



# Church of the Immaculate Conception

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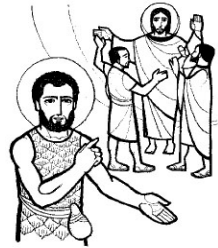
Priests: Fr. Marshall Fernandez ; Fr. Mark Michael



Psalter Week II (Year B)

For Private Circulation Only

18th ~ 25th Jan 2009



## 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

### 1ST READING

Samuel 3 : 3 - 10, 19

### 2ND READING

I Corinthians 6 : 13 - 15, 17 - 20

### GOSPEL

John 1 : 35 - 42

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

### A Sunday Reflection

LESSONS IN CONTENTMENT... adapted from Rick Warren

Here are four steps to develop contentment in your life.

- 1. Stop comparing yourself to others.** When you compare your life with someone else's, the only place it can lead is towards discontentment. There will always be people who *appear* to be better off than you, but you don't know their real circumstances. That is why the Bible teaches it is unwise to compare (2 Cor 10:12)
- 2. Be grateful for who you are and what you have.** Learning to be content, requires that you stop any "when and then" thinking - "When I am \_\_\_\_, then I'll be happy." (You fill in the blank). The reason we fall into this trap is that we may actually be content for a little while but it won't last. But, more than likely, someone else or something else will come along and drain the contentment from your life.
- 3. Give yourself to others.** If you begin giving yourself to others, sharing what things you do have, sharing your time and your talents, you will find yourself learning to be contented. Helping others will give you an appreciation for what you have and who you are, but more importantly, you will find yourself growing in contentment.
- 4. Focus on things with eternal value.** The real secret to becoming contented is to focus on things that have eternal value. It may be a familiar teaching to you, but Jesus said we should store up our treasures in heaven, and not on earth "where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal" (Matthew 6:19-21 NIV).

By re-organizing your life around eternal priorities, you'll find yourself growing in contentment as you live according to God's design and purpose. Why not try this for a month and see for yourself?... God Bless. ✠

**FORMATION BY JUDE ANTOINE :** Jude Antoine, a well known missionary and formator will be back at this Parish to conduct a 2 day Bible Formation on 7 - 8 Feb. It will focus on how we reach out in service, nourished by God's Word. Full details and Registration Forms will be out soon. ✠

### MEETINGS

Sun Catechism Formators Mtg	Sun 18	11:30 am
Tamil Apostolate Meeting	Sun 18	12:30 pm
Communion Ministers Meeting	Mon 19	8:00 pm
PPC Meeting	Fri 23	8:00 pm
Altar Servers Meeting	Sat 24	3:00 pm

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Catechism Classes	Sun 18	10:00 am
RCIA Session (English)	Tue 20	8:15 pm
Qi Gong Session	Wed 21	8:30 am
Qi Gong Session	Sat 24	8:30 am
IC Bright Sparks Learning Ctr	Sat 24	9:00 am
SuperSeniorZ Gathering	Sat 24	9:00 am
Line Dancing	Sat 24	3:00 pm

**Thank You and God Bless Your Generosity !!**  
This weekend's 2nd Collection :  
**CATECHETICAL FUND**

### INFANT BAPTISM

Due to the *last Sunday of Jan* falling on Chinese New Year Eve, the Infant Baptism has been postponed to the following **Sun, 1 Feb** at **5:30pm**. Parents and god-parents are required to attend the briefing for infant baptism on **Sat, 31 Jan** at **7:45pm**, Parish House. Registration Form available at Parish Office or download at Parish Website. Kindly take note the changes. Thank you. ✠



### PARISH CENSUS

A parish census would be held on **17 - 18 Jan** after all 3 Masses. Booths will be placed at the front porch for those who have not registered themselves and their family. Filling up the forms would be a kind service for the parish. For those who are not able to spare their time there and then, may do so by picking up the forms at the booths and submitting them to the Parish Office when it is filled. Thank you. ✠

### WEDDING BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between...



♥ Yuvaraj s/o Gopal & Cabrini d/o James Peter on **Sat, 31 Jan** at **11:00am**. (English Wedding Service).

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

### LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

<b>SUN 18</b>	<b>2nd SUN OF ORDINARY TIME.</b>
8:30 am	Mass with Children's Liturgy
11:15 am	Tamil Mass
6:00 pm	Mass
<b>MON 19</b>	<b>Weekday.</b>
7:00 am	Mass
<b>TUE 20</b>	<b>Weekday, St. Fabian, Pope &amp; Martyr.</b>
7:00 am	NO MASSS
6:00 pm	Mass at BEC Zone 8
<b>WED 21</b>	<b>Weekday, St. Agnes, Virgin &amp; Martyr.</b>
8:00 pm	Mass for ISA Detainees
<b>THU 22</b>	<b>Weekday, St. Vincent, Deacon &amp; Martyr.</b>
6:00 pm	Mass
<b>FRI 23</b>	<b>Weekday.</b>
6:00 pm	Mass Followed by Novena to Divine Mercy
<b>SAT 24</b>	<b>Weekday, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor.</b>
7:00 am	Mass
5:30 pm	Rosary, Novena & Benediction
6:30 pm	Mass
<b>SUN 25</b>	<b>3rd SUN OF ORDINARY TIME.</b>
8:30 am	Mass
11:15 am	NO MANDARIN MASS
6:00 pm	Mass

### PRODIGAL SON RETREAT

Archbishop John Ha has confirmed he and his team will be here from **20 - 22 Mar**. It is a stay-in Retreat at Tanjung Bungah Hotel. Cost RM 220.00 ONLY! There is place for only 200.. Get your form from the Office! ✠



Fr. Marshall, Fr. Mark and All Parish Staff wish all those celebrating the LUNAR NEW YEAR of the OX a HAPPY, CONTENTED and BLESSED NEW YEAR! GONG XI FA CHAI.

