

**Readings for  
the week**

# saint of the week

**Mon, 26 July  
Sts. Joachim &  
Ann**

Jer 13:1-11  
Ps 32:18-21  
Mt 13:31-35

**Tue, 27 July**

Jer 14:17-22  
Ps 78:8,9,11,13  
Mt 13:36-43

**Wed, 28 July**

Jer 15:10,16-21  
Ps 58:2-5,10,11,  
17,18  
Mt 13:44-46

**Thu, 29 July  
St. Martha**

1 Jn 4:7-16  
Ps 33:2-11  
Jn 11:19-27

**Fri, 30 July  
St. Peter  
Chrysologus**

Jer 26:1-9  
Ps 68:5,8-10,14  
Mt 13:54-58

**Sat, 31 July  
St. Ignatius of  
Loyola**

Jer 26:11-16,24  
Ps 68:15-16,  
30-31,33-34  
Mt 14:1-12

**Sun, 1 Aug**

Qoh 1:2-2:21-23  
Ps 89:3-6,12-14,  
17  
Col 3:1-5,9-11  
Lk 12:13-21



## St. Martha

"Jesus loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus." This unique statement in John's gospel tells us of the special relationship Jesus had with Martha, her sister, and her brother. Apparently Jesus was a frequent guest at Martha's home in Bethany, a small village two miles from Jerusalem. We read of three visits in Luke 10:38-42, John 11:1-53, and John 12:1-9. Many of us find it easy to identify with Martha in the story Luke tells. Martha welcomes Jesus and his disciples into her home and immediately goes to work to serve them.

Hospitality is paramount in the Middle East and Martha believed in its importance. Imagine her frustration when her sister Mary ignores the rule of hospitality and Martha's work in order to sit and listen to Jesus. Instead of speaking to her sister, she asks Jesus to intervene. Jesus' response is not unkind, which gives us an idea of his affection for her. He observes that Martha is worried about many things that distract her from really being present to him. He reminds her that there is only one thing that is truly important -- listening to him. And that is what Mary has done. In Martha we see ourselves -- worried and distracted by all we have to do in the world and forgetting to spend time with Jesus. It is, however, comforting to note that Jesus loved her just the same.

The next visit shows how well Martha learned this lesson. She is grieving the death of her brother with a house full of mourners when she hears that Jesus has just come to the area. She gets up immediately and leaves the guests, leaves her mourning, and goes to meet him. Her conversation with Jesus shows her faith and courage. In this dialogue she states clearly without doubt that she believes in Jesus' power, in the resurrection, and most of all that Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus tells her that he is the resurrection and the life and then goes on to raise her brother from the dead. Our final picture of Martha in Scripture is the one that sums up who she was. Jesus has returned to Bethany some time later to share a meal with his good friends. In this home were three extraordinary people. We hear how brother Lazarus caused a stir when was brought back to life. We hear how Mary causes a commotion at dinner by anointing Jesus with expensive perfume. But all we hear about Martha is the simple statement: "Martha served." She isn't in the spotlight, she doesn't do showy things, she doesn't receive spectacular miracles. She simply serves Jesus. Martha is the patron saint of servants and cooks.

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**25 JULY 2010**

**17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR C**



**Weekday Masses from Monday – Friday: 7.00am & 6.00pm**

Devotion to the Sacred Heart : Fri 6.30pm

**Weekend Masses (Sat):** 7.00am & 6.30pm (Sunset Mass)

**Sunday Masses: 7.00 am, 9.00 am, 11.00 am & 6.00 pm**

Confession: 15 mins before Mass.

**Tagalog Mass: Every 2nd Sunday of the Month - 4pm**

Holy Hour: Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month - 8.30pm

Rosary Devotion: The 13th of Every Month - 8pm

Divine Office Prayers: Every Mon to Sat -7.45 am to 8.15 am (Rm #03-02)

Divine Mercy Prayers: Every Friday 3pm

Adoration Room Opening Hours: Mon to Fri - 8.30 am to 10.00 pm

Sat and Sun - 8.30 am to 7.45 pm

**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32**

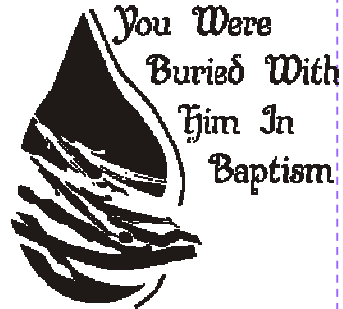
Abraham backed up his clear request with logic. If you are the God of the just (i.e., the righteous), then act with justice. [18:25] In other words, be faithful to those who are faithful to you; be merciful to those who treat others with mercy. But Abraham asked far more from God than to act fairly. In his question, Abraham asked God for a living example of justice, a just community that would show sinners the face of a just God. Believers are a sign of hope in a hopeless world; their example is an invitation for the immoral to change.

**Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14**

Those who were in Christ (i.e., had a intimate relationship with Christ) experienced the reality of his death on the cross. They would also share in his glorious destiny at the general resurrection. Just as Christ reconciled the world to God with his death, those who died "in HIM" would enjoy that reconciliation with the forgiveness of their sins. How did Christ reconcile the world with its Maker? In his death, Christ fulfilled the Law ("God nailed it to the cross"), so he "lifted away" its obligations. In the greater scheme of things, we only need Christ. In him, we are reconciled to God, united with God.

**Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

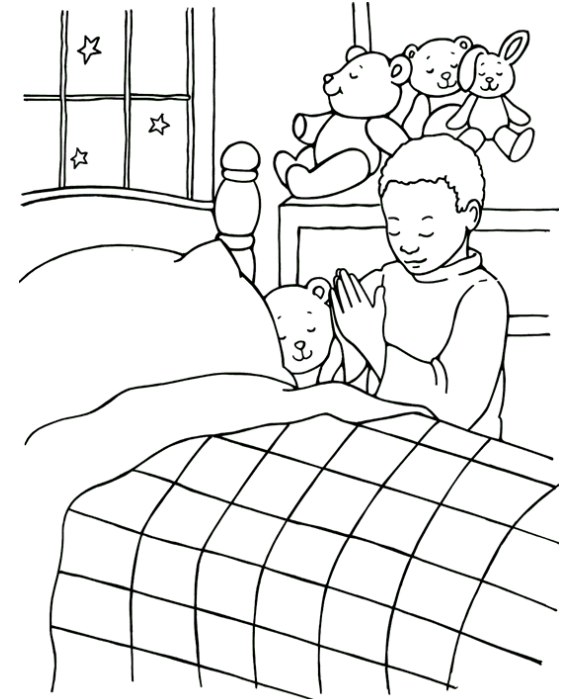
"As we pray, so we believe." This old theological insight is as true today as it was when Jesus taught his followers the Our Father. The prayer focuses our sights on things greater than daily concerns. It sets our sights on the Kingdom. But questions remain. Do we dare allow the Our Father to change us as we repeat the words? Do we allow the prayer to make us citizens of the Kingdom in the making? If we dare, we can. Ask God! This week ask God for personal needs, but remember to ask for his will, his intentions. Ask for his presence in your life.



**Colour Me!**



God Hears and Answers Prayers



P R A Y Y B S L E F X E B P H  
 U K I N G D O M L T S P D Q A  
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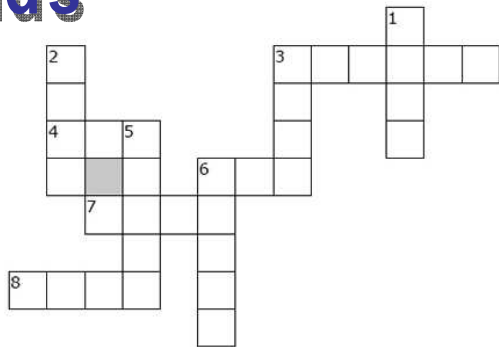
FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

Group	Day / Date	Time	Activity	Location/ Contact
Jalan Kayu/ Grand Vista/ Mugliston/ Kechubong/ Seletar Spring	Sun/ 25 July	Morning	Canteen OP	Fr. Saussard Café
Fr Saussard Grp / Divine Mercy	Sun/ 1 Aug	Morning	Canteen OP	Fr. Saussard Café

# just for kids

Luke 11:1-12 "Just Do It!"



### ACROSS

3. A person you know, like, and trust
4. To make a request for something
6. A piece of furniture for sleeping
7. A movable structure used to close off an entrance to a room
8. A device operated by a key and used to keep a door from being opened

### DOWN

1. To look for something
2. To talk to God
3. To locate something by searching for it
5. To stike a series of blows with your fist, as on a door
6. A food made from flour mixed water and other ingredients, then baked in an oven

LOCK	FIND	FRIEND	PRAY	DOOR
BED	SEEK	KNOCK	ASK	BREAD

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
B	Y	X	O	J	N	R	T	V	F	C	D	E	U	G	W	I	Z	A	L	M	P	H	K	S	Q

1. 7-13-11-13-17-9-13 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 8-13-19-11-23 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 19-25-24 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 22-7-19-2 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 25-13-13-24 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 10-17-6-12 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 4-22-13-6 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 24-6-4-11-24 \_\_\_\_\_

KNOCK	SEEK	OPEN	RECEIVE
PRAY	TEACH	FIND	ASK



## Important Parking Notification!

Traffic Police has given SVDP parishioners permission to park along the following roads for the weekend Masses at the given times stated. Details as follows;  
**Yio Chu Kang Road - Lamppost No. 156 to 166**  
**Jalan Kelulut - Lamppost No. 4 to 9**  
**Saturday from 6pm to 8.30pm**  
**Sunday from 6am to 1pm, 5pm to 8pm.**

## Charismatic Prayer Group



The Life in the Spirit Seminar continues Monday 26 July from 7:30-9:30pm.  
*Talk: You are then the Body of Christ*  
 Venue: Room #03-02  
 Please pray and intercede for everyone involved in the LISS.



## Altar Boys Society

Serangoon District Altar Servers Mass. Celebrated by Archbishop Nicholas Chia.  
 Venue : Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Day and Date : Monday, 9 August 2010 (Public Holiday)  
 Time : 9.30 am  
 All altar servers are required to wear black tailored trousers and black leather shoes. T-shirts for the occasion will be provided. Attendance is encouraged.



Altar Servers

## Holy Family Neighbourhood Group

Date of meeting: Sat 31 July 2010  
 Time of meeting: 8pm  
 Hosted by: Eric and Bernie, 33 Lentor Plain, Banyan Villas

## Sunrise/ Cactus Neighbourhood Meeting

Great Bible Adventure - Session 11, Royal Kingdom (1 Samuel)  
 Date: Thursday, 29 July 2010 Time: 8pm  
 Venue: 9 Sunrise Place (home of Catherine & Joo Ann)  
 His Grace Archbishop Nicolas Chia will be attending this meeting. Please bring your Bible.



**Fr. Michael Sitaram will be away for a short break from the 10th of August onwards.**

## Hearts@Work

HEARTS@WORK is a project by Catholic Welfare Services that provides a work-focused training programme for adults with intellectual challenges. Volunteers will be here this weekend the 24th and 25th of July. To know more about them, please visit them after mass at their booth, or call them at 62848010, or visit their website at [www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/projects/hearts](http://www.catholicwelfare.org.sg/projects/hearts)

## Rosary Devotion @ SVDP Grotto

*One of the Rosary Promises from Mary to  
Blessed Alan de la Roche:*

*"All those who propagate the Holy Rosary shall be aided by me in  
their necessities."*

**Friday 13th August at 8pm.** All are welcome!



## Landings

A ministry formed to welcome back Catholics who have left the Church. We are a community supporting a process whereby a returning Catholic can come to explore their faith and hopefully to rediscover God in their life once again.

Landings is a ministry welcoming back Catholics who have left the Church. If you are a returning Catholic or know of someone who may be interested, a 10-week Landings process will be in 2 parishes; Saturday, 21 August, 2010 at Church of the Holy Spirit and Tuesday, 7 September, 2010 at Blessed Sacrament Church. For more information please contact Tony See 96880920 (HS) or Steven Lum @ 97503998 (BSC).

**Cantonese Retreat 2010** will be held at the Catholic Spirituality Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 9am to 5pm. Activities include Rosary Recitation; Praise and Worship; Centering Activity; Testimony; Healing; and Holy Mass.

## Couple Empowerment Program

A joyful married life, secure & confident children and a happy family is what God wants to give married couples... but 1 in 3 marriages fail within 3 years (including Christian marriages). They need not!!! Come to the Couple Empowerment Program. Learn practical ways to strengthen and bring continuous joy to your marriage; bring up happy, confident and secure children .. and more. This eight session program is especially for couples who have been married 5 years or less although ill married couples will benefit from it. Dates & Time : Fridays 5, 13, 20, 27 August; 3, 17 September 7:30 to 10 pm, Saturday 18 September 2:30 to 10:00 pm and Sunday 19 September 2:30 to 8:00 pm. Child minding services will be provided at all sessions, Contribution : S\$150/- per couple (includes meals at all sessions, handouts and worksheets). Venue : Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour - 31 Siglap Hill. Singapore 456085. Just show up!!! For more information visit us at <http://catholic-cep.webs.com/>

## The Social Mission Conference 2010

Caritas Singapore is organizing The Social Mission Conference 2010, at St Joseph's Institution, 38 Malcolm Rd, Sat 21 Aug 10, 9am to 4pm. It will be a platform for 33 experienced speakers to share on the current social landscape and how charity and justice will enable the needy to build a better life. Cost is \$55 per person or \$40 for groups of 5 or more (check other discounts available in the brochure and website). Free shuttle service from the bus stop opposite Novena Church, from 8.15am to 8.45am. To register, pick up a brochure from your parish office or visit [www.caritas-singapore.org](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or call 6337 3711.

## Loyola Jesuit Novitiate Retreat

Discern God's will in your life through Ignatian Spirituality. A live-in retreat for single men age 19 to 35 from Fri 6 Aug, 7pm to Sun 8 Aug, 5pm. Contact Fr. Colin Tan, SJ @ 64672790 or [c.tansj@gmail.com](mailto:c.tansj@gmail.com)

## Acts of the Apostles by Fr Ambrose Vaz

15 Tuesdays (9.30am – 11.30am) or (7.45pm – 9.45pm)

From Aug 10 till Nov 23 Contribution: \$75

(Register before 10th August to enjoy an 'early bird' discount)

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## Centenary of Mother Teresa's Birth

*"We are created for greater things to love and to be loved" - Mother Teresa.*

Mass celebrated by Archbishop Nicholas Chia on Thurs 26 Aug, 7pm at Church Of The Holy Spirit, 248 Upper Thomson Road. All are invited. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

## Catholic Singles

Catholic Singles invite you to the "August Mass Get2gather at OLPS Church". Sun 1 Aug. Meet at OLPS Church Foyer at 10am. For enquiries or registration, email [CatholicSingle@gmail.com](mailto:CatholicSingle@gmail.com) or call Adeline @ 93850386 or for more details go to <http://catholicsingle.blogspot.com/>

## World Community for Christian Meditation (Singapore) Workshop

*Lord teach us to pray*

Learn to meditate as a way of prayer according to the teachings of Jesus in His Sermon on the Mount. Church of Divine Mercy, Sat 21 Aug, 9am to 5 pm. Contribution: \$10 (includes lunch, tea & handouts). Register by 14 Aug with Patrick Prakash 9829 4925 [pprakash@singnet.com.sg](mailto:pprakash@singnet.com.sg) or Veronica Bhappy 9478 4790 [bhappyga@yahoo.com](mailto:bhappyga@yahoo.com)