

SUNDAY BIBLE REFLECTIONS

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Is 66, 10-14c; Psalm 65, 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16 & 20;

Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10, 1-12, 17-20.

May I never boast except in the cross. (Galatians 6:14)

The church in Galatia was struggling. The people there had gladly welcomed Paul's simple message: Jesus Christ died for their sins, rose for their salvation, and was now inviting them to embrace that salvation through faith and baptism. But after Paul left Galatia, other people arrived with a more complicated message: if you don't embrace all of Jewish law, especially circumcision, your salvation is incomplete. You have to become a Jewish convert as well as a Christian.

When Paul got wind of this, he fired off a harsh letter of rebuke. "Are you so stupid?" he asked. "It is those who have faith who are children of Abraham," not just those who are circumcised (Galatians 3:3, 7).

For Paul, the issue went to the heart of the gospel message. If the Galatians embraced circumcision, they would be perpetuating the old division between Jew and Gentile that Jesus had come to destroy.

Not only that, but they would be feeding the lie that Jesus belongs only to a certain class or type of people. "There is neither Jew nor Greek," Paul told them, "there is neither slave nor free person,

there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

This is one of the most powerful truths of our faith: in Christ, every division is wiped out. Being a Christian is not a matter of deciding who is "in" and who is "out." Neither are there different "levels" or "classes" of believers. There's only everybody. We are all equally sinners who are equally loved by God and forgiven by the cross. The question is whether we will accept this salvation and let God's love heal our divided hearts and change our divisive actions.

Paul never wanted to "boast" about anything that made him feel special or better than other people (Galatians 6:14). The gift of God's merciful, liberating, transforming love outshone everything else. This love is available to you today at Mass. Come and taste it. Let it break down every division in your heart.

*Jesus,
reduce me to love!*

Meditations 7 July 2019 ~ The Word Among Us



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Adoration on Thursday from 7-8 pm
All are welcome

Mass Timings

Weekday
6.30 am; 6.00 pm

Saturday
6.30 am; 5.00 pm (Novena)
6.00 pm (Sunset)

Sunday
6.45 am; 8.00 am (Mandarin)
9.45 am; 11.30 am; 5.30 pm
Confessions 20 mins before Mass

Tagalog Mass 2.00 pm
First Sunday Only

Public Holiday
9.00 am only

Pope's Intentions for July

During the month of July, we pray with Pope Francis that those who administer justice work with integrity, and may the injustice present in the world not have the last word.

"To all people of good will who are working for social justice: never tire of working for a more just world, marked by greater solidarity!"
– Pope Francis

"It is from the inner wellspring of love that the values of truth, freedom and justice are born and grow. Human life in society is ordered, bears fruits of goodness and responds to human dignity when it is founded on truth; when it is lived in justice"

– Compendium of the social doctrine of the church, Paragraph 205.

An Hour of Prayer

Every first and third Mondays of the month, We invite you and your family to come and spend an hour of prayer in the Chapel at 8.00 pm. Our next session is on 15th July.

Sacerdotal Anniversary

This Sunday, Rev Fr Frederick Quek celebrates his 18th Year in the Priesthood. He was Ordained in 2001. Let us offer thanksgiving for the gift of our parish priest and to keep him in your prayers.

Catechetical Sessions

The mid term break is over and sessions resume this weekend of 6 and 7 July for primary levels. Confirmation levels resume on Sunday 7 July.

Second Collection

There will be a second collection this weekend by the St Vincent de Paul for the poor of the Church.

Back to Basics

Saturday 13 July, 8.00 pm Parish Hall
Topic: Continuation on the Ten Commandments. All are welcome.

Daily Readings

Monday 8/7/19

Genesis 28:10-22a; Psalm 90:1-4,14-15; Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday 9/7/19

Genesis 32:23-33; Psalm 16:1b,2-3, 6-7ab, 8b & 15, 9-12; Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday 10/7/19

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Psalm 32:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday 11/7/19

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5
Psalm 104:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Matthew 10:7-15

Friday 12/7/19

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Psalm 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 29-40; Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday 13/7/19

Genesis 49, 29-33; 50, 15-26a; Psalm 104, 1-2, 3-4, 6-7.; Matthew 10:24-33

Weekly Events

(8 ~ 14 July)

Monday:

JOY - 10.00 am Parish Hall.
Introduction to the Bible. Light refreshments will be served. Open to all 60 years and above.

Legion of Mary (Queen of Angels)
~ 7.30 pm Room 20

Tuesday:

Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace)~
10 am in Meeting Room, Mezzanine Level

Prayer for Priests ~ 5 pm Chapel

Rosary Devotion at the Grotto ~ After
6.00 pm Mass

Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Charity)
~ 7.30 pm in the Meeting Room,
Mezzanine Level

Charismatic Prayer ~ 7.45 pm Parish
Hall

Christian Meditation ~ 8 pm Room 16

Wednesday:

Grow Our Faith ~ 8.00 pm Parish Hall
Topic: Series on discovering the
Catechism of the Catholic Church

Thursday:

Mothers Prayers ~ 10.30 am Room 16
Level 2

RCIA - 7.45 pm Parish Hall

Friday:

Divine Mercy Devotion ~ 8.00 pm
Chapel

Saturday:

Legion of Mary - Teens (Mary, Star of
the New Evangelisation) ~ 2.00 pm
Meeting Room, Mezzanine Level

Sunday:

Legion of Mary - Primary Level
(Mother of Holy Innocents)
~ 2.00 pm in Room 19



Parish Retreat

On the last day of the parish retreat, the hundred and forty participants were invited to recommit themselves to Jesus in pledging to serve others and following in the footsteps of the Divine Master. Many were inspired and touched by the sessions throughout the retreat. Here are some things that they had to say about the retreat:

"(In this retreat) God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has given me so many chances to experience his unconditional love."

"...I didn't realise the magnitude of His Love for me until this Retreat."

"It has reaffirmed my calling to be obedient and docile to the Spirit. Console me, comfort me, give me strength to rely on his providence..."

Choral Music Recruitment

The Choirs are looking for singers and musicians (Guitarists/Pianists). If you feel called to serve, do drop by the booth in the Church foyer before or after Mass.

Infant Baptism

The next Infant Baptism is on 21 July, 3 pm in the Chapel. Preparatory session for parents and godparents will be on 14 July, 3 pm in Room 19. Registration forms are obtainable from the Parish Office.

Other News

Primary 1 Registration for Catholic Schools under Phase 2B
22 and 23 July

A Parent's baptism certificate is required for registration. If the baptism certificate is not in English, the schools reserve the right to request to have it translated into English, certified by a notary public. For more clarification contact the respective schools.