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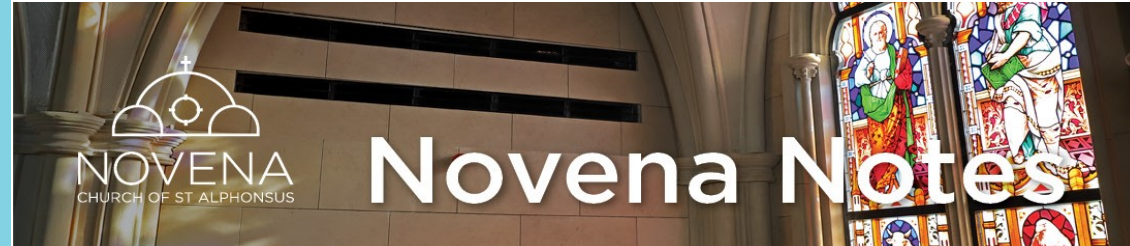
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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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'The Exaltation of the Cross'

Today, as we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, we remember the Passion, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ. The first reading from the Book of Numbers reminds us to be patient and faithful. When the Israelites repented from their ingratitude and begged God to take the serpents away from them, God heeded their call and asked Moses to make a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, so that whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent and looked at the bronze serpent, would live.

This foreshadowed Christ's redemptive act of dying on the cross for us and how we would be saved by His sacrifice once and for all. When we see the crucifix in church, we acknowledge that we have been saved by Him. When we make the sign of the cross, we focus our hearts and minds on Jesus. It is an act of faith, prayer and adoration for our Redeemer.

This is echoed in the second reading from Philippians 2 where we are reminded of how Jesus Christ, being the son of God had humbled himself to take the form of a slave, being obedient to God to die on the cross for us. Because of this, God exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Indeed, our faith is about the victory of the cross and we have to claim the victory under all circumstances. All of us have our fair share of challenges. Perhaps, we could label them as crosses. It could be a difficult relationship with our parents, spouse or children. Or it could be challenges with finances, health, at work or in community life. No matter what circumstances we are in, when we unify our crosses with Christ, we are strengthened and given the abundant grace to carry on as God is with us.

The gospel reading from John 3 sums it up that 'just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.'

God saves: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

We must not give up hope despite our challenges because we have experienced the victory of the cross as one Catholic Church. Eternal life is the end goal for us.

Reflection by Hope

Readings & Responses for the week

24 Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 14 SEPTEMBER The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	Num 21:4-9, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17 Never forget the deeds of the Lord.
Monday, 15 SEPTEMBER Our Lady of Sorrows	Heb 5:7-9, Jn 19:25-27 Save me O Lord In your love.
Tuesday, 16 SEPTEMBER Ss Cornelius, Pope, Cyprian, Bis, Martyrs	1 Tim 3: 1-13, Lk 7:11-17. I will walk with a blameless heart.
Wednesday, 17 SEPTEMBER St Robert Bellarmine Bis Doc	1 Tim 3: 14-16, Lk 7:31-35 Great are your works O Lord.
Thursday, 18 SEPTEMBER	1 Tim 4: 12-16, Lk 7:36-50 Great are your works O Lord.
Friday, 19 SEPTEMBER St Januarius, Bis & Martyr	1 Tim 6:2-12, Lk 8:1-3 How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Saturday, 20 SEPTEMBER Ss Laurent Imbert & Companions Martyrs	1 Tim 6: 13-16, Lk 8:4-15 Come before the Lord, singing for joy.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm
(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

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 8.00pm

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

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

PIETA PRAYER SUPPORT FOR BEREAVED PARENTS



Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tuesday 30 September
2025 from 7.30pm to
9.15pm on Zoom

We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

Enquiries:

pieta.singapore@gmail.com

or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

Please email us directly for Zoom link.

ANNUAL PROCESSION 7TH SEPT



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The Superior General Fr Rogerio Gomes C.Ss.R., incensing the icon. His council and over 100 delegates of Redemptorists and lay associates from around the Asean region were part of many events leading to the Annual Procession celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the church.

PRO-BONO COUNSELLING



Struggling with life's issues?

Pro-bono counselling service is available to anyone who requires support.

To book a session, please visit

pbc.familylife.sg



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