

SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection today will be for Parish Council.

What's the Difference? Catholics, Orthodox, Protestants

This course aims to help its participants better understand the beliefs of people coming from various Christian traditions. The next talk will begin at 10:30 AM today in the Parish Hall. For the rest of the schedule, please refer to the poster at the entrance of the church.

PRAYER FOR VOCATION

Due to the talk on What's the Difference, the monthly prayer for Vocation will not take place this morning but on next Sunday, 12th February at 10:30 AM. The Vocation Prayer Tree already has several names on it. Please join us then to pray for these and other children who may be considering a religious vocation.

SUNDAY SCHOOL and COM classes

Sunday School and COM classes will begin today 29th January at 10:30 am until 12:00 noon.

Adult Faith Formation

The next Adult Faith Formation session will cover the various teachings of Jesus, focusing on the Beatitudes and the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Join us on Thursday, 9th February at 7:30 PM in Fr. McClorey's room.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK—11th February

All parishioners are invited to the special Mass on 11th February at 5:30 PM. We will be praying for all who are sick and those caring for the sick, whom we know is not always easy. We would also like to recognize on this day those caregivers for their service to the sick. If you know of Catholic nurses, doctors and all other caregivers please invite them to this Mass. And if you know of someone who is sick but unable to come, please let Fr Robert's know so that he can pay them a visit.

INFANT BAPTISM—11th February

The next infant baptism will take place on **Saturday 11th February @ 2:00 PM**. Parents wishing to have their child baptized are requested to register with the parish office and to attend the pre-baptism instruction class with Fr. Robert on **Thursday, 9th February, @ 7.30 PM**. God parents are also requested to attend this pre – baptism class.

YOUTH OUTING & LIFE NITE—18th February

The Youth is planning an outing to BSB on 18th February. The bus will leave COOL promptly at 1:30 PM on Saturday, 18th February. The outing will end with the Youth LifeNite in COLA. All Youth interested in attending must register with the Parish Office by Monday, 13th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY – 22nd February

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Mass will be celebrated at 5.30 PM on 22nd February. If you have old palm leaves, please put them neatly in the box provided at the entrance of the church.

12 Days 10 Nights Pilgrimage to Italy and Lourdes

Fr. Robert is organizing a 12-days pilgrimage together with Five Stars Tours of Singapore to Italy and Lourdes departing from Singapore on 27th August 2012 and returning on 7th September. Details of the pilgrimage is posted in the Notice Board at the entrance of the church. If you are interested to go on this pilgrimage, please give your details to Fr. Robert or sign up at the Parish Office. The cost of the trip ranges from \$4348 to \$4588 for twin-sharing and from \$5038 to \$5278 for single, depending on the number of pilgrims.



continue his ministry—not of medicine but of preaching—in other towns. Preaching is the purpose for which he came.

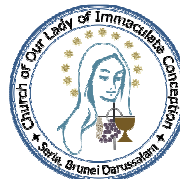
What is needed to serve God well, then, is not endless good things, but prayer first and then fidelity to those good things that fulfill the purpose to which God calls.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC) for 2012

12th & 19th February ♦ 13th & 20th May
5th & 12th August ♦ 18th & 25th November

Couples wishing to get married are kindly reminded to prepare themselves at least six months prior to their wedding and to follow the Marriage Preparation Course schedule.

Last minute weddings are very much discouraged as this would make it difficult for the coordinators of the MPC to conduct the course. This is a 2 full day course. Please take note that another requirement for a Catholic marriage is that the Catholic party must already received his/her Confirmation.



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DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 6	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I) SS. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS	Job 7, 1-4, 6-7; Mk 1, 29-39.	6:15 AM
Tue 7	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I)	1 Kg 8, 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7, 1-13.	5:30 PM
Wed 8	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I) ST JEROME EMILLANI, ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA.	1 Kgs 8, 22-23, 27-30; Mk 7, 1-13.	6:15 AM
Thu 9	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I)	1 Kg 11, 4-13; Mk 7, 24-30.	5:30 PM
Fri 10	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I) ST SCHOLISTICA.	1 Kgs 11, 29-32; 12, 19; Mk 7, 31-37.	5:30 PM
Sat 11	5TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK I) OUR LADY OF LOURDES	1 Kgs 12, 26-32; 13, 33-34; Mk 8, 1-10.	6:15 AM
Sun 12	SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WK II)	Lev 13, 1-2, 44-46; Ps 31, 1-2, 5, 11. 1 Cor 10, 31-11, 1. Mk 1, 40-45.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 5

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

We find it difficult to hear God speak when our hearts are broken. Like Job, we feel our troubles are endless, and our lives are joyless and full of drudgery. Day after day drags on, with no hope in sight. At night, it seems that the dawn will never come. Job wondered if he would ever rise again. If that wasn't enough, Job's wife told him, "Why don't you curse God and die!"

God was not indifferent to Job's pain, nor to ours. God hears our cries and sends Jesus to speak healing to all who are afflicted. When we are too weak to stand, he grasps us by the hand and raises us up.

Paul continued Jesus's mission. What he had received, he shared freely with others. He became all things to all people, that he might be a means of salvation to them. Like Paul, who imitated Jesus for the sake of the gospel, we need to serve others, knowing that we will share in its blessings.

For Reflection: Do I find joy or drudgery in my ministry? What do I need to do to be renewed?

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Reading I: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm: 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Reading II: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Missal: 594 (English); 954 (Bahasa)

Serving God well

In the Gospel reading, when Jesus comes to the house of Simon Peter, he finds that Peter's mother-in-law is very sick. And so he heals her. So far so good. But then look what happens. The whole town hears of her healing and rushes all their sick to Peter's house. The house is surrounded, and so is Jesus. Now, all of a sudden, Jesus seems to have become a one-man hospital. He is so besieged that he can't even pray in the house. He has to head out secretly into the surrounding countryside in the dark of morning.



As soon as his absence is detected, his disciples go looking for him. They aren't happy about his having taken this time to himself to pray. "Hey," they say when they find him, "Everybody is looking for you!" They seem to think that his urgent-care clinic should be open at all hours.

But how absurd to suppose that prayer should take second-place to work! And how absurd to suppose that the mission of Jesus is to be a Doctor Without Borders! And so maybe it isn't hard to figure out what Jesus was praying about in the early morning in the countryside.

Each medical miracle Jesus does is a good thing. But good things can actually get in the way of serving God well. To serve God well, a person has to do not just any good thing others want him to do. He has to do those good things he was called to do. It may take prayer to figure out which good things to turn down and how best to turn them down.

Jesus' disciples feel that Jesus needs to hurry back to Peter's village to keep practicing medicine. What Jesus tells them, after his prayer, is that he is leaving Peter's village to

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