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Novena Notes



Mary, in Solidarity with our Wounded World

Since the first Procession in 1953, the first Sunday of September has been the highlight of the year for devotees. And this year is particularly poignant and special because the entire people of God have not been able to gather for the procession for a couple of years due to the coronavirus pandemic. So this is indeed a celebration. However, we are reminded that our devotion, if it is a true devotion, must lead us to grow as disciples of Jesus and to be in solidarity with those in need following the example of Mary.

When Redemptorists from all over the world gathered for the XXV General Chapter in Pattaya, Thailand in 2016, they reflected on the wounded world in which we live in. We are wounded by division, by violence, by injustice and by the abuse and degradation of the environment. The most marginalized people in our society – the poor, the lonely, refugees, the victims of war – suffer so much and are searching for hope. Many of these people who are suffering feel called to Novena Church, to seek the motherly intercession of Mary. In that way, if we call ourselves devotees of Mary, if we are dedicated to make her known, we too must be in solidarity with those in need.

In the Gospel today, Jesus gives us a rather peculiar teaching. *'Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'* What does Jesus mean by these statements?

When Jesus says that we cannot be his disciple unless we carry our cross, he is reminding us that we will have difficult choices to make and sufferings to face. Jesus is reminding us that our problems are not going to disappear miraculously.

Nor is Jesus is not saying that we must really hate our parents. Jesus loved his mother Mary very much, just as we do. Yet, he dedicated himself to a mission that would cost him his life. In our journey of faith, we have to make a choice to love something more important compared to something less important. The choice to follow Jesus will force us to choose between many priorities. We have to remove insignificant things to make room for more important things. What do you love more and what do you love less?

God has made us a priority. God has become one of us to share our lives and has given us Mary as our mother. God has chosen to be in solidarity with us, and sent us to be in solidarity with the wounded.

Reflection by Fr. Gerard Louis, CSSR

Readings & responses for the week

Sunday, 4 SEPTEMBER	Wis 9:13-18; Phm 9-10,12-17; Lk 14:25-33 O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Monday, 5 SEPTEMBER	1 Cor 5:1-8; Lk 6:6-11 Lead me, Lord, in your justice.
Tuesday 6 SEPTEMBER	1 Cor 6:1-11; Lk 6:12-19 The Lord takes delight in his people.
Wednesday, 7 SEPTEMBER	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6:20-26 Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.
Thursday, 8 SEPTEMBER Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mic 5:1-4; Mt 1:1-16,18-23 I exult for joy in the Lord.
Friday, 9 SEPTEMBER St. Peter Claver	1 Cor 9:16-19,22-27; Lk 6:39-42 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts.
Saturday, 10 SEPTEMBER	1 Cor 10:14-22; Lk 6:43-49 A thanksgiving sacrifice I make to you, O Lord.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

Vaccinated Status required
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required
2.00pm (Mandarin), 6.00pm

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

Vaccinated Status required
12:15pm

Vaccinated Status required
9.00am Public Holiday

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required
6.30pm

MASS ON SUNDAY

Vaccination Status required
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

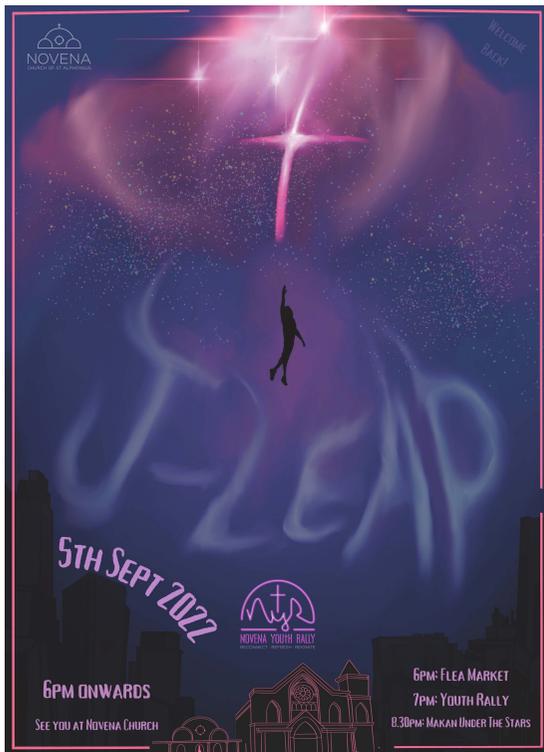
Monday to Friday
9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour
11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday
7.30am to 7.00pm

Sunday
8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Novena Youth Rally 2022

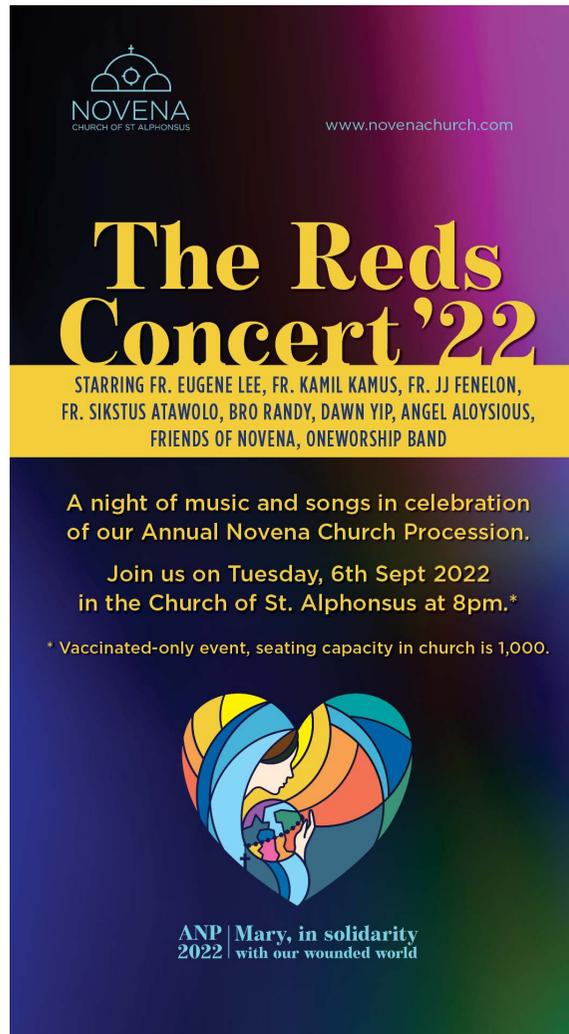


Novena Youth Rally on 5th September at 6pm. (Fully Vaccinated Events).

Important Notice

NO Evening Mass on 5th & 6th September as we'll be having the Youth Rally and Reds Concert on those evenings (Fully Vaccinated Events).

Reds Concert 2022



Mission Exposure 2022

Inviting all youths between 14 to 21 years old to join us for our Mission Exposure 2022 to Father Ray Foundation, a Redemptorist Centre located, Thailand from 28 Nov to 6 Dec! Register now at www.tinyurl.com/RMTME2022

