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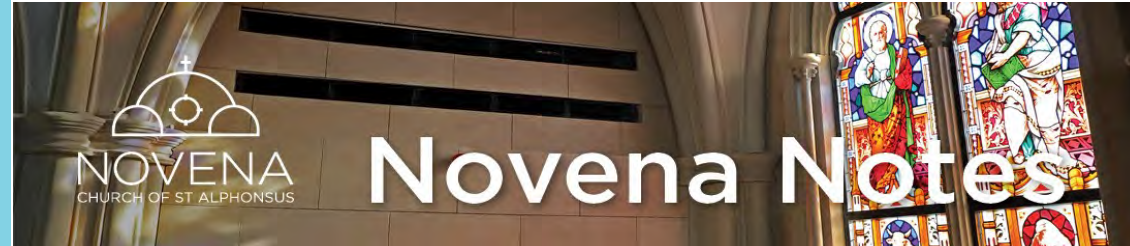
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Novena Notes

Look at Him and Live

Today, the Novena Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Redeemer. This is the Titular Feast of the Redemptorist Congregation. The congregation's official name is the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Latin: Congregatio Sanctissimi Redemptoris), abbreviated C.Ss.R.)

Today's Gospel reading is from the Gospel of St. John (John 3:13-18.21) and it includes the Good News itself - John 3:16. But I was struck by the sentence above and below John 3:16. The one below, first: *Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.* This is similar to what St. Luke says in his Gospel: The Son of man came to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19: 10). In both instances, the God acted - God sent Jesus, his only son, to save the world, and Jesus, the Son of man, came to seek and save those lost.

Now, to the above sentence: And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. In the Old Testament (Numbers 21-4-9):

The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous[serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live."

So Redemption or Salvation is a 2-way street. Not enough for God to act, but for us, who want to be saved, to do our part. So what must we do? Look at Jesus. Look at the way he lived and the way he died, on the cross.

Always in love and with love. To the end. And we are redeemed and saved if we live like him and if we die like him. In love and with love. To the end. But for now, let us focus on living - like Jesus.

Not, How Did He Die, But How Did He Live?

Not, how did he die, but how did he live? Not, what did he gain, but what did he give?

These are the units to measure the worth of a man as a man, regardless of birth.

Not what was his church, nor what was his creed?

But had he befriended those really in need?

Was he ever ready, with word of good cheer,

To bring back a smile, to banish a tear?

Not what did the sketch in the newspaper say,

But how many were sorry when he passed away?

Anonymous

Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 19 July The Most Holy Redeemer	Is 55:2B-6; Rom 5:12-15; Jn 3:16-21. The Lord is my strength and my song.
Monday, 20 July St Apollinaris, Bishop & Martyr	Mic 6:1-4,6-8; Mt 12:38-42. I will show God's salvation to the upright.
Tuesday, 21 July St Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor	Mic 7:14-15,18-20; Mt 12:46-50. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy.
Wednesday, 22 July St Mary Magdalene	Song 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-2,11-18 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God.
Thursday, 23 July St Bridget of Sweden, Religious	Jer 2:1-3. 7-8. 12-13; Mt 13:10-17. In you, Lord, is the source of life.
Friday, 24 July St Charbel Makhluf, Priest	Jer 3: 14-17; Mt 13:18-23. The Lord will guard us as a shepherd guards his flock.
Saturday, 25 July St James, Apostle	2 Cor 4: 7-15; Mt 20: 20-28 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

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

Standing in Solidarity with Affected Migrant Workers

Prayer for Migrant Workers Experiencing Difficult Times

Heavenly Father,

You are our refuge and our strength, our constant companion in every season of life. Today, we lift up those who are feeling uncertain and insecure about their future here in Singapore, especially our migrant brothers and sisters. Some have gone without wages they have rightfully earned. There is worry about their families back home, anxiety over how they will provide for their needs, and a deep hurt that trust has been broken.

Lord Jesus, You were a migrant yourself too. As we strive to live out our faith and discipleship, teach us to walk beside every migrant brother and sister just as you would have done.

Holy Spirit, be with their families waiting at home; give them Your peace, consolation, and the hope that you are a God who provides.

We place our trust in You.

Amen.



More than 400 migrant workers are currently facing financial hardship after reportedly going unpaid for months.

ACMI (Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People) is working closely with the relevant agencies to provide emergency financial assistance, meals, transport, counselling, and pastoral care to the affected workers.

We invite you to stand in solidarity with our migrant brothers through prayer and, if you are able, by supporting ACMI's emergency response campaign:

<https://www.giving.sg/donate/campaign/standing-in-solidarity-emergency-response-for-migrant-workers>

A prayer for the affected workers is also available for your personal or community prayer. Thank you for your generosity and for keeping our migrant brothers in your prayers.

ANNUAL PROCESSION 2026 NOVENA THEMES



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† 9 WEEK NOVENA DEVOTION SCHEDULE

**11TH JUL MARY – DO WHATEVER
HE TELLS YOU**

**18TH JUL MARY – MY SOUL MAGNIFIES
THE LORD**

**25TH JUL MARY – STANDING BY
THE CROSS**

**1ST AUG JESUS – PARABLE I
PRAY ALWAYS AND
DO NOT LOSE HEART**

**8TH AUG JESUS – PARABLE II
GO AND DO LIKEWISE**

**15TH AUG JESUS – PARABLE III
WHILE HE WAS STILL FAR OFF**

**22ND AUG MISSION – YOU WILL BE
MY WITNESSES**

29TH AUG MISSION – MAKE DISCIPLES

**5TH SEPT MISSION – HERE I AM, SEND ME
(MAKE HER KNOWN,
MAKE HIM KNOWN)**

TAMIL MASS & NOVENA

**Date: 25th July, Every 4th Saturday
Novena 8pm, Mass 8.30pm**

ST. ALPHONSUS TRIDUUM



REDEMPTORISTS

TRIDUUM IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI



**TRIDUUM DAY 1
HEART OF
THE REDEEMER**
29th July, Mass at 7.30pm



**TRIDUUM DAY 2
THE MOTHER'S
HEART**
30th July, Mass at 7.30pm



**TRIDUUM DAY 3
CHASTE HEART
OF JOSEPH**
31st July, Mass at 7.30pm

ST ALPHONSUS SOLEMNITY MASS

**Date: 1st August, Saturday
6.30pm Mass**