Liturgy Of The Word

First : Genesis 2:18-24
Responsorial Psalm : May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.
Second Reading : Hebrews 2:9-11
Gospel : Mark 10:2-16

Next Week's Reading
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Psalter Week IV - Year B
1st Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11
Respons. Psalm 89:12-17
2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13
Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Event Announcement

Celebrating 60 Years of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Devotion

To mark the 60 years of OLPH novena devotion, a 9-day novena reflections on the Icon will be held from October 22nd to October 30th, 2015 at the cathedral with the following themes:

Day 1  Oct 22 (Thu)  7:00 pm Contemplating the Archangel Gabriel
Day 2  Oct 23 (Fri)  7:30 pm Contemplating the Archangel Michael
Day 3  Oct 24 (Sat)  5:05 pm Contemplating the Letters on the Icon
Day 4  Oct 25 (Sun)  7:30 pm Contemplating the Left Hand of Mary
Day 5  Oct 26 (Mon)  7:30 pm Contemplating “Hand in Hand”
Day 6  Oct 27 (Tue)  7:30 pm Contemplating the Child in Mary’s Arms
Day 7  Oct 28 (Wed)  7:30 pm Contemplating the Star
Day 8  Oct 29 (Thu)  7:00 pm Contemplating the Colours of the Icon
Day 9  Oct 30 (Fri)  6:30 pm Contemplating the Eyes of Mary.

The closing for Month of Rosary & Novena Devotion will be held on Friday, October 30th, 2015 beginning with rosary recitation & novena at 6.30pm, followed by Mass at 7:30pm at the Cathedral. Thereafter there will be a fellowship at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre. Devotees and all who have received favours from the Blessed Mother are encouraged to join in the celebration as a sign of devotion and homage to her.

Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

The Gospel reading today touches on an issue that has become one of the most painful areas in the contemporary church and in society at large – the meaning of faithfulness in marriage relationships. Interestingly, it was an issue that was of concern at the time of the early Church as well.

In this passage, the Gospel writer, Mark, passes on the earliest tradition of Jesus’ attitude concerning marriage and divorce. While other teachers at that time allowed men to divorce their wives in certain circumstances, Jesus taught that it was not permissible to ‘divide’ what “God has united”, using Genesis 2:24 as authority for his interpretation. In other words, Jesus made it clear that it was not permissible for a man to divorce his wife. Husband and wife are “two in one flesh” implying a covenant bond between persons far transcending physical union.

In this way, Mark hands on what had become the earliest adaptation of Jesus’ words for the Christian community, namely, that not only is divorce forbidden but also that marriage following divorce constitutes adultery because the first marriage bond has never been broken. As such, if a man or a woman should have to divorce his or her spouse, he or she could not remarry without being considered an adulterer. At the core of Mark’s Gospel message is Jesus’ challenge to spouses to live in faithful and perpetual union until death.

Lord, help us to be faithful.
**Notices and Events Announcement**

**Sunday Faith Formation Ministry (SFFM)**

**In-house Registration 2016**

The SHC Sunday Faith Formation Ministry will begin in-house registration for 2016 from **September 27** until **November 8th, 2015** inside the respective classes. All current students are expected to register within this period to avoid congestion next year when the intake of new students begins in January. Contribution of RM10.00 will be collected from each student. Last day for the in-house registration is on November 8th, 2015. For new students in 2016, registration will begin on **January 10th** until **March 13th, 2016**. Thereafter registration for the year 2016 will be **closed** until the next in-house registration in September 2016.

**Month of Rosary (October)**

In conjunction with the Month of Rosary, there will be House to House Block Rosary at Taman Level, to be held at **7.30pm** at the Cathedral, followed by a fellowship dinner at the SHPC canteen. All devotees are welcome.

**Feast of St. Faustina**

Mass for the above feast will be celebrated on Monday, **October 5**, 2015 at 6.30pm at the Cathedral, followed by a fellowship dinner at the SHPC canteen. All devotees are welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration for Children**

Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, **October 9th**, 2015 at 8.00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

**Ministry of Apologetics Seminar “Rome or...?”**

Recent questionnaires from our Archdiocese seem to detect certain pertinent issues that are affecting our parishioners. This seminar attempts to help our parishioners to understand our stand on these issues, e.g. Is Jesus really God? Is the Bible corrupted? Christians in Malaysia ... and many more challenging questions. Come and be informed.

Date: **October 14th**, 2015 (Wed)
Time: 7.30am to 5.30pm
Venue: F7, SHPC
Language: Bahasa Malaysia
Registration: 7.30am - 8.00am, Admission is free
(Bring Bible, pen, note books)

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**Parishioner Registration**

**Date:**

**October 5th - 9th, 2015 (Thu-Fri)**

**B.M. (Regn. deadline is 30/9/15)**

**F7, SHPC @ 5.45pm**

**October 10th, 2015 (Sat)**

**Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)**

The follow-up sessions for BM PMC will be held on **Tuesdays** November 3rd, 2015 & November 21st, 2015. Please register at the Parish Office. Couples are required to submit their birth certificate or identity card, baptism & confirmation certificates and engagement agreement for those who are engaged. Contribution is RM50 per couple (morning tea, booklet etc.).

**October 26th - 28th, 2015 (Mon-Wed)**

**English (Walk-in registration)**

**F6, SHPC @ 7.30pm-10.00pm**

**Infant Baptism**

**English**

**Oct. 11th, 2015**

**Briefing @ 3.00pm at SHC**

**Regn deadline is 8/10/2015 (Thu)**

**Oct. 18th, 2015**

**Baptism @ 3.00pm at SHC**

**Mandarin**

**Nov. 8th, 2015**

**Briefing @ 3.00pm at SHC**

**Regn deadline is 5/11/2015 (Thu)**

**Nov. 15th, 2015**

**Baptism @ 3.00pm at SHC**

Parents, please register your children at the SHC Parish Office during office hours. Bring along original and copies of your children’s birth certificates, child birth certificates and confirmation certificates of godparent. For information, please call 223618, 224741, 262068.

**Notice from St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund**

We deeply regret that some UNSCRUPULOUS contractors had collected money from deceased’s next of kin for construction of tombs / tombstones (BUT NO WORK WAS CARRIED OUT). Parishioners are therefore advised to liaise with SJBF Office 216321 for registered contractors to avoid future dispute.

**In Appreciation for Blood Donation**

Sacred Heart Charity Ministry wished to thank all parishioners who donated blood last Sunday September 27th, 2015 at the SHPC. There were 55 bags collected. The next blood donation will be **December 20th, 2015**.

**Synod of Bishops**

Archbishop John Wong will be attending the Synod of Bishops in Rome, in the month of October 2015. Please pray for the success of the Synod.

**Prayer for the success of the Synod of Bishops**

(Prayer composed by Pope Francis to the Holy Family)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love,
to you we turn with trust.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic Churches.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
families never again
experience violence, rejection and division:
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.
Holy Family of Nazareth,
may the Synod of Bishops
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

**Fund Raising in aid of St. Catherine of Laboure Church, Putatan**

The Carnival Bazaar will be held this Sunday, October 4th, 2015 at the SHPC from 7.00am to 4.00pm. We are anticipating a big crowd and cars converging on our SHC complex this Sunday. Your co-operations are sought to bear all the inconveniences and to follow the directions of the traffic stewards. Please support the bazaar and help their building fund.

**Recyclable Items**

Sales of recyclable items collected at the Parish Centre basement bins for September 2015 amounted toRM472.80

**3rd Collection for PAX Assembly**

There will be a 3rd Collection on October 3rd & 4th, 2015 (Sat & Sun) for the expenses of the PAX Assembly.

**Sunday Donations (Sept. 26th & 27th, 2015) (in RM)**

SHC Black Bag (16,467.85), Red Bag (12,854.85); CMI Black Bag (6,250.50), Red Bag (5,125.90).