



29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Mission Sunday)

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1st Reading: Is 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Heb 4:14-16

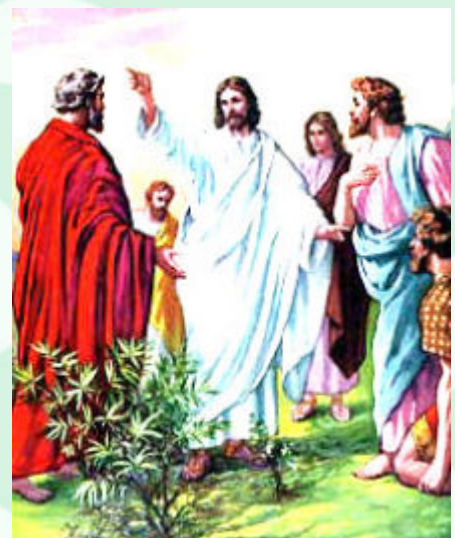
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

Gospel Reflection – Mk 10:35-45

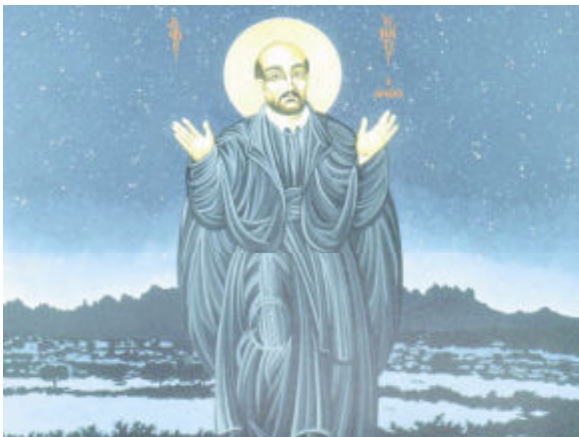
Our secular society values **“ambition”** and promotes it as a means of achieving the security and serenity of life. Such “ambitions” draw us into believing that unless we dare to dream and strive to become somebody in society, our lives would be a “failure” as we would not have the security and social standing of life. The apostles James and John in today’s Gospel were probably no exceptions to such influences and human tendencies. Accordingly, they brought the distorted view of the secular world into their ministry of serving the Lord.

Jesus challenged them with the values of the Kingdom of God that presented the radical view that, “anyone who wants to be great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave of all.” For this, **Jesus, the Servant of all servants** is our ultimate model. The more we learn to live like Him, the more selfless our lives would be and the more we will learn to know Him personally.

Ponder on this challenge this week and ask the Lord to give you the graces to live the values of His Kingdom more fully. Are our daily living dominated more by the values of the secular world of “ambition” or by the Christ-like values of “selfless service” to all peoples, as Christ has taught us?



Fr Philip Heng, S.J.



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* Mon – Thurs 9:30AM-5:30PM • Fri 12:00-8:00PM • Sat 8:00AM-12noon



Parish News

CHURCH EMAIL

Please note that the email address of our church is church@stignatius.org.sg - kindly add "st" in front of "ignatius".

HOLY WATER IN THE BAPTISMAL FONT, HOLDING HANDS AND SIGN OF PEACE

We have now resumed using holy water in our baptismal font and we may hold hands during the "Our Father" or extend our handshakes at the Sign of Peace. However, if you have flu-like symptoms, please do not to attend Mass or any parish activity. Thank you.

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL AND PRAYER GROUP

Continuing with our fourth session of Growth in the Spirit Seminar this *Wednesday 21 October, 8 pm @ St Ignatius Hall*. Derrick Chee will share with us on a balanced view of the gift of tongues in 1 Cor 12:7-12. All are welcome.

NAMLY AVENUE/CRESCENT/GROVE/RISE NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUP

will be on *Thursday 22 October, 8 pm* the home of Dorothy and Kenneth Kee. All are welcome.

WEEKEND CATECHISM

- *First Holy Communion* - The weekend and CGS team thank all parents, families and the community for their prayers, support and participation in our celebration last weekend.
- *Year-end Day of Recollection cum Programme Review* - All Catechists are requested to attend this on *Saturday 7 November from 2 pm* in La Storta room, concluding with the Thanksgiving Mass at 6 pm followed by dinner.
- *Meeting and Reflection on "Why be a Catechist?"* - All volunteers and those thinking about serving as catechists/assistants/co-coordinators for the catechetical ministry, please join us on *Friday 23 October, 8 pm* at the Catechism Office. Enquiries lessgd@yahoo.com.sg
- *Term 4 will end* on the weekend of *30 October/1 November*. (CGS classes will end on the weekend of *6/7 November*) There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on *Saturday 7 November, 6 pm*. Pot luck to follow at St Ignatius Hall. Families are invited.

INFANCY NARRATIVES

Looking forward to a meaningful advent season? Join us in a five-session lecture series on the Infancy Narratives conducted by Fr Ambrose Vaz, every *Wednesday* from *21 October to 25 November, 8 to 10 pm* at the Centre for Ignatian Spirituality and Counselling, Victoria Park Road. Contact: Raymond 9731-8432 or Raj 9667-6690.

What's on this week?

MISSION SUNDAY

is celebrated this weekend and the collections from all Masses will be sent to the Archbishop for the Spread of the Gospel and prayers will be offered especially for those who have not yet come to believe in Jesus Christ.

"What's coming up?"

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY WALK AND ADORATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

October is the Rosary month - join us *Friday 30 October, 8 pm* for a Candlelight Rosary Walk in the *Garden of Light* (behind Kingsmead Hall), followed by Eucharistic Adoration from *8.30 - 9.30 pm* at the St Francis Xavier Chapel.

The evening's special intentions include prayers for families. If you like us to offer a decade of the Rosary for your prayer requests, email: gracelmc@hotmail.com

DRIVERS TO THE CHURCH

- **Police advise:** Action will be taken against illegal parking on public roads and obstruction of private house driveways.
- **Church car parks:** if you need to double park and obstruct another vehicle, please give us *your contact number* on the windscreen so that you can be contacted in case of emergency.
- **Cooperation to Avoid Traffic Congestion:** Please *exit soon after Mass*, if there is another Mass following, to avoid traffic congestion in our church car parks.

Thank you for your cooperation.

URGENT APPEAL FROM THE ARCHBISHOP

There will be a second collection next weekend (24/25 October) for the Disaster Aid Fund managed by the Archdiocese Crisis Coordination Team (ACCT). The fund is being used to provide relief to the many victims of the recent disasters in Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia and India.

You may donate by sending a crossed cheque payable to "Disaster Aid Fund" to ACCT, Attn: Jerry Ow, 2 Highland Road, LG #01, Singapore 549102. Please provide your name and address on the back of the cheque if you wish to receive a receipt (Tax exemption is not available for overseas aid).



Candlelight Rosary Procession 2009

The intention of the devotion was for the People of the Parish including the Priests, the Sick, the Elderly and for more Vocation to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

Led by Father Colin Tan, PaCES (Pastoral Care Ministry for the Elderly and the Sick) held their annual candlelight rosary procession this year on Monday 12 October 09, a day before the feast day of our Lady of Fatima. Our Lady had appeared in October 1917 at Fatima, Portugal, to three shepherd children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francesco, telling them to pray the rosary every day, for personal and world peace.



After the sky had darkened, the procession returned to the Place of Gathering, where devotees placed their lighted candles before our Lady's statue. More prayers were said during benediction. Anne, our lady soprano, sang and led the choir in hymns during Mass, the Procession and Benediction.



So for this event, after the 6 pm Mass, parishioners who are devotees to our Lady, joined in the procession with our Lady carried aloft by altar boys from the church to the Garden of Light, where aptly five decades of the Luminous Mysteries were recited. Petitions were made for more priestly vocations (this year being the Year for Priests), for the elderly sick in our parish and worldwide, and for all victims suffering from recent natural disasters due to typhoon Ketsana, causing earth quakes and tsunamis in our neighbouring countries.

Julia, who led the rosary prayers, remarked that our lady's statue (which belongs to Rose) has an Eastern look; Father Colin wisely explained that this is due to inculturation. For it must be remembered that Catholicism was brought to Asia 500 years ago by St Francis and hence our Lady must be working hard in Asian countries now, interceding for all of us.

Alice Tan, member of PaCES



