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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Make Her Known, Make Him Known

Another year has gone by, and after the grand celebrations of the 75th anniversary of Novena Church, we are gathered once again for the Annual Novena Procession. Traditionally, the Procession involves carrying the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help around the grounds of the church. This act demonstrates not only how precious the icon is to us but also expresses our beliefs and values. It is also an act of evangelization, a way of sharing our faith with everybody around us.

In 1866, Pope Pius IX gave the icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to the Redemptorists with the mandate to "Make Her Known." But in our Catholic tradition, we know that Mary's ultimate desire in life is not to make herself known but to make Jesus known, to bring people to Christ her Son. That is what our theme for this year's Procession - *Make Her Known, Make Him Known*, seeks to convey. The Scripture readings at today's Mass show us how Mary makes Jesus known perfectly in her life and by her example.

In the First Reading, God appoints the prophet Ezekiel as a sentry to the people, to guide them along the path of God. Mary is like our sentry, watching over us and guiding us in our lives. Her words at the wedding at Cana, '*Do whatever he tells you*,' instruct us that Jesus' teachings will always show us the right path in life.

In his letter to the Romans, Paul reminds them that love is the greatest of the commandments and is the way that we live out all the commandments. At the novena, we are constantly reminded of Mary's love for us. She demonstrated her love for Jesus by standing with him at the cross and her love for the apostles and the church by praying with them as they awaited the Holy Spirit.

Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus assures his disciples that if they are united in prayer, God will grant them what they ask for. As Mary prayed with the apostles, she is always praying for us - for our families, our personal and material needs, but most of all, that we will be faithful disciples of Jesus.

As we Make Her Known, our devotion to Mary must inspire us to imitate her. The mission of every Christian is to Make Christ Known. We do that most of all by the witness of our lives, in the way we live the teachings of Jesus authentically, and by our ministry and welcome to the most vulnerable and abandoned among us. That is how Mary has Made Him Known, and that is how we can Make Christ Known.

A Reflection by Fr. Gerard Louis C.Ss.R.

Readings & responses for the week

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 6 September	Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18: 15-20 O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Monday, 7 September	1 Cor 5: 1-8; Lk 6:6-11 Lead me, Lord, in your justice.
Tuesday, 8 September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Mic 5:1-4; Matt 1:1-16.18-23 I exult for joy in the Lord.
Wednesday, 9 September St Peter Claver, Priest	1 Cor 7:25-31; Lk 6: 20-26 Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words.
Thursday, 10 September	1 Cor 8:1-7.11-13; Lk 6:27-38 Lead me, O Lord, in the path of left eternal.
Friday, 11 September Blessed Maria Celeste Crostarosa	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27, Lk 6:39-42 How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of host.
Saturday, 12 September The Most Holy Name of Mary	Gal 4:4-7. Lk 1:39-47. The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy is his name!

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

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS

Catholic Social Teaching

By Fr David Garcia, OP

28 SEP Unhealthy Ideas About Ministry & Hierarchy

05 OCT Work is Not a Job

12 OCT Money and the Economy

19 OCT Migrants

26 OCT Crime and Capital Punishment

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28 Sep -26 Oct 2026

Mondays 08.00PM - 09.30PM

Fr Francisco Maia's Hall, St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

\$50 Fee

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

Venue: Novena Church

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

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by FRIENDS OF NOVENA

SHELTERED IN HIS ARMS

"If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

Psalms 139:9-13

11 SEPTEMBER 2026 (FRIDAY)

8:00PM TO 9:30PM
MAIN CHURCH

Spotify playlist

Youtube playlist

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND
2026 Stay-In Weekends: English Oct 2-4
| Nov 6-8 | Dec 4-6; Mandarin
18 -20 Sept: Bahasa Indonesia 16 -18 Oct
Secure your Weekend at:
https://www.wmesg.org/Weekend_Reg

ST GERARD DEVOTION
18TH SEPTEMBER
7.30PM MAIN CHURCH