Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

“My thoughts are not your thoughts; nor are your ways my ways”.

In the Sunday liturgy of the word, the first reading is chosen to echo and underline the Gospel message. Today’s Gospel is the parable of the workers in the vineyard, who all received the same pay no matter how late they began to work. And the first reading is Isaiah’s message from Yahweh, “Let the scoundrel forsake his way and turn to the Lord.” While God does not force anyone to accept salvation (since He always respects our freedom), He keeps seeking and “seducing” us until the end of our days on earth. No wonder Yahweh says, “My thoughts are not your thoughts; nor are your ways my ways”. What human being could ever be so patient and humane in seeking the conversion and repentance of another human being?

Seen against this background, Paul’s proclamation that he will work until his last breath (in the second reading) is a beautiful expression of his gratitude that God saved and healed him. Even though he desires to die and to be with Christ, his gratitude to God and his love for sinners makes him choose to live longer and work for their salvation.

Let us look into our own hearts today. Do I really appreciate the pure gift of faith and love? And to I see my life as a time of grateful response, shown in love and service of others, for God’s totally free gift?

Lord, Your mercy endures forever. Thank you, Lord, for saving me each day!

Next Week’s Reading

Catechetical Sunday
(26th Sunday of Ordinary Time)
Psalter Week II – Year A

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28
Respons. Ps 24:4-9
2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32
**Notices and Events Announcement**

**Archbishop Episcopal Ordination Anniversary**
The 4th Anniversary of Archbishop John Wong’s Episcopal Ordination will be on Wednesday, 1st October 2014. Let us pray for God’s choicest blessings on him.

**“Footprints of God”**
This series organized by Alpha Team covers the key people, places and teachings of Scripture, bringing them together in the rich tradition of the Catholic Church. This series will be enjoyed by Catholics and all Christians as well as those who want to understand what Christians believe, and why. It starts on Monday, September 22nd, 2014 at 8.00pm (and thereafter every Monday night for 7 weeks) at Room F7, SHPC. For Information please call Michelle 016-8202840 or Agnes 016-5850633.

**Blood Donation Campaign**
SHC Charity Ministry will be co-organizing a blood donation drive this Sunday, September 21st, 2014 from 8.00am to 1.00pm in room G1 at the Parish Center. Staff from QEH Blood Bank will be on hand to assist in the donation effort.

**Catechetical Sunday 2014**
Theme: “Be courageous! I have conquered the world” (John 16:33b)

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**Senior Parishioners Gathering**
Date/Time: September 28th, 2014 (Sun) after the 9.00am English Mass at the Right Wing of the Parish Centre.

**Thanksgiving Dinner for Msgr. Primus Jouil**
Our Rector, Msgr. Primus Jouil will be transferred to the Parish of Stella Maris on October 1st, 2014. A Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Monday, September 29th, 2014 at SHPC Hall at 7.00pm to bid him farewell. Coupons are available at RM10.00 per person at the SHC Parish Office during office hours.

**Opening of Month of Holy Rosary**
Recitation of the Rosary (trilingual) will be held on Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 at 7.30pm at the Grotto. Thereafter, there will be a procession to the Cathedral for commissioning of rosary groups. All parishioners are invited to take part.

1. **Teams for Rosary Groups**
All Parish groups, ministries and communities are requested to send in the number of teams (3 or 4 persons in one team) to Fobby at the SHC Parish Office by September 25th, 2014. Parishioners are to welcome the teams visiting their respective area.

2. **Block Rosary Briefing**
All Rosary team members / PFPN Zone and Taman Coordinators are requested to come for a Rosary Briefing on Tuesday, September 30th, 2014 at Room F7, SHPC at 8.30pm (after holy hour).

**Growth in the Spirit Seminar (GSS) 2014**
Do you desire spiritual growth? Sacred Heart Young Adults Prayer Group (SHYAPG) will be organizing the GSS, which will be held from October 10th to 12th, 2014 (Fri-Sun) at Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre, Ranau. Theme: “That you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God” Col 1:10, the GSS is open to young working adults and students of age 18 and above. Fees are as listed below:

Including transport: Own transport:
Working Adults: RM 85 Working Adults/Students:RM 65 Students: RM 70
Those who are interested may contact Wendy (016-509 9686); Ivy (016-421 0078); or Ian (013-860 4022) for registration or further inquiries.

**Infant Baptism**

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Parents, please register your child at the Parish Office during office hours. Bring along original and copies of your Church marriage certificate, child’s birth certificate and confirmation certificate of godparent. For info. call 223618, 224741, 262068.

**Parish Monthly Movies**
Organized by SHC Parish Social Communication Committee (SOCCOM)

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Come and be enriched by these movies.

**Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)**

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The PMC (English) on Wednesday, November 5th, 2014 will be a walk-in registration.

**Funeral Arrangements**
Bereaved families are to contact St. Joseph's Benevolent Fund office at Tel. 216321 or Thomas Chew at 010-9570393 for funeral arrangements and confirmation before making obituary announcements in our local newspapers.

** Illegal Vendors**
There are illegal vendors coming into the Church compound to sell religious pictures, rosaries etc. Please refrain from supporting them and inform our personnel of their presence to curb their activity.

**Sunday Collections (September 13th & 14th, 2014) (in RM)**
SHC Black Bag (17,002.20), Red Bag (13,238.20); CMI Black Bag (5,941.00), Red Bag (4,433.00).