



1. Season of Creation (1st September till 4th October, 2019:-

a. Dear friends, during this Season of Creation, our Parish Creation Justice Committee will be **organizing a talk and to conduct a workshop** to celebrate the occasion on Saturday, 21st September, 2019 starting at 9.00 a.m. till 11.00 a.m. in Domus Mariae's Seminar Room. All are welcome. Attendance is free.

b. A flyer proposing steps to be taken by all in this Season of Creation will be distributed after the Mass today. It contains the details of our planned celebration on the 21st September, this month. Do take a copy home, read it and do it for the future generation.

c. There are still copies of **'My Ecological Pledges'** available at the main entrance of the church. It is time for all of us adults to do our part and teach our young to do the same.

2. The month of October, the Rosary month – We will have our usual community rosary every evening starting at 7.30 p.m. from Monday to Friday. One of the charismas in all Mary's spiritual sons and daughters is prayerfulness in the likeness of her Blessed Mother, Queen of the most Holy Rosary.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CENTRE: St. Lucy Room

Opening Hours:

Monday: REST DAY

Tuesday – Friday: 8.00am – 12.00noon; 2.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.00am – 12.00noon; 5.00pm – 7.00pm.

Sunday: 7.00am – 10.00am.



EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH

October 2019

Three Designated Pilgrimage Centres are:(September – October 2019)

1. The Chapel of St. Andrew, Sari, Sarikei.
2. The Church of Mary, Immaculate Conception, Kapit.
3. The Chapel of St. Nicholas, Kut, Dalat.



ST. MARY'S OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHURCH

Mission: "They all gathered with Mary the Mother of Jesus in continuous prayer."
Acts 1:14

Vision: "... that they may be one, even as we are one." Jn. 17:11

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C: 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019



CHURCH NOTICES



1. The second collection today is for the **Lay Apostolate Fund**.
2. **The Worldwide Children's Holy Hour** – Parents, please do accompany your children in the celebration of this Holy Hour on the First Friday of the month, October 4, 2019 starting at 7.30 p.m. Booklet guide showing the ways of celebration this Holy Hour will be ready before the next weekend.
3. **The World Children's Mission Rosary** – Parents, pray this Rosary with your children and the young fervently in the remaining months of our celebration of the Extraordinary Year for Mission this year. Remember in your prayers for all the missionaries, past or present, throughout the whole world, and in particular, remember too, your own duty and obligation to do mission in your own parish community.
4. **Children's Liturgy** - Parents, thank you for your parental co-operation and responsibility in seeing to your children participation in the celebration of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Thanks also to all the volunteer CCD teachers and helpers.
5. **Talk on Mission: "Gifted, Called and Sent"** by Fr. Crucito B.Manding, CSsR on Thursday, **12-9-2019@7.30** p.m., Senior Parishioners' Hall, Sacred Heart Cathedral. All are welcome.
6. **Baptism of Infants** will be held on Sunday, 29th September. Parents must submit a copy of baptismal form, a photocopy of birth certificate of the infant and the Family Register booklet to the parish office before the briefing date. Briefing for infant baptism will be done on Wednesday, 25th September in the Parish Hall at 7.30p.m.

23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - C

'Christ Who Gave Up Everything For Our Sake'

First Reading: **Wisdom 9: 13-18**

Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 89**

Second Reading: **Philemon 9b-10. 12-17**

Gospel: **Luke 14: 25-33**

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CHURCH NOTICES



Church Compound – Dear all, the area around WTK Kindergarten, the old SK.St.Mary's School (Domus Mariae) area and all our church compound have been designated as a **non-smoking zone** with effect from the month of June, 2019. Please keep and respect this imposition, and also help to keep our Church compound clean and tidy. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

Car Parking – LATE COMERS, please do not park your cars in the yellow boxes either at the entry or exit gates. The passage way to the car park at the back of the Church, which includes the Sister's and Father's car-parks, is **STRICTLY A NON-PARKING ZONE**. This is also the **only access** to our big parking bay at the back of Domus Mariae (House of Mary).

PAYING VISIT TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Parishioners and visitors, your entry into or exit out of the Church is through the side door when the main entrance of the Church is closed after the Mass. See our clerk in the General Office to assist you.

NOTICES FOR WEEKDAYS

Friday, 13th September Holy Hour from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Do come for your weekly hourly Adoration of the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Saturday, 14th September – The Weekly Divine Mercy Devotion in English starts at 3.00 p.m. till 3.30 p.m.

The results of **Donation Coupon Draw** for St. Michael's Church, Sibujaya and St. Alphonsus', Julau are as followed:

1st – **162426**. 2nd – **143515**. 3rd – **152166**. 4th – **116063**. 5th – **281443**.

Consolations: - **254325**. - **152919**. - **174807**. - **108454**. - **208699**.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION or TITHING

Parishioners may pledge their monthly contributions or tithing by using the envelopes provided and drop them into the collection bags or our Petition Boxes. Official receipt will be issued on request to those with name, address and h/p no. Thank you for your generous donation and your monthly tithing or contributions.

Fund Raising in aid of building a new St. Michael's Church in Sibujaya and a new St. Alphonsus' Church, Julau: Donation Coupons for these two new Churches are still available. Please give your generous support.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please be advised that the family members of any deceased are strongly urged to contact first our priest(s) or Peter Ting 013-816 3211 or Peter Lau 019-888 3701 of Catholic Funeral Service Team (CFST) for guidance and advice before making any funeral arrangement. Your co-operation in this matter is highly appreciated.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Contact person: Sr. Christina 016 885 4690

CCD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact person: Adeline Wong
019 857 6917

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Contact person: Lawrence Chan
013 801 5861



VATICAN NEWS



Essay: Pope Francis Pushes A New Theology of Climate Change

Thirty years ago, Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople put 1st September on the Orthodox calendar as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Last month, Pope Francis did the same for the Catholic Church and on Sunday he marked the occasion by issuing a new message on climate change.

Moving beyond his 2015 encyclical Laudato Si', Francis called for "prophetic actions" to spur governments to undertake "drastic measures" to achieve zero net greenhouse gas emissions and keep average global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels. He points to the United Nations Climate Action Summit on 23rd September as a place to show political will and signals that next month's Amazon Synod of Bishops will itself address climate.

To be sure, Francis is not the first pope to sound the alarm on the environment. John Paul II and Benedict XVI both did so in a number of notable statements.

John Paul cast the ecological crisis in terms of original sin. As he wrote in his 1990 Message for the Celebration of the World Day of Peace: "Made in the image and likeness of God, Adam and Eve were to have exercised their dominion over the earth (*Gen 1:28*) with wisdom and love. Instead, they destroyed the existing harmony *by deliberately going against the Creator's plan*, that is, by choosing to sin. This resulted not only in man's alienation from himself, in death and fratricide, but also in the earth's "rebellion" against him (cf. *Gen 3:17-19; 4:12*). All of creation became subject to futility, waiting in a mysterious way to be set free and to obtain a glorious liberty together with all the children of God (cf. *Rom 8:20-21*)."

Likewise Benedict, in his 2010 World Day of Peace message, wrote, "The harmony between the Creator, mankind and the created world, as described by Sacred Scripture, was disrupted by the sin of Adam and Eve, by man and woman, who wanted to take the place of God and refused to acknowledge that they were his creatures."

That is not Francis' way. Rather than blame the environmental crisis on humanity's fallen state, he celebrates creation and emphasises how nature brings us closer to God.

"We are beloved creatures of God, who in his goodness calls us to love life and live it in communion with the rest of creation," he writes. "This is *the season for letting our prayer be inspired anew* by closeness to nature, which spontaneously leads us to give thanks to God the Creator."

Where John Paul and Benedict cast creation as a broken thing in need of Christ's restorative mission, Francis embraces it as a wonderful gift for all people regardless of their present spiritual condition: "Each Christian man and woman, every member of the human family, can act as a thin yet unique and indispensable thread in weaving a *network of life* that embraces everyone."



CHURCH ROUTINE SCHEDULES



DAILY HOLY MASSES

Monday to Saturday:
6.00 a.m.

ADDITIONAL MASSES

Every First Friday of the Month, Holy Days of Obligation, Solemnities:
6.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY SUNSET MASS

7.00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

7.30 a.m.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Saturday: 6.00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Sunday: 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.
Also by appointment

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MASS

Last Friday of the Month: 11.30 a.m..

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Every Sunday 7.30 a.m.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Every last Sunday of the Month: 9.00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. except for First Friday, the Holy Hour begins after the Mass.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Every Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.