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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Novena Notes

Readings & responses for the week

4th Sunday of Lent

Sunday 15 March Laetare Sunday	1 Sam 16:1,6-7,10-13, Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Monday, 16 March	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54 I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.
Tuesday, 17 March	Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16 The Lord of host is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Wednesday, 18 March	Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30. The Lord is kind and full of compassion.
Thursday, 19 March St Joseph, Spouse of B.V.M	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16, Rom 4: 13, 16-18,22, Mt 1:16,18-21, 24 His dynasty will last forever.
Friday, 20 March	Wis 2:1,12-22, Jn 7:1-2,10,25-30 The Lord is close to the broken-hearted.
Saturday, 21 March	Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-52. Lord God, I take refuge in you.

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

The Tragedy of being Blind

In today's Gospel from St John (9:1-41), Jesus heals a man who had been "blind from birth". This is healing different from that of Bartimaeus son of Timaeus. In the case of Bartimaeus, his prayer to Jesus was: "My teacher, let me see again." (Mark 10: 46-52). To have sight and then lose it is a tragedy. It is a great sorrow for the person who has gone blind that he or she will never see again; never again to see and savour the face of a loved one; never again to experience the beauty and wonders of creation; never again to enjoy the myriad of colours, hues and shades; and never again to read printed words. But to be born blind is even a greater tragedy. To never have seen anything. To never know what colour is. A world devoid of pictures and images. Just a void filled with darkness.

But the greatest tragedy is not that we are born blind. But to have eyes and yet fail to see. To have eyes but refuse to see. The Pharisees refused to accept the miracle of Jesus healing the blind man in the Temple. They were upset because Jesus had healed the man on a Sabbath day. They were blinded by their jealousy and self-righteousness. They could not share in the joy of the man who could finally see and for the first time. They could not acknowledge that Jesus's healings and miracle were the signs that Jesus was the "Son of Man", the Promised Messiah. But the blind man saw, experienced and believed:

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

"Sir", the man replied, "tell me who he is so that I may believe in him". Jesus said, "You are looking at him"; he is speaking to you."

The man said. "Lord, I believe", and worshipped him."

I recall one sermon where Father gave the below practical checklist. So I look into the areas of my life and ask: Am I also blind?

Selfishness blinds us to needs of others.

Insensitivity blinds us to the hurt

we cause to others.

Snobbery blinds us to the dignity of others.

Pride blinds us to our faults.

Prejudice blinds us to the Truth.

Hurry blinds us to the beauty of the world.

Materialism blinds us to the spiritual values.

Superficiality blinds us to a person's true worth & cause us to judge by appearance.

So let us be Children of Light, who see the Light, believe and do all that is good, right and true:

"At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true." (Today's 2nd Reading- Ephesians 5:8-12)

Reflection by Ros

PASSION PLAY



Passion Play

What
Have
We
Done?

3rd Apr 2026
@2pm,
Novena Church

ACAMS LENTEN RALLY
7:45 PM Stations of the Cross
Followed By Mass

ON WEDNESDAYS
18 March - Fr Joseph Zhang 25
March - Fr Terence Wee

PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday
of the Lord's Passion

28th MARCH MASS at 6.30pm

**29th MARCH MASS at 8.00am,
10.00am, 12.30pm,
5.30pm**
*(Only 10.00am Mass
will be live-streamed)*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Stations of the Cross, every Friday
in the season of Lent at 6.00pm

PRAYING WITH CANCER



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Praying
WITH CANCER

**A 4-WEEK JOURNEY OF
PRAYER & REFLECTION**

Are you living with cancer? Do you have a
loved one who is struggling with cancer?

Come journey with us as we discern and
learn how to bring our experiences into
prayer and rest in God's presence.

**Date: 19 & 26 March (Thursday)
16 & 23 April (Thursday)**

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Auditorium, level 2
pastoral block, back of the Church



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PENITENTIAL SERVICE
Mon 16th March, 7.45pm