



REFLECTION

4TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME 31 January 2010 (Year C)

Addressing the fractious Corinthian church, Paul urged the believers to "strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts" (1 Corinthians 12:31). He even told them how to get there: by practicing love. Not the overly romantic love that musicians sing about but divine love — love that moves mountains and changes hearts. It's the love Jesus poured out when he died on the cross. It's also the love that we experience as we give our lives over to Jesus.

Let's face it. We are all fallible. We all make mistakes in the way we treat people. We all fail to meet the standard of love presented in this reading. So how can we love in the way Paul describes here? By receiving it as a gift and not trying to manufacture it all on our own. Prophecy, tongues, miracles — all these spectacular gifts, of the Spirit will fade. Plus, they are all limited by our own understanding and capabilities. But not love. It is limitless. It never fails.

Just as Jesus taught Peter, Paul, and the other apostles the way of love, so too does he want to teach us. As we stay faithful to prayer, Scripture, and the sacraments, something happens. Often enough, it is a gradual process so that we don't even notice what is happening. Perhaps someone else may make a comment that prompts us to review our actions. We see that God's grace has moved us to become more kind and generous. It has made us more alert to other people's situations and needs.

All this happens because we are becoming like Jesus. We are eating of his body in the Eucharist and soaking up his wisdom in the Scriptures, and the Holy Spirit is responding by forming us according to God's image and likeness.

So let God fill you with his perfect love today. There will be plenty of time for action as the day unfolds. For now, just sit still and receive. This, after all, is the greatest of all the gifts!

"Lord, I surrender my relationships to you. Come and fill me to overflowing so that your love can flow from me to everyone in my life."

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Mandarin Speaking Community

**2010年1月31日 - 常年期第四主日
永援圣母堂第十六届华文成人慕道团
(2009-2010)**

1) 讲题: 圣秩圣事-教会领袖, 基督代表

讲员: 黄家盛

日期: 2010年1月31日

2) 讲题: 婚姻圣事-如同基督爱教会

讲员: 陈丽玲

日期: 2010年2月7日

时间: 9.00 - 10.30am

地点: 本堂活动中心礼堂四楼

(Verbist Hall Level 4)

欢迎教友旁听。

2010年教委四旬期证道会

日期: 2月24日, 3月3日, 10日, 17日及24日(五个星期三晚上)

时间: 7.45pm - 9.30pm

2010年教委四旬期证道会

地点: 耶稣复活堂

主祭弥撒及证道: 萧永伦神父, 蔡汉坤神父, 张伟神父, 彭志顺神父, 沈再德神父

形式: 拜苦路, 弥撒与证道

最近在海地发生的地震已造成巨大的破坏和生命的伤亡。请大家为这些在灾难中流离失所和伤亡的灾民祈祷, 让他们在物质上和精神上的需要, 都能得到援助。教区的危机协调小组

(Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination

Team) 已在紧密的跟天主教救济服务

(Catholic Relief Services) 和国际慈善社

(Caritas Internationalis) 联系, 并提供灾

难援助金协助救灾。教友愿意捐款救灾, 请把划线支票写上收款人为"Disaster Aid Fund"然后寄到"ACCT, Attn: Jerry Ow, 2 Highland Road #LG-01, Singapore 549102"。谢谢大家善款。



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

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OLPS Church Autogate closure time 12.30 am - 5.30 am (daily)
St Stephen's School (car park timings) 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm (Saturday); 8.00 am - 2.00 pm (Sunday)
Adoration Room Daily 7 am to 12 Midnight; Saturday Vigil until 6 am Sunday
Changing of Host (Adoration Room) Every last Friday of the month, Mass 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 6.30 pm in Verbist Hall
Tagalog Mass Every 4th Sunday of the month at 3.30 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 also at the Church before evening Mass 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 (31 Jan - 7 Feb 2010)

31 Jan (Sun) (4th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 70:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13, 13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

01 Feb (Mon) 4th week Ordinary Time
2 Sam 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-31; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20

02 Feb (Tue) Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1-4 or Hebr 2:14-18; Ps 23:7-10, Lk 2:22-40 or 22-32

03 Feb (Wed) St Blaise, bishop, martyr
2 Sam 24:2, 9-17; Ps 31:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

04 Feb (Thurs) 4th week Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; Ps 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13

05 Feb (Fri) St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr
Sir 47:2-13 (Greek 2-11); Ps 17:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

06 Feb (Sat) St Paul Miki & companions
1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 118:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

07 Feb (Sun) (5th Sunday in Ordinary Time)
Is 6:1-8; Ps 137:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



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All Neighbourhood/Ministries/Organisation Leaders ~ please be reminded that any Church bulletin announcements must reach Secretariat two weeks ahead of event. Email your events and activities to: secretariat@olps.org.sg

<p>MASS TIMING FOR ALL CATECHISM CLASSES (every 1st weekend of the month)</p>	<p>All children and teens in all the Catechism Classes are to attend Mass as a class every first weekend of the month. Mass timing are as follows :- Saturday Class at 3.00 pm will attend Novena at 4 pm and Mass at 4.45 pm; Saturday Class at 4.45 pm will attend Mass at 6.30 pm. Sunday Class at 8.45 am will attend Mass at 10.30 am; and Sunday Class at 10.30 am will attend Mass at 12.15 pm.</p>
<p>CONFIRMATION 1 WORKSHOP, PARENTS MEETING and RITE OF ENROLMENT</p>	<p>Confirmation 1— Workshop, Parents Meeting and Rite of Enrolment will be held on Sunday 28 February. No Catechism classes for Confirmation 1 teens on weekend of 27 and 28 February. Teens Workshop registration at the Church foyer at 2 pm. Parents Meeting registration in Verbist Hall at 4.15 pm.</p>
<p>PRIMARY 2 PRAYER SERVICE AND PARENTS MEETING</p>	<p>Primary 2 Prayer Service and Parents Meeting will be held on Sunday 7 March at 2.00 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4). Registration and sale of Sacrament folders at the Church foyer at 1.45 pm.</p>
<p>CATECHISTS RECRUITMENT</p>	<p>Our children and teens need you to be their Catechist! We need Catechists for our lower primary Sunday session, upper Primary Saturday and Sunday sessions, Confirmation sessions on Sunday and RCIC Sunday session & RCIY Saturday session. Sign up at our Catechists' office (Level 2, St Martha's Room) or contact Catechist Coordinator, Nancy Chan at 62418047.</p>

<p>RCIA NEW JOURNEY starting Tuesday 23 February 2010</p>	<p>RCIA New Journey (on Tuesdays) starts on 23 February, Tuesday with a Welcome Night for enquirers at 7.30 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4). Catholics are invited to accompany non-Catholic friends. Registration forms available at the Secretariat. Enquiries: call Rosalind 98463601 / 62426074 or Edward 96303276.</p>
<p>LETTER TO THE HEBREWS</p>	<p>Rev Fr Ambrose Vaz will continue with the 4th session on Wednesday 3 February at 8.00 pm in OLPS Church (the last session will be on 10 February). Divine Mercy prayer at 7.30 pm before each session. Bring your own Bible and writing materials.</p>
<p>CLOSURE OF ADORATION ROOM</p>	<p>Please note that our Adoration Room will be closed for the whole day on Wednesday 3 February for repainting works to be carried out. The room will reopen on 4 February.</p>
<p>CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING</p>	<p>Wednesday, 3 February at 8.00 pm in Verbist Hall (Level 4). Healing service led by Stephen Ang and charismatic team members.</p>
<p>GOLDEN CIRCLE (closure during CNY season)</p>	<p>Please be informed that the Golden Circle will be closed during the Chinese New Year festive season from Monday 8 February until Friday 19 February. Golden Circle activities will resume on Monday, 22 February.</p>

Bedok Reservoir/Kaki Bukit ~ Rosary & Gospel sharing on Tuesday, 2 February at 8.15 pm, Thomas & Annie Lau's home, Blk 605 #11-582 Bedok Reservoir Road; **Divine Mercy prayer on Friday, 5 February at 8.15 pm** at Peter & Sirina Prasad's home, Blk 605 #09-568 Bedok Reservoir Road; **Home Mass on Tuesday, 9 February at 8.15 pm,** Robert & Judy Koh's home, Blk 635 #06-19 Bedok Reservoir Road. Celebrant: Fr Gregoire Van Giang. Join in the potluck and fellowship after Mass.

<p>Youth Happenings</p>	<p>7 February from 7 am to 2 pm ~ Youth Canteen Run. Next Sunday, the Youth will be helping to sell food in the Canteen. If anyone wants to help out, please call Samantha at 96427868.</p>
<p>Find out more on our Youth activities</p>	<p>Our various Youth groups that meet up each week are : Genesis Ministry, Youth Music Ministry, Youth Mentors and Youth Arise Ministry. To join our weekly youth group meeting, check out details at http://www.olpsyouth.org .</p>
<p>YOUTH E-NEWSLETTER</p>	<p>Have you heard about of Monthly E-Newsletter "OliveNotes"? Subscribe now by emailing us at editor@olpsyouth.org.</p>

<p>CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR</p>	<p>MASSES DURING THE LUNAR NEW YEAR</p> <p>Lunar New Year Eve — Saturday 13 February Morning Mass as usual at 6.30 am, 4.00 pm Novena and 4.45 pm Saturday Sunset Mass. No Saturday 6.30 pm Sunset Mass .</p> <p>1st Day Lunar New Year — Sunday 14 February Mandarin Mass at 7.00 am; English Masses at 8.45 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm and 6.00 pm.</p> <p>2nd Day Lunar New Year — Monday 15 February (Public Holiday) Morning Mass at 8.00 am and Evening Mass at 6.00 pm.</p> <p>3rd Day Lunar New Year — Tuesday 16 February (Public Holiday) Morning Mass at 8.00 am and Evening Mass at 6.00 pm.</p>
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<p>ASH WEDNESDAY 17 February</p>	<p>Ash Wednesday Masses in OLPS Church will be at 6.30 am, 6.00 pm and 8.00 pm. (Ash Wednesday is a day of penance for the whole Church of Roman Rite, to be marked by fasting and abstinence from the eating of meat).</p>
<p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</p>	<p>Stations of the Cross begins on Friday 19 February, after the 6 pm evening Mass (on 19, 26 February, 12, 19 and 26 March). On 5 March, Stations of the Cross will begin at 7.30 pm followed by 8.00 pm Mass (part of our activities for Year of the Priests). Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays begins on 24 February at 3.00 pm (24 February, 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 March).</p>

<p>HAITI EARTHQUAKE Donation to the "DISASTER AID FUND"</p>	<p>The Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination Team (ACCT) in Singapore is working with Catholic Relief Services and Caritas Internationalis to provide financial support from its Disaster Aid Fund. Those who wish to donate to the Fund can send a crossed cheque made payable to "Disaster Aid Fund" to: ACCT (Attn: Jerry Ow), 2 Highland Road LG-01, Singapore 549102.</p>
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