



"We ought to lay down our lives for one another."  
(1 JOHN 3: 16)

See Notice Board for Message of the Holy Father on the occasion of the 22nd World Day of the Sick (11 Feb 2014).

### WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

#### MASS FOR HOME-BOUND SICK



Sunday, 9 Feb 5.30pm.

- Mon 10 Feb 8pm RCIA: Christian Marriage – A Covenant of Love and Life.
- Tues 11 Feb Grotto Rosary after the Evening Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes.
- Wed 12 Feb 8pm: Faith Formation – Screening of St John Bosco Part 2.

### CORRECTION

SSVP Statement for January 2014. There is a [Surplus](#) of \$6,157.51 and not a deficit as reported last week.

### SJC BUILDING FUND

Last week	\$5,506,803.35
Donations	\$ 000.00

TOTAL: \$5,506,803.35

Parishioners who have donated towards the Church Building Fund may want to top up their donations to \$2,500 or more (cumulative since June 2010) and have their name(s) or the names of their loved ones inscribed on the Wall Plaque. We look forward to your continued generosity as we embark on the next project to further develop our church. **Please issue cheque to ST JOSEPH CHURCH BUILDING FUND.**

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*L♥ve Thy Neighb♥ur*

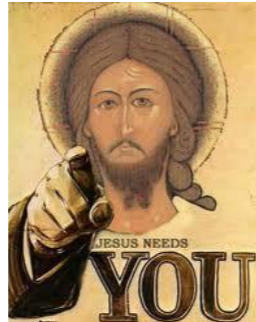
You, yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection.

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### NEXT WEEK

- 2nd Collection for CN.
- Mon 17 Feb 8pm RCIA: Christian Marriage – Practical Issues.
- Wed 19 Feb Faith Formation Screening of China Cry.



**Help Build Community.** The Church cannot function without you. Join a ministry and be a part of the big family.



**Neighbourhood Christian Communities** We aim to build a community of faith, hope and charity by gathering once a month

in a home to foster fellowship and to promote family togetherness & sharing. In so doing, we hope to create awareness of one's responsibility within the Catholic Community.

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REMEMBER WHEN YOU LEAVE THIS EARTH, YOU CAN TAKE WITH YOU NOTHING THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED ONLY WHAT YOU HAVE GIVEN: A HEART ENRICHED BY HONEST SERVICE, LOVE, SACRIFICE AND COURAGE. ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

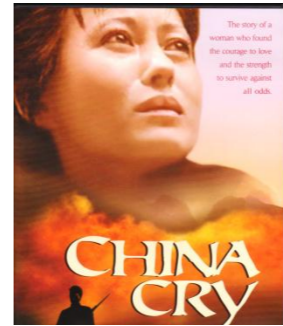
### AN APPEAL



**Please lower the pew-kneelers gently.**

### Faith Formation

Wednesday night screening:  
19 February 8pm  
AVA Room



### THE TRUE STORY OF NORA LAM

Her story is wrapped up within one of the most incredible marvels in all world history: how the Christian Church survived under repressive atheistic communism in China. But it did more than survive. It thrived and multiplied. We can better understand these heroic Chinese Christians through Nora's story. Adopted by a prominent family in Shanghai in 1941, little Sung Neng Yee (Nora Lam) is treated like a princess until the bombs drop and the Japanese seize her house. After the defeat of the Japanese, she joins the Communists, believing they are the liberators of China. All goes well until she falls in love with Lam Cheng Shen from Hong Kong. Communist officials decide to break her of

any bourgeois tendencies. During the next few years in which she marries and has three children, she is subjected to excruciating persecution. She calls out to God for salvation. Miracles follow. She bargains for her husband and daughter's release to HK and is sent to hard labour where she starts agitating for her own release. China Cry is an intimate love story, sage of courage, and acclaimed inspirational gem.



### ALL SPAIN PILGRIMAGE-SPECIAL

16 – 28 June led by Fr Edmund Chong. Visit the sanctuaries of

- ❖ St Teresa of Avila
- ❖ Our Lady of the Pillar, Zaragoza
- ❖ St John of the Cross, Vera Cruz
- ❖ The Holy Grail in Valencia
- ❖ Black Madonna in Montserrat

See poster for more details.  
Closing Date: 15 Mar.

### WHAT'S THE BUZZZZ??



### ANXIETY MANAGEMENT TALK

Understand the difference types of anxiety disorders and learn the tools to cope with them.  
Sat 22 Feb 1pm to 3pm, Khoo Teck Puat Hospital Main Auditorium  
Tower B  
\$20 per person collected at the door.  
To register ☎67577990/ 97103733  
✉[registration@clarity-singapore.org](mailto:registration@clarity-singapore.org)

### LENT 2014 MISSION TRIP BY CLARE'S MISSIONARY

16 to 23 March  
St Theresa's Hostel, Kota Marudu, Sabah. Paint the hostel, interact with primary and secondary school children; and home visits.  
☎ Francis Lim 97960532 or Mary Claire, ofs 96207768 OR ✉[claremissionary@gmail.com](mailto:claremissionary@gmail.com)

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle A**  
February 9, 2014

**This Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 58:7-10*

In the work of justice, light shall break through darkness.

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 112:4-9*

The just person will be a light in the darkness.

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 2:1-5*

Paul shows that he came to Corinth preaching Christ crucified.

**Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 5:13-16*

Jesus teaches that his disciples are to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

**Background on the Gospel Reading**

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe

the life of commitment leads us to are given more salt and light for concrete expression granted in our as the Corporal and society, but these Spiritual Works of commodities were Mercy. When we more precious in feed the hungry, ancient cultures. Just clothe the naked, as now, salt was console those who used in Jesus' time mourn, and so on, for flavouring, as a we show ourselves preservative, and as to be the salt of the a healing agent. earth and the light of Similarly, the world. When we widespread use of do these things with electricity in the the community of modern world makes faith, the Church, we us less aware of the are indeed acting as value and "a city set on a importance of light in mountain" that our lives. cannot be hidden!

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Weekend**

Sunset 5.30pm  
Mandarin 7.30am  
English 9am/11am & 5.30pm  
Children's Mass 3rd Sat  
Confessions 15mins before Mass

**Weekday**

Mon - Fri 6.30am/pm  
Saturday 6.30am  
P Holidays 8am only

**Rosary** before all weekday masses; and at the Grotto after the Evening Mass on 13th Day & Feast Days of Our Lady.  
Saturdays 5.00pm in church

**BLESSING OF EXPECTANT PARENTS** - Last Sunday of the month.

**THE UPPER ROOM**

Eucharistic Adoration - 6.30am - 9.30pm daily  
Meditation - Tues 8pm  
Vocations - 8pm 2nd Thurs  
Divine Mercy (E) - Friday 8pm

**COLUMBARIUM**

6.30am - 9.30pm daily



**Is TV Mass OK?**

My mother is divorced and remarried to a non-Catholic. Her first marriage was never annulled. She says that if she can't take Communion, there's no difference between watching Mass on TV and going to Mass in a church. I think there is a difference and that she needs to be going to Mass in a church with other Catholics. What do you think?

**It's a good sign** that she's watching Mass on television instead of skipping Mass altogether, but you're right.

Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your mother is physically able, it's a different matter. There's nothing like "being there" when it comes to worship, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days, she'll fulfill her obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14).

Keep encouraging your mom to attend weekly Mass in person, and also encourage her to contact her priest about starting annulment proceedings. If the annulment is granted and her current marriage is convalidated, she'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

Receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, but Mass is primarily for worshipping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your mom's faith life will clearly be enriched.

February 9, 2014  
5th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Fr. BoB Lindsey, CSsR