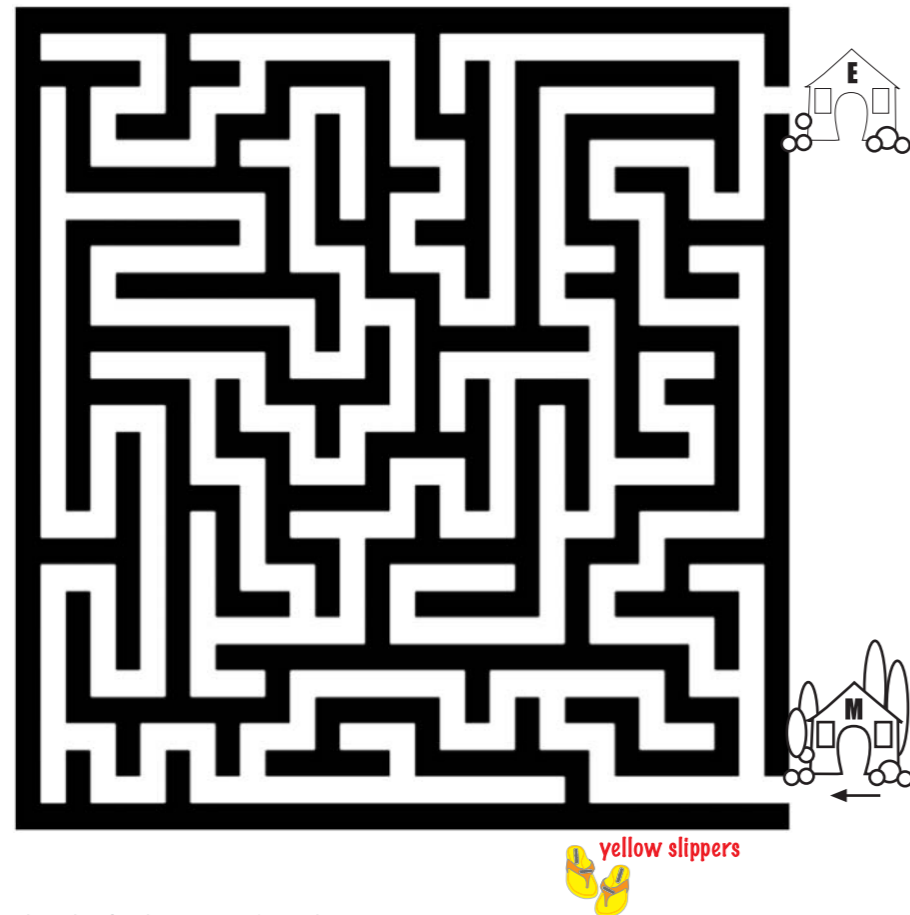




The Arise Amazing Race is back
Watch out for a new exciting season of the Amazing Race that's happening on Sunday 5th September 2010! Rumour has it that the youths are already working on the project and when details are finalized, they will be made public.

This season promises challenges that will have you 'DETOUR', 'FAST FORWARD' or face a 'ROAD BLOCK' on your way to winning that prize (a million dollars maybe?!). If you don't want to miss out on this inaugural season of the Amazing Race, then sign up now!!! Register with **Emily: emily_yeo_86@yahoo.com.sg**. See poster for more details!

Kids Corner - Mary is on her way to Elizabeth's house. She is pregnant with Jesus, and couldn't find her way. Help Mary find her way to Elizabeth house.



Arise car wash and cookie selling was a great success. We want to thank everyone for their love and support for the youth of this parish. God Bless.



Sunset Mass
5.30pm
Rosary
4.40pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses
8.30am (Mandarin)
11.00am (English)
2.00pm (Cantonese) Chapel, 3rd Floor
4.20pm (English)
Weekday Masses
7.20am
5.30pm
Intercessory Prayer
7.15pm (Eng, Thu, Adoration Chapel)
Infant Jesus Devotions
5.30pm (Thu, followed by Mass)
4.00pm (Sun, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotions
Fri, after 5.30pm Mass
Sun, 12.30pm (Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour
7.45pm - 8.45pm (Sat, Adoration Chapel)
Hour of Mercy (Adoration Chapel)
3.00pm (Daily)
Counselling at SPP
Family Life Society Counselling every
Monday 11.00am - 2.00pm and 6.30pm -
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(ii) Church Of SPP Building Fund -for contributions /donations to our Church building fund;
(iii) Carmelite Fathers for contributions/donations to the Carmelite Friars (SPP), OCD Missions, Frairs Formation.

Please note that our cash-card car park barrier system is implemented with effect from Mon 11 Jan 2010. The rate are as follows: **Monday to Saturday: 7.00 am to 9.00 pm - \$1.50 per half hour or part thereafter Sunday: Free parking (10 minutes grace period)** The Church gates will be closed from 9.00 pm to 6.00 am. Parking rates for vehicles parked in the Church compound after closing hours will be levied \$10/ per hour or part thereafter from Monday to Saturday. Church worshippers attending Masses, a 'Mass-Time' grace period will be granted from 6.00am to 9.00 am and from 4.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Information is correct at time of publication.



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 August 2010 Year C

THE MIRACULOUS HOST

by Josephine Leong

My younger sister, Jocelyn, had undergone a total right knee replacement on 15 June 2010. Since both of us like to attend daily mass, my sister wishes to continue to receive daily holy communion even after her operation as her orthopaedic surgeon told her that she would be immobile for at least 6 weeks as it is a major operation.

With the permission of the parish priest of Sts Peter & Paul Church, after I've attended the 7.20 am Mass, I brought back holy communion for my sister who was warded at the Singapore General Hospital.

On Friday 18 June 2010, after Fr Anselm Phang handed me the pyx containing the host, I brought it straight to SGH. After my sister had said her Act of Contrition, I read to her the Gospel reading of the day. When I opened the pyx and was about to take out the host to give it to my sister, to my greatest amazement, the irregular-shaped host had the imprint of the face of the crucified Jesus on it. I immediately showed it to my sister and when she saw the imprint of the crucified Jesus crowned with thorns and with sad-looking eyes, both of us cried.

When I took up the host and said "Body of Christ" and gave it to my sister, we were again moved to tears to feel so blessed that God has seen fit to offer miraculous visible proof of the Catholic teaching that the sacred words of consecration in the mass, the bread and wine upon the altar are truly changed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

After taking that host and strengthened with the grace of God, my sister courageously with the help of the physiotherapist, came down from her bed and took her first step after her operation, using the aid of the walking frame, even though her operated leg hurts.

Before taking holy communion, my sister cried and refused to come down from the

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Christ
has
No
Body!

Rita Amada Y.C. Tan

It's a wet and dreary day but I'm in good company with St Teresa of Avila! But of course, I'm neither anywhere near Spain or close to heaven yet! It's her beautiful poems that have drawn me to her. Amazingly, her poems seem to have pulled me along with her deep communion with our loving God. One little poem is especially eye-catching - 'Christ has No Body'. Wonder why St Teresa has come up with such interesting suggestion? Then, read this!

~ Christ Has No Body ~

*Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
no hands but yours,
no feet but yours,
Yours are the eyes through which is to look out
Christ's compassion to the world;
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good;
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now.*

~St Teresa Avila~

The Holy Gospel on the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary starts with a journey, whereby Mary was all set to travel to the hill country. That reminds me of vacation! We need some kind of holiday, don't we? Sipping lemonade by a sunny beach or may be cross-country skiing at some snowy places? However, Mary didn't get to have such luxurious vacation here. She's told that she's going to be the Mother of Jesus and thus travel to visit her cousin Elizabeth - the Visitation of great significance.

The Visitation marks the beginning of a great journey in Mary's life on earth that will not end until her final journey to heaven, that's the feast we celebrate - the Assumption.

We're always so familiar with the beautiful, quiet and serene image of Mother Mary, so much so that it could be rather difficult for us to visualize her as a courageous woman who's always in action and on the move, e.g. traveling to Bethlehem while she's pregnant, escaping to Egypt with her family, traveling to Jerusalem where Jesus was lost and found and back to Nazareth, etc.

Mother Mary carried Christ to the world and traveled around - she's the first disciple and missionary! Her journey is definitely not smooth sailing and entirely far from the kind of vacation we're yearning for. And, what a difficult journey for a mother to follow her son to the Calvary!

Aren't we like Mother Mary? We're on a journey - a never-ending life journey that's not always smooth sailing; a journey that's difficult for us to comprehend; a journey that's full of unpleasant and pleasant surprises. And that's life!

However, we've learnt an invaluable lesson from Blessed Virgin Mary that we must put our trust wholeheartedly in God while we're traveling our life journey. Like Mother Mary who carried Christ to the world and traveled around, we're carrying Christ to the world too!

As St Teresa of Avila cited beautifully in her poem that 'Christ has no body now on earth but yours... Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good; Yours are the hands with which he is to bless men now.'

We are His missionaries. We bring Christ and His love to the others.

Let us pray that at the end of our journey, we'll also be able to meet Mother Mary where she'll welcome us and shower us with motherly love and warmth. ■

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – 15 August 2010

READINGS:
Sunday Missal (Year C): Page 397

Responsorial Psalm:
“On your right hand stands the Queen in gold of Ophir.”

Prayers of the Faithful: Page 400

Readings for the Week:
Mon 16 Aug – Sat 21 Aug 2010

Mon : Ez 24: 15-24/Mt 19: 16-22
Tue : Ez 28: 1-10/Mt 19: 22-30
Wed : Ez 34: 1-11/Mt 20: 1-16
Thu : Ez 36: 22-28/Mt 22: 1-14
Fri : Ez 37 : 1-14/Mt 22 : 34-40
Sat : Ez 43 : 1-7/Mt 23 : 1-12

REFLECTION

Why do we honour Mary? That I guess is the most frequently asked question.

In today's gospel, Mary's song of praise, commonly known as the Magnificat has the answer to why Mary is given such great recognition in the history of the Church. It is not so much that she was chosen as the mother of God which puts her above all the other women, but simply because of her great faith in the word of God and in her total submission to God's will. 'Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made to her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Magnificat focus on much more than just her blessing in bearing the Messiah. She does not focus on the child but rather on Our Father who is sending the Messiah and the purpose of his coming. That is the redemption and salvation for all generations. Mary praises God for his mercy expressed towards her. She does not regard herself as better or holier than anyone else. 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid.' But rather, a sinner who needs God's salvation and as the Lord's servant.

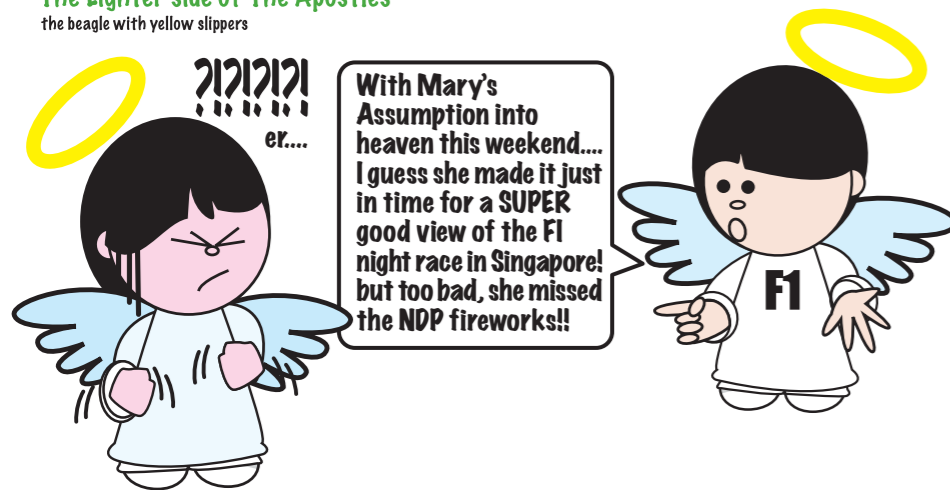
Our relationship with God is based on God Our Father who provides and listen to our needs. Have we ever allow Him to use us as His instrument to accomplish his mission? We are full of uncertainties and questions when our needs are not fulfilled. Have we ever seek God's wisdom in His word and entrust ourselves to Him with confidence just like what Mary did? If our praise and thanksgiving is based solely on our pleasant experiences and what God has done for us, let us reflect on Mary's words of praise in the Magnificat. To focus on what God has planned for us. Trusting that God in His goodness will blessed us with His covenant promises.

So why do we honour Mary? For the very fact that Mary is the model disciple in her faith in the word of God and her submission to God's will, which is more important than being humanly related with Him. In spite of Mary's status as a virgin, she is willing to allow God to make her conceive the child Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to fulfill God's plan of salvation for all humanity.

Let us rejoice with Mary as we celebrate her glorious assumption into heaven and proclaim the goodness of the Lord. - *Lectors Ministry*

The Lighter side of The Apostles

the beagle with yellow slippers



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MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP'S OFFICE:

PAKISTAN FLOODS

The recent floods in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan caused by heavy monsoon rains has resulted in more than 1,100 deaths, thousands rendered homeless and more than a million affected. Please pray for those affected by the floods.

The worldwide Church efforts are being led by Caritas Internationalis with Caritas Pakistan on the ground. In Singapore, our response is being coordinated by CHARIS or Caritas Humanitarian Aid Relief Initiatives, Singapore. CHARIS has been recently formed by expanding the role of the previous Archdiocesan Crisis Coordination Team to all overseas humanitarian work, and renaming it.

CHARIS intends to provide humanitarian aid through its existing funds and thus will not be conducting any fundraising from parishioners for this situation. However, those interested in donating can contact Stephen Phoon, Executive Director of CHARIS tel 9397-5958 or stephen@charis-singapore.org.

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bed because bending her operated leg hurts her terribly even though the physiotherapist asked her repeatedly to learn to start to walk and not to lie on the bed.

This miraculous imprint of the face of the crucified Jesus appeared again on the irregular-shaped hosts on 21 June 2010 and also on 23 June 2010 – this time it is the imprint of Jesus in the form of the Good Shepherd, holding a staff. These two times the pyx were given to me by Fr Joseph Koh. My sister was discharged from SGH at 1.00 pm on 23 June 2010. She is now resting at home and her sutures were taken out on 29 June 2010.

She is presently undergoing physiotherapy at SGH and well on the road to recovery. She is counting the number of days and hoping that the 6 weeks would be over soon so that hopefully, she would be able to attend mass and to receive Jesus personally.

The Holy Eucharist in which Jesus Christ humbly assumes the appearance of bread and his heavenly presence that was given to us by a loving Creator and Saviour is indeed the greatest treasure in the Catholic Church.

PARISH NEWS

SACERDOTAL ORDINATION - We are very happy to announce that Deacon Paul Anuphong Srisuk, OCD will be ordained at the Carmelite Monastery (Nakhon Sawan) in Thailand on Sat 9 Oct 2010. We congratulate Bro Paul on this very joyous occasion.

Our SPP Church Group is organizing a tour to Bangkok, Thailand from Fri 8 Oct to Tue 12 Oct 2010 (5 days) to join Bro Paul to celebrate his elevation to the priesthood and to attend his first Mass. For enquiries and registration, please contact our SPP Parish Secretary, Ms Martha Loh. Places are limited. Closing date: 5 Sep 2010. Thank you.

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - This Sun 15 Aug 2010, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a day of obligation. As the Feast falls on a Sunday, mass times will be as for normal Sunday Masses.

RCIA (Mandarin) - The Faith Journey, 2nd of the Mandarin RCIA program starts on Fri 13 Aug 10 from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please register at the SPP church office or call 8181 4642 for enquiry. We welcome all who are keen to know more about Jesus,

INFANT BAPTISM - The next infant baptism service in our SPP Church will be held on Sun 22 Aug 10 during 11.00 am Mass. A briefing session for parents and god-parents will be held on Sat 14 Aug 10 from 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm in Meeting Room 8 (2nd Storey, Parish Building). Application Forms for Infant Baptism can be obtained from the Parish Office or downloaded from our church website.

BOYS' TOWN CARNIVAL 2010 - As Boys' Town needs to raise \$15m to build a new building as well as to renovate their current buildings, they will be organising a carnival at Liang Court (venue sponsored by AsiaMalls) from 10 - 12 Sep 10 to help raise funds. Their volunteers will be at our parish on weekend masses of 28/29 Aug to sell the Carnival Tickets. Please give your generous support. Thank you.

MASS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED - For the month of Aug, the Mass for the Faithful Departed will be celebrated on Fri 27 Aug '10 at 5.30 pm.

HOLYLAND TOUR - 10D / 7N from 24 Nov - 3 Dec '10, full board. Spiritual Director, Rev. Fr. Paul Anuphong Srisuk, OCD (Carmelite). For more information, please call Lawrence Seet 9799 2488

DAILY PRAYER - Our SPP Church prays the Lauds led by the Carmelite Friars every

weekday morning after the 7.20 am mass. All are welcome.

COUNSELLING SERVICES - Family Life Society (FLS) is making its counselling services available at our SPP Church every Monday from 11 am to 2 pm and from 6.30 pm to 9 pm. Lay Counsellors trained by FLS will be available to provide a listening ear and help to those in need. Parishioners may call 6382-0688 (weekdays from 9 am to 5 pm) to make an appointment. Website: <http://www.familylife.sg/>

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

SHORT PLAY FESTIVAL - The inaugural Catholic Short Play Festival 10:10 organised by "Walk on Water Productions" is held on Sat 14 Aug & Sun 15 Aug 2010 at 3 pm and 7.30 pm at Raffles Hotel- Jubilee Hall. Price of Day Ticket: \$22/- (Afternoon Show) and \$25/- (Evening Show).

SOCIAL MISSION CONFERENCE 2010 - Have you registered yet? Caritas Singapore is organising The Social Mission Conference 2010, at St Joseph's Institution, 38 Malcolm Rd, on Sat 21 Aug 2010, from 9 am - 4 pm. 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: \$55 per person or \$40 for groups of 5 or more (check other discounts available in the website). Free shuttle service from bus stop (opp Novena Church) from 8.15 -8.45 am available to and fro. To register, pick up a brochure from the parish or visit www.caritas-singapore.org or call 6337 3711.

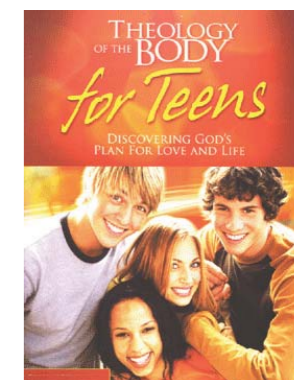
LORD TEACH US TO PRAY - Christian Meditation Workshop. Learn to meditate as a way of prayer according to the attitudes Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount. Church of Divine Mercy, Sat 21 Aug 2010, 9 am to 5 pm. Register by 14 Aug. Patrick Prakash 9829 4925, pprakash@singnet.com.sg or Veronica Bhappy 9478-4790 bhappyyga@yahoo.co. Contributions: \$10 (includes lunch, tea & handouts). Organised by World Community for Christian Meditation (Singapore). www.wccmsingapore.org

CENTENARY OF MOTHER TERESA - The Missionaries of Charity is holding a Mass in celebration of the Centenary of Mother Teresa on Thu 26 Aug 2010. The Mass will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Nicholas Chia at 7 pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit, Upper Thomson Road. There will be a 9-Day Novena from 17 to 25 Aug 2010 at 6 pm at the Marymount Centre Good Shepherd Chapel, leading to the Centenary Mass. All are welcome.

ME WEEKEND - It has been said that the greatest gift you can give your children is to love their mother/father. Polish up this gift and put a bow on it at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. You deserve the best and your children need to see you reaching for it. Next Weekend 3 - 5 Sep '10. To register call 9670 5390 or click marriage-encounter-sg.org.

QUIETING THE SOUL, MARANATHA - A 5-day silent retreat will be held from 6-12 Sep '10 at the cool pine-forest environment of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Retreat is limited to 12 participants only. Contact Cenacle Sisters at 6565 2895, 9722 3148, or email cenaclesisters@yahoo.com.sg. Deadline for application: 15 Aug '10.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE - For couples intending to get married, the commencement date for the 4th Quarter 2010 MPC is on 10 Oct 2010. Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis. Application forms can be obtained from the church office or website: www.catholic.org.sg/mpc. Enquiries: John & Joan @ 9848-2864 or email: MPCSingapore@gmail.com



THEOLOGY OF THE BODY (TOB) WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS - This September, the Family Life Society is conducting a TOB workshop for parents. This workshop, conducted by a renowned speaker - Brian Butler, aims to help parents seek answers to certain pressing questions of their child, especially with regard to sexuality, relationships and where God comes in. Details of the workshop are as follows: 10 Sep '10, Fri, 9.00am - 4.00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit. Cost: \$22 per person. Interested participants can call 6488 0278 to purchase their tickets.

TOB WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH LEADERS, CATECHISTS AND EDUCATORS - There will also be a session for Catholic Educators and Youth Leaders, the details are as follows: Sat, 11 Sep '10, 9.00am- 6.00pm, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Center. Fees: \$82 per head. Interested participants can approach Alex at sppalexwong@gmail.com by 22 Aug '10.