



# REFLECTION

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 5 FEBRUARY 2012

**Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.**  
(Mark 1:35)

Jesus certainly had a full day. With his first four chosen disciples in tow, he went into the synagogue and not only taught but cast out an unclean spirit. He next slipped away and healed Simon's mother-in-law. Then, as soon as sunset marked the end of the Sabbath, a horde of people crowded around the doorstep begging Jesus to heal and deliver them. He extended himself to the whole crowd, touching each person with the power of God. Surely this exhausting ministry lasted beyond a normal bedtime.

We could certainly understand if Jesus burrowed under the covers the next morning. Instead, Mark tells us that Jesus rose in the wee hours and headed out to a deserted spot to spend time with his Father. Instead of assuming he knew what God wanted and how to accomplish it, he stopped and listened for God's guidance. Out of that profound communion emerged clarity about his next step: It was time to preach in other villages.

That's the way it was with the Lord: never a dull moment! Jesus was constantly on the move. Even his prayer was dynamic. He didn't get up early just to enjoy a good sunrise and recite a few prayers. No, he was asking, seeking, and knocking. He was determined to discover his Father's plan, and he was ready to make any adjustments he needed in order to stick to that plan.

Make no mistake. Jesus was active, not just busy. Like a runner crouched at the starting block, his prayer was one of active waiting, not passive wandering. That's what God wants for us as well. There's a kingdom to be built. There are people to evangelize and ministries to advance. The hungry need feeding, the wounded need comfort, and the confused need direction. What part does God want you to play? Seek him in prayer, and you'll find out.

**"Here I am, Lord! Show me what you want me to do today. I want to be your servant!"**  
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### Mandarin Speaking Community

2012年2月5日 - 常年期第五主日(乙年)  
第十八届华文成人慕道团

1) 讲题: 病人傅油圣事- 体验基督的治愈

日期: 2012年2月5日

2) 讲题: 圣秩圣事- 教会领袖, 基督代表

日期: 2012年2月12日

时间: 早上9点至10点30分

地点: 本堂活动中心四楼礼堂 Verbist Hall

所有儿童与青年要理班将在2月4日和5日的周末开课

2012年教委四旬期证道会

日期: 2月29日, 3月7日, 14日, 21日及28日 (五个星期三晚上)

时间: 7.45pm - 9.30pm

地点: 耶稣复活堂

主祭弥撒及证道: 萧永伦神父、董立神父、沈再德神父、蔡汉坤神父、郑肇强神父。

形式: 拜苦路, 弥撒与证道

### 婚前辅导课程

三个课程日期供选择:

1. 2012年2月5日和12日(两个星期日)
2. 2012年5月6日和13日(两个星期日)
3. 2012年11月4日和11日(两个星期日)

时间: 下午一点至五点

地点: 圣母圣诞堂(后港)

报名费: 一对新币\$40.00

联系: 东莲 97300458

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主题: 基督徒默祷 - 体悟与实践

日期: 2012年2月25及3月3日(两个星期六)

时间: 下午2点至4点半

地点: 圣伯多禄圣保禄堂, 三楼小教堂

讲员: 周怀兄弟 普世基督徒默祷团体(华文组负责人)

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主办: 圣伯多禄圣保禄堂与普世基督徒默祷团体(新加坡)



## Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

### Mission Statement

"We, the community of OLPS, strive to follow Christ and be His witnesses, reaching out to all through love and service."

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### MASS SCHEDULE (Confession before Mass)

Weekday	:	6.30 am (on Public Holiday 8.00 am) & 6.00 pm
Saturday	:	6.30 am (on Public Holiday 8.00 am) Novena 4.00 pm
Saturday Sunset	:	4.45 pm & 6.30 pm
Sunday	:	7.30 am (Mandarin); 8.45 am; 10.30 am; 12.15 pm & 6.00 pm

### PRIESTS

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OLPS Church Autogate closure time	12.30 am - 5.30 am (daily)
St Stephen's School (car park timings)	3.30 pm - 6.30 pm (Saturday); 8.00 am - 2.00 pm (Sunday)
Adoration Room	Daily 7 am to 12 Midnight; Saturday Vigil until 6 am Sunday
Mass in Adoration Room	Every last Friday of the month at 10.00 pm
Columbarium	Opens daily 7.00 am to 7.00 pm
Christian Meditation	Every Wednesday at 8.00 pm in St John & St Luke Rooms
Charismatic Prayer Meeting	Every Wednesday 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4, by lift)
Charismatic Mass	Every last Wednesday at 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall
Infant Baptism	Preparation 2nd Sunday at 3 pm; Baptism 3rd Sunday at 4 pm
Migrant Mass	Every 2nd Sunday of the month at 12.15 pm Mass
Bahasa Indonesia Mass	Every 1st Sunday of the month at 3.30 pm Mass
Bahasa Indonesia Praise and Worship	Every 3rd Saturday of the month at 4.00 pm in Verbist Hall
Tagalog Mass	Every 4th Sunday of the month at 3.00 pm Mass.
Rosary Recitation	Mon - Wed; Thursday (intentions for Priests) at 5.15 pm
Divine Mercy Devotion	Every Friday after morning Mass at the Grotto & in Church at 5.15 pm.
St Pio Devotion	Every 23rd day of the month at 6.45 pm (after the 6 pm mass).

**MARRIAGES:** Application/Booking for Wedding in our Parish should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms available at the Secretariat. Booking is confirmed only when full contribution is received six (6) months before the Wedding Date. No Weddings during Lenten Season.

### Mass Readings (5 Feb — 12 Feb 2012)

**5 Feb (Sun) 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 146:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

**6 Feb (Mon) St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs**  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 131:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

**7 Feb (Tue) 5<sup>th</sup> Week, Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 83:3, 4, 5, 10, 11; Mk 7:1-13

**8 Feb (Wed) St Jerome Emiliani; St Josephine Bakhita**  
1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 36:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

### 9 Feb (Thur) 5<sup>th</sup> Week, Ordinary Time


1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 105:3-4, 35-36, 37, 40; Mk 7:24-30  
**10 Feb (Fri) St Scholastica, virgin - Memorial**  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 80:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

**11 Feb (Sat) Our Lady of Lourdes**  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 105:6-7, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

**12 Feb (Sun) 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

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**ASH WEDNESDAY  
22 FEB 2012** Mass times on Ash Wednesday, 22 Feb is at 6:30 am; 6:00 pm and 8:00pm. There will be imposition of ashes at all masses.



**'QIAN GOU'  
HAINAN PROJECT** Donations received for the Qian Gou project in Hainan island (to build the church and Youth Centre) amounted to S\$101,519.45. We have exceeded our target of S\$80,000. **THANK YOU!** to all who contributed generously towards this project. Fr Paul Yang, the priest in-charge of Qian Gou will be coming to Singapore to receive the donation. We will inform you when we have more details of his arrival.

**INFANT BAPTISM  
19 FEB 2012** Preparation briefing for parents and godparents is on **12 Feb (Sun) at 3.00 pm** in St John/St Luke's room (2nd level). Baptism of infants will be held on Sun, 19 Feb at 4.00 pm in Church. **NOTE: Registration for Infant Baptism must be submitted one week before the preparation session.**

**CHARISMATIC  
RENEWAL** Charismatic Prayer Meeting on **8 Feb (Wed) at 8:00 pm** in Verbist Hall (4th level). Scriptural sharing. All are welcome.

**ADULT  
CONFIRMATION** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at OLPS Church on 29 April 2012 at 3:00 pm. Baptised Catholics who have not been confirmed and who wish to be confirmed are required to attend a formation program on **28 Mar, Apr 11 and 18 (wed)** at 8:00pm. Attendance is compulsory for all 3 sessions. To register please contact Secretariat at 62419565 or email: [secretariat@olps.org.sg](mailto:secretariat@olps.org.sg)

**TALK BY MSGR  
EUGENE VAZ** There will be a Talk by Rev Msgr Eugene Vaz on "JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT WITH MARK'S GOSPEL". The 6-week series will run on **Mondays from 27 Feb to 2 April at 8.00 pm** in OLPS Church. All are welcome.

**'MEDIA MAKAN'** **Media Makan: Ordering What's Good For You** – Today, we are all communicators! Come and learn from media expert, Dr. Eugene Gan, the keys to producing and consuming media with a Catholic view. The talk is free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. **Date:** Thursday, 9 February; **Time:** 7:00-8:30 pm; **Place:** Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), 2 Highland Road, St. Peter's Auditorium, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor. **Register at** <http://registration.catholic.org.sg>

**Neighbourhoods**  
**Bedok Reservoir/Kaki Bukit**— Home Mass at 8:15 pm on 7 Feb (Tues) at Mary Rajandren's home, Blk 605 #02-272. All are welcome.  
**Bedok Central** — Confraternity Rosary Prayers at 8:15 pm from **4-6 Feb** at James and Joan's home, Blk 221A, #12-72; **7-9 Feb** at Cecilia Chung's home, Blk 220C #14-36; **10-12 Feb** at Anthony and Cecilia's home, Blk 220C #08-30. All are welcome.

**YOUTH  
HAPPENINGS**

New Facebook Page for OLPS Youth: <http://www.facebook.com/olpsyouth>. Please feel free to post whatever queries on Youth Ministry or topics regarding the Faith here!! You can also refer to our site at <http://www.olpsyouth.org>  
**Our Youth Groups in OLPS:**  
Want to find a community, or do something more in church? If you are aged 13 – 30, find a youth ministry to be a part of. Note: The definition of youth includes young adults too! Join our current ministries each week:  
**Youth Music Ministry** Fridays 8 – 10pm Verbist Hall/Cage (Singers, Band)  
**Genesis Ministry** Saturdays 3 – 6pm Cage (Events, Outreach)  
**Revelation Generation** Saturdays 4 – 4:45pm Church Choir Loft (Choir for Novena, Music & Drama)  
**Youth Arise Ministry** Saturdays 7:30 – 10pm Member's House/ Cage (P&W, Sharing, Growth)  
**Catholeague** Organise bi-weekly sporting activities  
**Post Con Programme** Saturdays 6 – 8pm Kindergarten Room (Post Confirmands only)  
Pls contact Samantha at 96427868 for more info.

**JOB  
VACANCY**

CatholicNews, the newspaper of the Singapore archdiocese, is looking for a fulltime REPORTER/SUB-EDITOR to report on local Church news and help edit/lay out stories. He/she must have journalism experience and knowledge of the Catholic Church, including local Church affairs. Please send full resume, expected salary and samples of published work to: [cncareer@catholic.org.sg](mailto:cncareer@catholic.org.sg)

**RETROUVAILLE**

Retrouvaille – A Lifeline for Troubled & Hurting Marriages  
If you are serious about making your marriage work, this programme could be worthwhile for you.  
**Weekend date: 23 – 25 March 2012**  
For confidential enquiry, Tel: 6749 8861 / 6423 9756 / 6445 1375  
Online registration: [www.helpourmarriage.sg](http://www.helpourmarriage.sg)

**CHOICE  
WEEKEND  
24-26 FEB**

**CHOICE WEEKEND February 24-26**  
It takes the one weekend that will inspire the rest of your 2012 year. How will your year ahead be like? Young adults 18-35 years old, come away for a Choice Weekend — it is by the choices we make that we define what our life is all about. Visit [www.choice.org.sg](http://www.choice.org.sg) or email [registration@choice.org.sg](mailto:registration@choice.org.sg)  
Enquiries: Dawn 9880 3093 or Albert 9046 2297

**GOD'S  
EXTRAVAGANT  
LOVE**

An invitation to experience GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE from a Franciscan perspective. "Love & Primacy of Christ" - "Creation & Humility of God" - "Dignity of the Human Person" - Come see how much more there is to God's plan than meets the eye!  
**17-19 Feb.** Contribution \$100 for whole package. \$20 for only the Public Lecture on 17 Feb (at St Mary of the Angels). Register Now: Janet: 97560239. Fred: 90080544.  
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