Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

Much is said in Proverbs of the capable and good wife. Women would probably have a few things to say about a good and capable husband. For both men and women, being a good spouse depends on dedication, commitment, and openness of heart. Good marriages do not just happen — they require a lot of hard work, patience, and sacrifice.

Paul warned that the Lord’s return would happen suddenly, like a thief in the night. People seek ‘peace and security’ in wealth, law and order, control over others, and risk avoidance. These things mean little in God’s sight. It is far more important to continue being children of light in a world that has lost its way.

The parable of the talents is about how we conduct our lives while we wait for the Lord. Some people are so afraid of making a mistake or failing at something that they never take a risk. Like the third man in the story, they present to God only what was given to them in the beginning – nothing more. God expects us to return more than we were given, in the form of wisdom, love, and lessons learned. We need to love and trust God enough to take risks – even make mistakes – as we explore and learn new lessons. The real sin is never trying anything and being content with playing it safe. Our life is a precious gift – let us be the good and faithful servant. We show gratitude to God by giving back more than we received.

Lord, give me trust and courage.

Human life has a fundamental end-dimension: the hope of future. For Christians this hope is never vague or uncertain, thanks to eschatological person, Jesus Christ. Matthew’s parable is a vivid meditation on how we will be judged on the basis of the gifts and talents we receive. The judgement itself may spring on us, as least expected especially when we are not wholly prepared; but if we live wisely, like the woman of character, we will always work to bring about good rather than evil.

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Notices and Events Announcement

**Solemnity of Christ the King**
Archbishop John Wong will be the Main Celebrant for the Bahasa Malaysia Mass on Sunday, November 23rd, 2014 at 10.45am which will coincide with the Feast of Christ the King and the 33rd Anniversary of the Dedication of the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

Thereafter, His Grace will bless the newly constructed meeting rooms at the basement of the Parish Hall. Clergymen and religious together with all SHC & CMI Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Property Council members, Church group leaders, ministry and community leaders are invited to attend.

**Faith Formation (English) Class.**
This Sunday, November 16th, 2014 will be the last day for Sunday Faith Formation (English) Class. Classes will resume next year on January 11th, 2015 and children are advised to bring the In-House Registration form and proceed to the respective classroom indicated in the form.

**Life in the Word Retreat 2014**
“RESTORING CALM & PEACE” is the theme chosen for this year’s retreat organized by Biblical Apostolate. Rev. Fr. Eugene Vaz, from the Archdiocese of Singapore, will conduct the Retreat to help us to prepare for a meaningful Advent. Date: NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 23, 2014. Venue: Pace Bene Retreat Centre, Purak. Please register with James: 019-8512095; Monica: 012-8432547; SHCP Office: 224741. Fees: RM 100.00 (Accommodation & food). All are welcome.

**Seminar on Healing & Transformation of Marriage & Family Life**
This seminar is organized by LJCCC. All are welcome. For information please call Lucia 718817, 012-8027255 & Sacred Heart Parish Office Tel: 223618, 224741, 262068.

**Divine Mercy Seminar**
Theme: “Purification of Soul”
This seminar will be held on Saturday, December 6th, 2014 at SHPC Hall from 7.15am to 4.15pm. Speaker is Fr. Thomas Ambattukuzhiyil, Director & Superior of Divine Mercy Retreat Centre at Elavur, Chennai, India. Admission is free. Registration through phone or whatsapp to: Jenny Lim 0168035980 & 0165840364, Stella 0198739717 & 0168414759 & deadline is November 25th, 2014. Meals (breakfast & lunch) are optional at RM15.00 per person, please confirm for catering purposes.

**Mission Awareness Team – Prayer Pledge Card**
The Prayer Pledge Card Project was launched on February 26th, 2011. The current prayer pledge card exercise is in its 4th round. It will end on November 23rd, 2014.

The 5th round will begin in the New Liturgical year on December 7th, 2014.

New cards are available from November 16th, 2014 for you to fill in the names of person whom you wish to pray for and to lead to Jesus Christ. Please enter the names twice. You can retain the top section of the card. Please return the lower section of the card to the Church. A container is provided at the Church entrance. During the course of 1 year, a parishioner pledges to pray for 2 persons and lead them to Jesus Christ so that they may experience His love in their lives.

At the first Sunday Mass of each month, for a whole year, these cards will be placed next to the altar. The people whose names are in the cards will be prayed for during the Mass.

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**Advent Penitential Service 2014 (Year B) with Sacrament of Confession**

**Programme for New Evangelisation**
The Parish has been given a free trial of a very good Catholic formation programme called Symbolon from Lighthouse Catholic Media. This programme is very good for any Catholic who takes seriously his / her faith and wants to deepen it and find out more. And imagine doing this, in the convenience of your own home.

Please go to this website: [http://symboloncatholic.org/](http://symboloncatholic.org/)
Username: symdemo
Password: symnov
This free trial period is for November only.
Please provide your feedback to the SHC Parish Office. If many find this useful, the Parish will subscribe to this programme for one year.

**Parking at the Parish Centre (SHPC)**
Parishioners are reminded NOT to park your vehicles along the through-road at the back of the Parish Centre (at the entrance of Guard House and along the road to the workers’ quarters) during Sunday masses and other events. It is causing a traffic jam as vehicles could barely pass through this road to exit from the complex. Please be considerate with your fellow Church members.

**Sunday Collections (Nov 8th & 9th, 2014) (in RM)**
SHC Black Bag (16,322.65), Red Bag (12,104.80); CMI Black Bag (6,119.00), Red Bag (4,799.00).