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QUIETING THE SOUL - Singapore by Cenacle Sister and Team. Date: 23 Nov '18 (Fri. 7.00pm)- 25 Nov '18 (Sun. 4.00pm), at St. Patrick House (behind St Patrick's School) Contribution: \$250/person (single room) Registration: www.cenaclemission.com. Enquiries: 9722-3148; Whatsapp 96415651 Email: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com.

‘IS BLIND FAITH A VIRTUE?’ The “heart” is often contrasted against “head knowledge” in the Christian faith. Is it actually more virtuous to rely less on the intellect when it comes to matters of religion? What then is faith and what is the role of reason? Explore this issue through the teaching of John Paul II’s encyclical Faith and Reason and discover how this is critical in the task of evangelization. Date: 20 Nov ‘18. Time:

7.30pm - 9.00pm Venue: CANA The Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01). Speaker: Mr Kelvin Ng. About the Speaker: Mr Kelvin Ng is a Lector and RCIA sponsor at the Church of the Sacred Heart. He is an educator by profession and has Master’s and Bachelor’s degrees in History from the University of Oxford. He has published on the history of Singapore and Malaya, but his diverse interests also include medievalism, the history of Christianity, and the history of ideas. Please direct your enquiries and registrations to theology.sg@gmail.com or call Nick at 97843682.

Qualified therapists from **FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY** is providing counselling service on Tuesday & Wednesday nights at Cana, 55 Waterloo Street, #02-01, S(187954). Counselling is strictly by appointment. If you need help on issues like marital, relationship, grief, loss, parenting, anxiety, stress etc, please call 64880278 during office hours.

Sunset Mass	: 5.30pm
Rosary	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy	: 3.00pm daily
Adoration Chapel	: 8.00am - 9.00pm (Mon to Sat), 8.00am - 7.00pm(Sun)
Secretariat’s Operating Hours	: 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.
Columbarium Opening Hours	: 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

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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 November 2018 Year B

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year B) Pg 807

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: My soul, give praise to the Lord.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 12 November - SAT 17 November 2018

MON: TI 1:1-9, LK 17:1-6 **TUE:** TI 2:1-8, 11-14, LK 17:7-10 **WED:** TI 3:1-7, LK 17:11-19 **THU:** PHMN 7-20, LK 17:20-25 **FRI:** 2 JN 4-9, LK 17:26-37 **SAT:** 3 JN 5-8, LK 18:1-8

On the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Mark’s Gospel has us listen to Jesus contrast a scribe (the professional interpreters of the law in his day) who enjoys honours for himself, with a poor widow who donates to the temple poor box the little she has. The woman’s generous heart must have moved him deeply.

Monday is the Memorial of Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr. Tuesday we remember Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin. Saturday is the Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, religious.

The first readings this week are from the pastoral letters to Titus, Philemon, and the Second and Third Letter to John.

Continuing Luke’s Gospel, we hear Jesus talk about scandal and about forgiveness. He calls us to “have faith the size of a mustard seed” in order to do extraordinary things in his name. Jesus tells us to be obedient to what God calls us to do and simply say, “we have done what we were obliged to do.” We learn a lesson about gratitude when Jesus heals ten lepers and only one, “foreigner” returns to give thanks. Jesus tells the confrontational Pharisees that the Kingdom of God’s coming can’t be “seen” and it won’t be announced. “For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you.” “But

first [the Son of Man] must suffer greatly and be rejected by this generation.” All we can do is to be faithful: “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.” Finally, Jesus tells the parable “about the necessity for [his disciples] to pray always without becoming weary.” God will give justice to those who call out to him with faith.

As we near the end of the Liturgical Year, we have more “end time” readings. On the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, we hear about being ready for the end of time. “In the same way, when you see these things happening, know that he is near, at the gates.” It is the good news that we can stay alert and will be ready when it is our time to recognise the Lord’s coming in our own life’s challenges today

Daily Prayer This Week

This is a good week to ask Jesus what his messages are for us. What is he warning us about? What is he asking us to change? How is he encouraging us to place our trust in him? The answer will be different for each of us, but we have to pay attention and listen, in order to hear it. All of us need to hear him say, “Whoever seeks to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses it will save it.” But each one of us needs to ask “In what ways do I seek

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to 'preserve my life' and in what ways do I need to 'lose' my life?"

The trouble with this kind of reflection is that we too often let ourselves off the hook by saying, "I just don't have time." And, on some days, our day is really "booked" from morning to night. Finding intimacy with God in the midst of our everyday life and becoming a contemplative in action provides a very real way to stay in focus and to reflect, even when we are very busy. This practice is meant to make use of the "free" time we have in the background of our consciousness each day.

The key to this kind of prayer is to begin each day with a moment of consciousness of what we desire, need, are asking for. Dear Lord, thank you for this day. Let me begin this day thinking of you and your love for me. Let me simply do whatever we ask me to do as your servant today. This only takes 20 seconds. We all have 20 seconds. However, we all find that it isn't easy to do this because our Lord is not very present in our day to day awareness, and we may never have simply talked with the Lord as the first thing we do when we awake. With practice, it works.

As we prepare for Sunday, we can spend a few more moments each day, simply talking with our Lord at brief in between times during the day. Hopefully, we'll be seeing in all the things around us, that we are being invited by the Lord to accept him, to let him call us and open our hearts to respond generously. To what is he calling us? A great question to ask right up to the time we go into church on Sunday. When there, we can give God thanks and praise for opening our awareness and our readiness for him.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Reflection

The readings in today's liturgy present us with the stories of two women outstanding

in their generosity. The first woman Elijah encounters in his travels. She is poor and is in survival mode with her son; famine has control of her country. The second is likewise a widow, the subject of the "widow's mite" in the gospel.

In the first account, the prophet Elijah meets a woman who is gathering sticks for the fire to prepare a meal for herself and her son. Elijah approaches her and asks her to bring him some water to slake his thirst after his journey. As she moves away to get him the water he also requests some bread. She announces to the prophet that she is about to prepare food for herself and her son. It is to be her last supper, because she will have no more supplies to prepare any more food for her and her son to survive any longer. They are in dire straits. But Elijah has still another task for her to do, "but first make me a little cake and bring it to me, then you can prepare something for yourself and your son." He's got to be kidding! She's on her last steps and he adds still another job for her to do for him?

But then we get the saving message Elijah has been sent to deliver: Do Not Be Afraid. "The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry." She did what she was asked to do, and the flour and oil did not disappear. She and her son were able to ride out the drought fortified with God's gift given through the prophet.

The gospel scene today recounts the story of Jesus observing people putting money into the treasury. Rich people put in large amounts for the treasury, but Jesus noted for his disciples to observe that the poor widow who added a couple of cents gave more than the rich people, because (the rich) gave from their surplus, but the widow gave from "her poverty. . . (from) her livelihood."

The comparison between the two women is astounding. We observe that both gave

abundantly from their poverty. We, too, give out of our own poverty of spirit. To give from one's poverty calls us to a leap of faith, hope and love. Elijah and Jesus/ his disciples model for us our response to people in need.

Who are the persons we serve today? To name but a few: those seriously sick among us; those who have lost lifetime jobs; Those who, like the widows, lack the necessities of life; the constant stream of people-migrants

PARISH NEWS

LOOKING FOR CATECHISTS! No experience required. For more info, please contact parish office or spccadministry@gmail.com. "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15

THANKSGIVING MASS AND DINNER - 31 December 2018. Mass time: 5.30pm. Dinner: 7.00pm. Venue: Grand Banquet Restaurant (Hotel Royal @ Queens). Ticket price: \$500/table. Tickets can be purchased from church office now.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR SOULS. Our parish will be specially praying for souls in the month of November. Everyone is welcome to write the names of their deceased friends and/or loved ones in the book of remembrance. It is placed in the church (in front of the Infant Jesus Shrine). Souls whose names are in the book will be prayed for at all public parish masses in the month of November.

BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS in the Catholic Church. As of this announcement, dating couples intending to enter into marriage in the Catholic Church will be required to book the date of the Church wedding one-year in advance. The booking will be confirmed upon the couple signing the acknowledgement of the necessary requirements that the priest will explain to them.

who wander our earth in search of a home, mercy and peace.

Dearest Lord, open our hearts that we will respond to the needs of our sisters and brothers in their call for healing and wholeness. Bless them through our openness and be present as your disciples. Help us to be abundant with our love as you have demonstrated to us in your superabundant care for us.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/111118.html>

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent to Christmas in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The Advent theme is "Watching & Active Waiting in Communion" and Christmas theme is 'Celebrating in Communion'. Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. It will also be made available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

GIFT - Next weekend, 17/18 November, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

'REVIEW OF LIFE' Workshop by Caritas Singapore. How do we make sense of our daily life challenges? How do we see clearly with the eyes of faith, live the Gospel daily and grow in faith? Join us for 2 evenings to learn the Review of Life (ROL) method, to understand how to better integrate faith and life. Dates: 20 and 21 November 2018 (Tues and Wed) Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. For more information and registration, please