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My Personal Moral Compass Course 2019
By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP. The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. This course is organised under Caritas Singapore. The 3rd Module: 'Christian Morality' is starting on 26

Apr '19 and will be held weekly (for 7 sessions) on Fridays, 7:30pm - 9:30pm, in Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. For registration and more information, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

HISTORICAL PLAUSIBILITY OF THE RESURRECTION 23 Apr '19 (Tue) from 7.30pm - 9.15pm at CANA The Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street #02-01) The Resurrection of Jesus has been the foundation of the Christian faith. But its extraordinary claim renders many to accept it as an article of faith beyond the reach of reason. This talk will explore how the Resurrection stands to reason from both the secular historical perspective and internal biblical perspective. Join us in this Easter special and register at theology.sg@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

SPP Columbarium - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building is closed to the public for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed, except for the following periods when it will be accessible for visits: **(1) Qing Ming Festival period: 30 Mar - 07 Apr '19 (2) All Souls' Day period: 27 Oct - 10 Nov '19. Visiting Hours: 9.00am to 5.00pm.** Subsequent niche blessings and interment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and interment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

Sunset Mass : 5.30pm
Rosary : 4.30pm (Saturday)
Sunday Masses : 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
Weekday Masses : 7.20am and 5.30pm
Interspersory Prayer : 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
Infant Jesus Devotion : 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
Divine Mercy Devotion : 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
Sion Adorers - Holy Hour : 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
Hour of Mercy : 3.00pm daily
Secretariat's Operating Hours : Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 10.00m to 7.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.30am to 1.30pm
Lunch hours: 11.45am - 12.45pm. Closed on Public Holidays.
Columbarium Opening Hours : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

Parish Priest: Rev Fr EDWARD LIM, OCD, **Asst Parish Priest:** Rev Fr THOMAS LIM OCD, **Priests in Residence:** Rev Fr TOM CURRAN, OCD **Parish Secretariat:** Jannie Lui, **Liturgical Co-ordinator:** Alex Wong, alexdominic@gmail.com

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the apostles

Fifth Sunday of Lent

7 April 2019 Year C

READINGS: Sunday Missal (Year C) Pg 858

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK: MON 8 April 2019 - SAT 13 April 2019

MON: DN 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62, JN 8:12-20 **TUE:** NM 21:4-9, JN 8:21-30 **WED:** DN 3:14-20, 91-92, 95, JN 8:31-42 **THU:** GN 17:3-9, JN 8:51-59 **FRI:** JER 20:10-13, JN 10:31-42 **SAT:** EZ 37:21-28, JN 11:45-56

This is the last full week of Lent. We can feel the conflict and struggle developing in the readings. As we read about the drama that surrounded Jesus' last days on earth and reflect upon its meaning, we experience how the drama that is going in our own hearts in more intense the closer we get to the end of Lent. The Spirit of the Lord is really trying to help us be more open and more free, to receive the graces our Lord wants to offer us.

There is another spirit that is fighting just as hard to distract us, discourage us, and prevent us from being open and attentive to God's gifts. The closer we get to the mystery of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection for us, the more we can experience struggle. If I experience myself somewhat "at war" with myself, then these are very important days to keep deliberately asking our Lord to help me.

It is also a great time to begin to prepare to renew the baptismal promises at Easter. We can reject the unloving choices we've made, all that is unjust, dishonest, disrespectful and violent. We want to refuse to be mastered by empty promises. Declaring our desire for freedom is a great preparation to receive this great gift.

If we have developed the habit of naming a desire the first thing each morning, and carrying on a conversation with our Lord in the brief background moments of the day, we are already comfortable with letting the Word or the Season interact with the concrete events of the week. This way of finding intimacy with our Lord, through our daily interaction - even in a very busy life - is so appropriate for the Fifth Week of Lent. We can discover areas that are still resistant

to God's grace. We can ask for help to practice new ways of being free, or new ways of loving. We can find ways to make financial sacrifices to give to the poor this week.

Each night this week, we can give thanks. The closer we get to celebrating Holy Week and the events that brought us our salvation, each of us can express our gratitude, realising this was all for me.

Taken from the "Weekly Guide for Daily Prayer" on the Creighton University's Online Ministries web site: <http://www.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/online.html>. Used with permission.

Looking at Marriage During Lent - An Ideal Time for the Renewal of Our Marriages

Lent seems to be the ideal time to look at marriage. How does our Lent journey shape what we are called to do in marriage?

A few decades ago, the word "obey" was removed from wedding vows. Instead we promised to love, honour and cherish each other. Many years later, Jesuit philosopher John Kavanaugh, S.J. lamented how much we had lost by dropping the word "obey" from wedding vows. He said that the root of the word "obey" simply means to put the needs of another ahead of our own.

Obedience in this context has nothing about one dominating another - only two people pledging to put the needs of the other ahead of their own. What a wonderful idea. It seems that this is exactly what we are called to in a gospel-based marriage.

Called by Jesus to be Unselfish

Now during these weeks of Lent we can take some

time to examine our marriage. Do we love as deeply as we had originally intended when we first made our vows? As unselfishly? Whether we've been married 3 years or 30, this sacred season could be the start of a renewed relationship with our spouse, shaped by our experience of Lent.

We are invited by Jesus to put the needs of another ahead of our own. We can deepen our commitments in marriage and even change the dynamics within our relationships through unconditional love. In loving this way, we transform not only our spouses but more importantly, ourselves.

For those of us who are parents, we have probably always put the needs of our children first – but our spouse? Yes, we care for each other, but do we put the other's needs ahead of our own? And yet how profoundly would our marriages change if we simply lived that vow for a while?

During Lent, we can make “obey-ing” the special focus of our lives. Instead of giving up chocolate, what if each day during Lent, we asked for the grace to be more unselfish in our marriage? As a first step, what if tomorrow, before we got out of bed, we asked God to help us love our spouse more? To put the needs of this life partner of ours ahead of our own?

Silencing our Disappointments

This Lenten journey begins with prayer and moves into silence. We hold off on the sarcastic comment aimed at our spouse. We silence a cutting remark. We drop the correction before it comes out of our mouths. Neglect the pouting. Stop the stony silence when we are displeased. These behaviours can be long standing and not easy to change. Also, it might take a while before our spouse really trusts these efforts. We will be the ones doing the “giving” for a while.

We are born selfish creatures crying out for someone to take care of our needs. The process of growing in this life seems to be learning how to become less selfish, less self-absorbed. On our good days we can do that, by loving, giving and caring for others before thinking of ourselves. But on our bad days, we look at our spouses and others and grumble about the unfairness: “Why is it always ME who has to do the giving? Why doesn't my spouse have to care about ME first? Am I always the one who has to apologise first? Ask about the other's day

first? When is it MY turn to be taken care of?”

We are called to love in marriage the way we are loved by Jesus – without figuring out what we will get out of it. “Love one another as I have loved you.” As I have loved you. In the same way Jesus loves us – without limits. And so we love our spouse who is crabby and barking. Instead of snapping a response we can ask ourselves, “What does my spouse need right now?” It's not about giving up my dignity or rolling over to a bully. It's about loving someone who might not be very loveable right now.

We can wallow in our own self-pity and self-absorption, but it is in that moment that we are being called more deeply into Jesus' love. We must die to our own needs and our own longing in order to find a new life in Jesus. In a profound way, we are being called to the simplest task: to care about other people before we take care of ourselves. What kind of people would we be if we got everything we wanted? If we never had to move outside of our own needs and desires? Jesus asks us: What good is it for us to get everything we wanted, if in the process we lose our very selves?

Cherishing Each Other

We've stopped snapping back, held our complaints. What if we add a small goal for ourselves every day? What if we added one positive, loving thing each day of Lent? We might hang up his clothes without complaining about it. Put the cap back on her toothpaste – with a smile. Lay out the crossword puzzle with a fresh pencil for him. Have a pot of coffee ready for her in the morning. Do some of the tiny, thoughtful things we might have done years ago, before we slipped out of the habit.

It's not spending money, it's a change of attention. Send him an e-mail of gratitude during the day. Tuck a note into her suitcase as she departs on a trip. A call just to say how grateful I am for you in my life. Each day we ask God for the grace to love as God loves us – without limits.

One final thing is patience. We have to learn to trust that eventually, with our constant loving and God's grace, our spouse will notice the difference. Under the barrage of love, our spouse will begin to soften, bark less, say Thank You more. It takes time to change the patterns and it takes time for our spouse to trust in the changes. It may take months beyond Lent, but if we believe in this, pray about

it and trust in God, the changes that happen in our marriages and ourselves can be dramatic.

This isn't something for women to do for their husbands. Or husbands to do for their wives. It is what each of us as married people are called to do for each other. This is the way of life Jesus calls us to: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.”

PARISH NEWS

SPP EASTER FAMILY DAY - Celebrate Easter with food, fun and fishing! Register with your friends and family (groups of 2-6) for an afternoon of Easter joy. Date: 21 April (Sun) 1.00pm-5.00pm. Venue: Fish@Bugis+ (rooftop). Registration fee: \$20 (per group). There will be lunch, prawning, fishing (for children), games and attractive prizes to be won. Visit the church office for more details.

2019 HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE
- **18 April - Holy Thursday:** 7.00pm, 10.30pm Tenebrae. **April 19 - Good Friday:** Way of the cross (Mandarin): 11.15am, Chinese service: 12 noon. Way of the cross (Eng): 2.15pm, English service: 3.00pm. **April 20 - Holy Saturday:** 8.00pm (no baptism) **April 21 - Easter Sunday:** 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (Eng), 2.00pm (Cantonese) 4.00pm (Eng)

STATION OF THE CROSS during the season of Lent, every Friday 5.30pm followed by Mass.

NEWS AROUND THE PARISH

CHRISM MASS 18 Apr '19 (Thu) @ 10.30am in St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) All are Welcome

CANA invites you to PIMBY KAMPONG BAHRU which will take you on a walk around the vicinity of St Teresa's Church listening to stories of the wonderful MEP Fathers who laboured hard to spread the good news to us. See how St Teresa became a beacon of light on top of the hill for sailors, port workers, etc. Visit the Sisters at Carmel. 28 Apr '19 (Sun) at 2.15pm. Registration required: Email - canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com.sg or call 63384080. Love Offering

CARITAS SINGAPORE is organising a talk in Mandarin as part of our Talks @ Agape Village series. **Title: In You, Lord Jesus, Death Has Lost Its Sting - Preparing for Death.** Speakers: Fr.

Re-focusing our marriage invites us to be more giving, to fight our human nature that has us focused on our own needs. We are asked to stop keeping score with the ones we love and to put their needs ahead of our own. It is then, Jesus promises, that by losing our lives for his sake, we will find real life.

Source: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/marriage-lent.html>

Edward Lim, OCD and Ms Liao Kehua, Registered Nurse (Gerontology Nursing and Palliative Care Nursing). 10 May (Fri), 7.30-9.30pm. at Caritas Singapore-Agape Village (7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh S 319264). Fr. Edward Lim will share on the Christian understanding of death, and the various spiritual aids available to the Christian to prepare for death, and Ms Liao Kehua will explain the need of Advance Care Planning. Register early as seats are limited! Email agapevillage@caritas-singapore.org | tel 6801 7400 (10am-6pm, Mon-Fri)

ASSISI FUN DAY 2019 - Assisi Hospice is a Catholic charity providing palliative care to patients with life-limiting illnesses and supports their families. Founded in 1969 by the Sisters of the Franciscan Missionaries of the Divine Motherhood (FMDM), Assisi Hospice celebrates 50 years of God's blessings in 2019. The Assisi Fun Day is one of their major fundraising events and will be held at SJI International School on 16 Jun '19, there will be more than 150 stalls of food and games. The Assisi team will be here on the weekend of 6 & 7 Apr during the Saturday sunset and Sunday morning masses to sell their Fun Day coupons @ \$10 each. Please give them your generous support. Visit <http://bit.ly/2TQIUGJ> to find out more or donate.

THE OFFICE FOR THE NEW EVANGELISATION (ONE) warmly invites you to the Lectors' Workshop on 4 May '19. Why do we need to pray together? How do we pray as one community? These questions and more will be touched on in this workshop to equip your Ministry to gather together in communal prayer. Invite your fellow Ministry members to experience a guided prayer session using the Word of God. Lectors' Workshop, 4 May '19 (Sat) Time: 1.30pm to 4.30pm at St Peter's Auditorium, Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre (CAEC), 2 Highland Road, S549102. Those who wish to attend, you may register as a Parish / Ministry or as an individual via <http://bit.ly/Lectors4May>. Closing Date: 23 Apr '19