

(Thu-Sun) @ Catholic Spirituality Centre. Registration will be done via balloting. More details can be found at <http://www.csctr.net/retreats-events/youth-cer/>

**GRIEVING: A WAY TO HEALING**

This retreat will offer ways of dealing with unfinished business of the past, to discover the grace coming from past hurts. Participants learn how healing comes through grieving and saying goodbye to these experiences of the past. By Sr. Mel Benedictos & team. 17 May 8.00pm - 19 May 1.00pm. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42 Contribution: \$250. Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

**CARITAS SINGAPORE** is organising

a talk in Mandarin as part of our Talks @ Agape Village series. **Title: In You, Lord Jesus, Death Has Lost Its Sting - Preparing for Death.** Speakers: Fr. Edward Lim, OCD and Ms Liao Kehua, Registered Nurse (Gerontology Nursing and Palliative Care Nursing). 10 May (Fri), 7.30-9.30pm. at Caritas Singapore-Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264). Fr. Edward Lim will share on the Christian understanding of death, and the various spiritual aids available to the Christian to prepare for death, and Ms Liao Kehua will explain the need of Advance Care Planning. Register early as seats are limited! Email [agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org) | tel 6801 7400 (10.00am-6.00pm, Mon-Fri)



**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 868  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me..  
**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 6 May 2019 - SAT 11 May 2019  
**MON:** ACTS 6:8-15, JN 6:22-29 **TUE:** ACTS 7:51—8:1A, JN 6:30-35 **WED:** ACTS 8:1B-8, JN 6:35-40 **THU:** ACTS 8:26-40, JN 6:44-51 **FRI:** ACTS 9:1-20, JN 6:52-59  
**SAT:** ACTS 9:31-42, JN 6:60-69

**SPP Columbarium** - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building is closed to the public for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed, the next period when it will be accessible for visits is on **All Souls' Day period: 27 Oct - 10 Nov '19. Visiting Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm.** Subsequent niche blessings and interment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and interment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

**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  
**Interspersory 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  
**Secretariat's Operating Hours** : Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 10.00 m to 7.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.30am to 1.30pm  
 Lunch hours: 11.45am - 12.45pm. Closed on Public Holidays.  
**Columbarium Opening Hours** : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

**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, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, [alexdominic@gmail.com](mailto:alexdominic@gmail.com)

**Church Donations - Please make your cheque payable to:**  
**(i) Church of Sts Peter & Paul** - for contributions/donations for general maintenance of our Church and Mass offerings; **(ii) Carmelite Friars (S) Ltd** - for contributions/donations to the Friars Formation and Community; **(iii) Soc of St Vincent de Paul (Conf St Peter)** - for donations to the Society of St Vincent de Paul for the poor and needy.

John's Gospel brings us a wonderful story for the Third Sunday of Easter. After the events of Good Friday and the joy of Easter Sunday, Peter longs to return to his old life. "I am going fishing," he says. In a scene reminiscent of the original call of Peter, Jesus appears to the group after a futile night of fishing but is unrecognised by his followers. He calls out to Peter in the boat and tells him where to drop his fishing nets. The fish overflow the nets and they suddenly recognise him: "It is the Lord!" Jesus cooks them breakfast and asks Peter three times if he loves him. Peter, puzzled, affirms three times that he loves Jesus - just as he denied him three times during the Passion. "Feed my sheep," Jesus says to him.

In our first readings from Acts of the Apostles this week, we read of Stephen, one of the earliest martyrs, and of Philip converting an Ethiopian slave along the road. Next is the story of Saul, persecutor of Christians being blinded and then healed by Ananias in the name of Jesus. The week ends with Peter traveling the region and healing.

The gospel for this week is from Chapter 6 of John's Gospel on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." Like so many stories in this gospel, Jesus teaches from one layer of understanding to another, taking us deeper into understanding his gift of himself to us in the Eucharist. Jesus says, "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." "The bread of God is that which comes down

from heaven and gives life to the world." "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst." "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world." "Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him." This marvelous dialogue ends with this exchange with his disciples: "Jesus then said to the Twelve, 'Do you also want to leave?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.'"

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Acts of the Apostles shows us Paul and Barnabas and the turmoil they faced. The Gentiles were delighted with the good news of Jesus and but the Jews were angry and expelled them from their territory. In a brief, but powerful story from John's Gospel, Jesus offers comfort to those who follow him: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This can be a very good week to grow in a sense of and practice with the notion of being a "contemplative in the midst of action." We have almost a whole week of gospels about Jesus' gift of himself to us as the "Bread of Life." This gives us the opportunity to let

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that mystery be in the background of our consciousness every day this week, as we go about our everyday tasks. What makes it “contemplative” is that we will be asking for graces each morning, and we will let our desires and our activities interact.

We can begin reflecting upon how often we “work for food that perishes.” The pay-off, the success, the accomplishment, the reward we receive for what we do is often quite passing and unsatisfying. It would be important to be able to sense anything that appears to be food that doesn’t last and name it as such this week. The real food, the life-giving nourishment that our Lord offers us is himself.

If we can’t celebrate the Eucharist daily this week, we can simply open our hearts and desire to receive our Lord, so that he remains in us and we remain in him. We can practice consciously choosing union with Jesus, our Risen Lord and only Saviour, and experiencing how that would affect the choices we need to make throughout our day.

If we begin each day, asking for the grace of this union, and renew that desire at brief moments we have at various times in the day, our focus and attention begin to change. We will experience a peace and a gifted lack of hunger and thirst for so many of the things that draw us away from him, from loving, from mercy, from consciousness on those in need.

If the background focus of each day this week is to desire to be fed by a closeness with Jesus, it doesn’t matter how busy I am, or how many conflicts I have to face, or what suffering I or my loved ones must endure. His flesh and blood are real food and drink because they are the real sacrifice that takes away the power of sin and death itself. United with his surrender to the Father, we are set free from whatever can take away the life he gained for us. For this gift, for this faith, we can give thanks for every night, as we review our union with our Lord each night.

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.

### **Don’t work for food that perishes**

When Jesus was revealing to his disciples that he is the Bread that gives us life, he said this profound thing:

*Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. [John 6:27]*

It is a great Easter reflection to ask ourselves, in what ways do I work for food that perishes? We can ask about this phrase in many ways. We can simply ask, What am I working for? Does it result in any kind of lasting food for me? Do I find myself working hard for elusive and unattainable goals? Am I trying to buy or attain happiness with consumption which can never really satisfy me? Am I addicted to patterns and a way of life that is taking away my happiness? Is what I have really very satisfying? Do I want even more in hopes that more will make me happy?

Jesus wants us to know that he is the Bread that gives life. When some of his listeners walked away, saying that this bread he was offering them was “hard to swallow”, they returned to their former way of life and no longer followed him. Jesus asked his disciples if they were going to walk away, too. Peter answered, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” [John 6:68-69]

Jesus tells us that if we come to him, we’ll never hunger or thirst again. He urges us to “feed” on him. The image is that of sheep who graze on a pasture. He is inviting us to allow him to be what nourishes and sustains us.

Too often we can try to have it both ways. We want to be connected with Jesus and we also want a steady diet of the things of this world. Jesus is the only food which will really satisfy us. He knows that we can live in this world, have a job in this world, support our families in this world, and do all the many non-sinful things we do in this world, as long as those things don’t become what we really work for

and look to sustain our hearts and souls. Jesus alone can be a life giving and sustaining source of our identity and our nourishment. He offers us the “food that endures for eternal life.”

Let’s ask for this renewed hunger to be nourished by Jesus, to be in communion with

### **PARISH NEWS**

**INFANT BAPTISM** - The next Infant Baptism service will be incorporated into 11.00am Mass, held on Sunday, 9 Jun ‘19. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a preparatory session on Saturday, 8 June 2019 at 3.30pm. Application Forms can be obtained from the Parish Office and must be submitted by Wednesday, 15 May ‘19.

### **NEWS AROUND THE PARISH**

**BISHOP’S CATECHESIS FOR NEOPHYTES** Calling all neophytes who were baptised in the last 3 years! Come and listen to Archbishop William Goh, chief shepherd of our archdiocese, as he shares how we can live fully alive as part of the Body of Christ. Date: Saturday, 18 May ‘19 Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm. Venue: St Joseph’s Church, 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road, Singapore 678116. Theme: Body of Christ. Find out more at [www.catechesis.org.sg](http://www.catechesis.org.sg)

**CHARITIES WEEK 2019** is launched during Lent as part of the Archdiocesan fundraising campaign. Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of the Caritas Singapore family to partner and journey with the poor and vulnerable including low-income families, youth-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and also people with mental health problems. Pick up the purple appeal envelope and give generously. All Donations are eligible for 250% tax deduction. Please note that Charities Week will close on 26 May 2019.

**AbBA:** Abundant and Better Life Abroad a 4-part values formation series organised by

him. From that grace will come the deep and lasting desire to gratefully share what we have received. The one who is bread broken and given for us will help us be bread which is broken and given for others who need us.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/e-Food-that-Perishes.html>

the Archdiocesan Commission for Migrants and Itinerants (ACMI) and Couples for Christ (CFC), for Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs) to discover their true self-worth, and hopefully lead to personal development and better work performance. The series will run on 5, 12, 26 May and 2 June from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm at Agape Village 7A Toa Payoh Lorong 8. To register: <http://bit.ly/AbBA2019> or call Daniel Yeo at 8600 3584

### **PRAYING OUR LIFE’S QUESTIONS: A VOCATION RECOLLECTION**

What will I do with my life? Is this all there is to life? Does God have a plan for me? These are a few of the most common questions that young people ask. This weekend will teach them how to pray and discern the questions that unfold their life purpose. It will also offer them a glimpse of one life option, which is religious life in the Cenacle, by providing them with information and experiences about the life of a Cenacle Sister. (Open only to single women aged 19-33 years old). By Cenacle sisters. 11 May 9.00am - 12 May 1.00pm. Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42. Contribution: Love Offering. Please register at [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

### **YOUTH CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT #16 (YCER)**

Calling all youths and young adults aged 18 to 29 years! Come as you are. Our hope is that the YCER will allow you to experience the unconditional love of God in an intimate and tangible way and empower you to face difficult challenges and live a life driven by God’s purpose and meaning. Conducted by His Grace Archbishop William Goh. 13 - 16 Jun ‘19