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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Novena Notes

This must never happen

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Today's Gospel is a follow-up from last Sunday's Gospel when the same Peter gave the profound response when Jesus posed the Question to his Apostles: *"Who do you say I am?"* So how did Peter stumble this week when he soared last week? The answer is the Question of Suffering. Peter did not understand that the Messiah had to suffer and die ... and rise again. Instead, Peter gave the very human response of someone who loves - *"God forbid it! This must never happen to you! You must not suffer!"* We ourselves do not want to experience suffering, pain, sorrow and grief. Neither do we want to see our loved ones suffer. So our perennial Question and Cry to God - *"Why me? Why is this happening to my loved one?"*

There is no ready answer to our human mind and thinking. This suffering should never happen! All we can do is to go back to the last Sunday's 2nd Reading. St. Paul tells the Romans: *"How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who would ever know the mind of the Lord?"* (Romans 11: 33-36). This then is Answer to the Mystery of Suffering; or more specifically, the mystery of our suffering.

Yet, the Lord may choose to reveal to us His will or plan for us - in His time. If you recall last Sunday's Gospel: *"Simon, son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in Heaven"*. So while we pray, wait and seek to do his will, let us never give up our trust and our confidence in our God. In such difficult times, I pray this Sunday's Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 62:

*"O God, you are my God, for you I long:
For you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
Like a dry, weary land without water.*

*....
For you have been my help:
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
Your right hand holds me fast."
(verses 1 and 4)*

This - suffering - may happen. It may be happening right now. But I will keep my faith in Jesus because:
"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!"

A Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

22 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 30 August	Jer 20: 7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.
Monday, 31 August	1 Cor 2: 1-5; Lk 4: 16-30 Lord, how I love your law.
Tuesday, 1 September World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	Wis 13:1-9; Mt 6:23-34. The heavens proclaim the glory of God.
Wednesday, 2 September	1 Cor 3: 1-9; Lk 4: 38-44 Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.
Thursday, 3 September St Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor	2 Cor 4:1-2.5-7; Lk 22:24-30 Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.
Friday, 4 September	1 Cor 4: 1-5; Lk 5:33-39 The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.
Saturday, 5 September St Teresa of Kolkata	1 Cor 4:6-15; Lk 6:1-5. The Lord is close to all who call on him.

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

ANP TRIDUUM



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2ND SEPT, WEDNESDAY
CHALLENGES IN THE STORM,
GOD WALKS WITH US
 7.30PM FAMILY MASS

3RD SEPT, THURSDAY
COME TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST
 7.30PM A CANDLELIGHT EVENING OF
 WORSHIP AND ADORATION

4TH SEPT, FRIDAY
NOVENA YOUTH RALLY:
WRITTEN IN THE STARS
 6PM – 10.30PM FLEA MARKET
 7.30PM – 10.30PM MASS



MAKE HER KNOWN,
MAKE HIM KNOWN

6TH SEPT, SUNDAY
NOVENA ANNUAL PROCESSION 2026

4.15PM SONGS OF GRATITUDE
 5.00PM ROSARY PROCESSION
 5.30PM CONSECRATION OF FAMILIES AND MASS

CHILDREN MASS

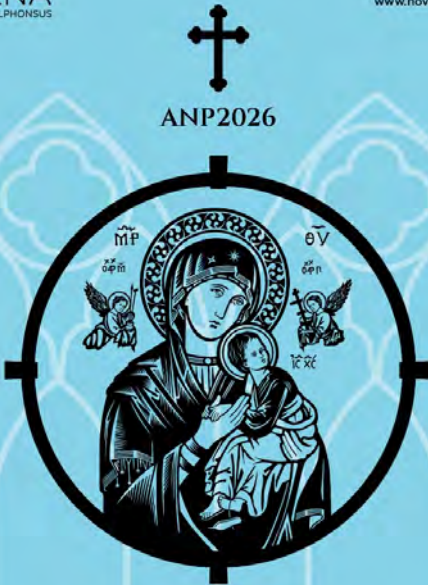
**There is no Children Mass for
the month of September.**

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MAKE HIM KNOWN

6TH SEPTEMBER
ANP EVENT SCHEDULE

4.15PM – 4.45PM PRE-EVENT:
SONGS OF GRATITUDE

5.00PM ROSARY PROCESSION

5.30PM MASS & CONSECRATION
OF FAMILIES

ST GERARD DEVOTION

18TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM MAIN CHURCH

NBA BOOK OF JAMES



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James
Pearls for Wise Living
 BIBLE STUDY

Looking for an anchor to hold you steady through the storms of life?
 James, one of the most practical books of the Bible, is a collection of teachings
 on issues faced by ordinary Christians in everyday life. In James, Pearls for Wise
 Living, Jeff Cavins shows how the teachings of James speak to those of us who
 feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith.

11 sessions - every Thursday

Date: 2025, Sept 18, 25
 Oct 02, 09, 16, 23, & 30
 Nov: 06, 13, 20 & 27

Fee: Love Offering

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Venue: Novena Church



STARTING ON 18 SEPTEMBER, 2025 | 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM



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PRAISE & WORSHIP

11TH SEPTEMBER
8 - 9.30PM MAIN CHURCH