the floor next to our beds, we can open our hands briefly in the darkness and ask God to

show us the light in our lives. Gratitude is a wonderful way to pray and to recognise the light we sometimes don’t notice in our lives. Maybe in this final week of Christmas, we can light a candle at dinner and remember a special blessing we have been given or something we are grateful for in our lives.

*Dear Lord,*

*You came to your disciples when they felt alone on the stormy waters and comforted them with your presence. Be with me today and let my heart be touched by the love you so lavishly give to me. Let me remember to turn to you in my fears and darkness and know that you will heal me.*

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/Christmas-as-Season.html>

### Reflection

A couple of Songs to reflect on today’s readings:

### What Child is This

What Child is this who, laid to rest  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste, to bring Him laud,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh,

Come peasant, king to own Him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.  
Raise, raise a song on high,  
The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy for Christ is born,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

### Child of the Poor

Helpless and hungry, lowly, afraid  
Wrapped in the chill of midwinter;  
Comes now among us, born into poverty’s embrace,  
new life for the world  
Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

Who is the stranger here in our midst,  
Looking for shelter among us?  
Who is the outcast? Who do we see amid the poor,  
the children of God?  
Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

Bring all the thirst, all who seek peace;  
Bring those with nothing to offer.  
Strengthen the feeble,  
Say to the frightened heart: “Fear not: here is your God!” Who is this who lives with the lowly,  
Sharing their sorrows, knowing their hunger?  
This is Christ, revealed to the world  
In the eyes of a child, a child of the poor

**To listen to the song, please go to YouTube:**  
**<https://youtu.be/IetPAANnhzQ>**