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Psalter Week I (Year B)

For Private Circulation Only

28th Dec 2008 ~ 4th Jan 2009

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



1ST READING

Genesis 15 : 1 - 6, 21 : 1 - 3

2ND READING

Hebrews 11 : 11 - 12, 17 - 19

GOSPEL

Luke 2 : 22 - 40

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

He, the Lord, is our God. He remembers his covenant for ever.

A Sunday Reflection

Have you figured out yet that a lot of times you are your own worst enemy? It's your own reactions, your own fears, your own inadequacies that cause you to act in foolish ways. I know that's true for me. I need to be saved from myself because there are things I don't like about me - things I wish I had done differently, things I'd like to change. But I can't change them, not on my own power. I need an outside power source. You may be saying, "I can change." I hate to say this, but you can't. You need God's power. You need a Savior, someone who can make the changes you can't make yourself. Let me make an important point here: God never wastes energy. He doesn't waste effort on things that are unnecessary. In other words, if you didn't need a Savior, he wouldn't have sent one. The very fact that God sent a Savior means you need one. The truth is, if you are honest about it, sometimes you feel like your life is out of control. That's a pretty common feeling. Welcome to the human race! The apostle Paul felt that way 2,000 years ago. Paul says this in the Bible: "I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does" (Romans 7:24-25 MSG). That's the answer! Some of us think that if we could just get married, or if we could just get a certain job, or a promotion, or attain a certain level of wealth, or have a baby - or if our babies would grow up and graduate! - things would be great. You're looking in the wrong places. A lot of people are looking for salvation in a self-help book. Or they're looking for it in a vacation, "If I could just escape to Tahiti, everything would be great." The problem is that if you go to Tahiti, you're taking you with you! The answer is not in a place. It's not in a program or a pill. The answer is a person: Jesus Christ. You were made by God and for God, and until you understand that, life is never going to make sense. †



NEXT INFANT BAPTISM

Next Infant Baptism will take place on **Sun, 31 Jan '09 at 5:00pm**. Parents and godparents are required to attend the briefing for infant baptism on **Sat, 30 Jan '09 at 7:45pm**, Parish House. Registration Form available at Parish Office or download at Parish Website. †



SPM BIBLE KNOWLEDGE

To all Form 4 & 5 student who will be sitting for next years SPM Bible Knowledge, Ms. Juliana Michael is offering classes at the Parish. Kindly register yourself at the Parish Office and for further inquiry, kindly call Juliana 012 452 0286 after **Fri, 26 Dec**. Closing date of registration is on **Wed, 7 Jan 2009**. †

MEETINGS

Altar Servers Meeting Sat 03 3:00 pm

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Catechism Formators Meeting Sun 28 10:00 am
RCIA Session (Mandarin) Tue 30 7:30 pm
Qi Gong Session Wed 31 8:30 am
IC Bright Spark Learning Ctr Sat 03/01 9:00 am
Catechism Classes Sun 04 10:00 am

MASS COLLECTIONS : 20 & 21 DEC 2008

Mass	Parish Fund (RM)	Catechetical Fund
6:30 pm	1,911.10	686.20
8:30 am	2,640.20	819.10
11:15 am	229.80	-
6:00 pm	1,470.00	705.30

This weekend's 2nd Collection : **Publication Fund**

GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY !!!



CALENDARS & BOOKS

The Liturgical Calendar 2009 & Catholic Directory and Ordo 2009 are now available at Parish Office. Limited units left. †



Fr. Marshall, Fr. Mark & IC Staff wish all parishioners *A Happy New Year 2009!*

WEDDING BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between...

- ♥ Jonathan Teoh Yong Hoch & Pamela Maung on **Sat, 03 Jan '09 at 11:00am**. (English Wedding Mass)
- ♥ Albert Anthony & Lily R. Anthony on **Sat, 3 Jan '09 at 3:00pm**. (Tamil Wedding Mass)



Please contact the Parish Priest immediately if you know of any impediments to those coming in union. Thank You.

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

SUN 28 HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH.
8:30 am Mass
11:15 am Mandarin Mass
6:00 pm Mass

MON 29 5th Day in Octave of Christmas.
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr.
7:00 am Mass

TUE 30 6th Day in Octave of Christmas.
7:00 am Mass

WED 31 7th Day in Octave of Christmas.
St. Sylvester I, Pope.
6:00 pm Mass (New Year Eve Mass)

THU 01/01 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God
9:00 am Mass (English)

FRI 02 Christmas Weekday, SS Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops.
6:00 pm Mass
Followed by Novena to Divine Mercy

SAT 03 Christmas Weekday, Most Holy Name of Jesus.
7:00 am Mass
5:30 pm Rosary, Novena & Benediction
6:30 pm Mass

SUN 04 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD.
8:30 am Mass
11:15 am Tamil Mass
6:00 pm Mass

NEWS IN BRIEF

- ✘ Any announcement to be made through the Church Bulletin for the weekend on **4 Jan '09** kindly email to Rudy at rudychngh@hotmail.com. Kindly take note.
- ✘ Finance Office will be closed from **Tue, 23 Dec - Sun, 4 Jan '09**. For any financial matters kindly do so on **Mon, 5 Jan '09** onwards. Thank you.

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