




# CATHOLIC CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING


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**LEAVEN**  
Our Weekly Parish Bulletin

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Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
Ephesians 4:17, 20-24  
John 6:24-35

## Miracles and Whispers



Have you ever asked yourself why God doesn't just perform miracles all the time to reveal his presence so that everyone will believe in him? It's a valid question, but one of those questions that we might ignore or push to the back of our minds because we don't think there's a good answer. But these questions have answers in the Catholic theology, and we are called to pray about these questions, because God will illuminate the answers to them.

The readings today invite us into this mystery of our faith - why not miracles? Of course, there are extraordinary miracles of physical healing, for example, that do happen, but God does not ordinarily reveal himself to us in this way. Ordinarily, God moves in more gradual

ways that invite us into deep friendship with him. We tend to ask for miracles that provide for our physical, worldly needs, but God is also concerned for our spiritual well-being and our final end of eternal life. Therefore, our spiritual well-being may not entail physical healing.

In the Gospel today, Jesus chides the Israelites for seeking only earthly fulfillment. He calls them, and likewise us, to open our hearts to our deeper desire for God. Ultimately, God wants to fill our deepest longings for his infinite love.

Jesus challenges us to believe in him. Immediately prior to today's Gospel passage, he performed the miraculous feeding of the five thousand. On the day afterward, everyone seeks him like a celebrity. The crowds look for him all around the Sea of Galilee until they find him in Capernaum. When they find him, however, Jesus discloses their inner hearts: "You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled" (6:26). They are doing the right thing - looking for Jesus - but for the wrong reason: to fill their bellies. They are treating Jesus like a miraculous food provider rather than the Messiah. The miracle of the loaves was meant to point them to a greater reality and to enkindle in them a greater hunger for God. The miracle should have led them to greater faith, not to carnal dependence. The people did not see or recognise the sign that Jesus gave to them. They only ate the food because it was physically satisfying. Because of this, the people ask him for a new sign (v. 30). Even though they already witnessed a miracle, they want another one.

They do not see the connection between the miracle of the loaves and the manna in the desert. Jesus then reveals the true meaning of the manna and the meaning of the miracle of the loaves. Those miracles point to an even greater miracle, which is the Bread of Life: Christ himself gives us his Body and Blood. This is the bread for which people long, because it is the only bread that they will always have (John 6:34). Jesus gives himself to us daily in the sacrament of the Eucharist.



## MASS TIMINGS

### DAILY MASSES

6.30am, 6.15pm  
7.30am, 5.30pm (Public Holiday)

### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 6.30am, 7.30am (Public Holiday)  
5.30pm (Sunset)  
Sun 7.00am, 8.15am (Mandarin)  
9.45am, 11.30am & 5.30pm

### DIVINE MERCY MASS

8.00pm (Chapel)  
FIRST Tuesday of the month

### TAMIL MASS

6.30pm (Chapel)  
FOURTH Sunday of the month

### MALAYALAM MASS

6.00pm (Chapel)  
FIFTH Sunday of the month

## OUR SHEPHERDS

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

For announcements in the bulletin, please send your requests to [comms@christtheking.com.sg](mailto:comms@christtheking.com.sg) by Monday every week. Thank you!

## CANTEEN

This week's canteen is run by the Indian Catholic Movement. Do come down for some fellowship!

## MOTHER'S CHAPEL

We would like to strongly encourage parents of young children to use the Mother's Chapel during mass times.

## DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND MASS

This will be held on 7 Aug (Tue), 8.00pm, at the Chapel by Father Paul Lim.

## CLOSURE OF PARISH OFFICE ON 9TH AUGUST

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed on National Day, 9 August (Thu).

## MASS TIMES FOR FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Please note that the mass times for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Church of Christ the King are 14 Aug (Tue) at 7.00pm and 15 Aug (Wed, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary) at 6.30am, 1.00pm and 8.00pm. Kindly note that it is a day of obligation.

## MASS & ANOINTING FOR THE SICK

Date: 22 August (Wed)

Time: 5.00 pm (Confession)

5.30 pm (Mass)

Venue: Main Church

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for baptised Catholics who are either home-bound, suffering from terminal illness or preparing for a major surgery. Registration is compulsory. Please register by 15 August (Wed). Forms can be obtained from the parish office. Please return the completed forms to the parish office or through the collection box provided at the entrance of the parish office.

## Find out when is your next NCC Meeting!

Neighbourhood Christian Community

### NCC 300 ROSARY & FELLOWSHIP

Date: 12 Aug (Sun)

Time: 8.00 pm

Venue: Blk 310B Ang Mo Kio Ave 1 #09-373

### NCC 200 DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Date: 13 Aug (Mon)

Time: 8.30 pm

Venue: Blk 223 Ang Mo Kio Ave 1 #03-527

## FORMED

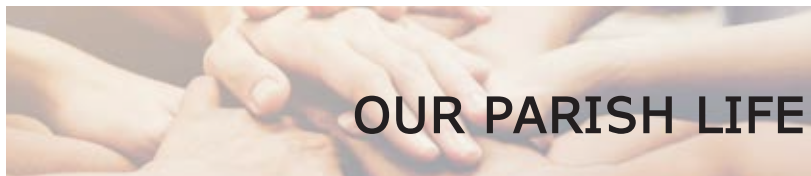
Picks of the week

### TALKS



### LIVING BY DESIGN, NOT BY DEFAULT

With so much technology at our fingertips, it's tough not to be swept away in all the noise and clutter. In our society, there's often a tendency to live passively by simply "going with the flow." In this talk given at a FOCUS national conference, Fr. Mike Schmitz explains how we need to live an intentionally Christian life within a technological age.



## OUR PARISH LIFE

Find out more about the upcoming events & activities in our Parish community.

### RCIA @ CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

#### English

It is not too late to attend the RCIA process! It will be held in Room 105 from 8pm to 10pm every Wednesday, from 27 June 2018 to 22 May 2019. If you are interested to know more about the Catholic Faith, kindly approach the parish office for application forms or call 64599958 or [email query.rcia@gmail.com](mailto:email.query.rcia@gmail.com).

#### Mandarin

This will be held every Monday, 8 pm at Room 105. Kindly contact David Tham, 96661925 or approach the parish office for application forms.

### NDYC GAMES DAY 2018 - FLAG OFF FROM CTK

Peace be with you! The North District Youth Council invites you to the NDYC Games Day 2018 on 9 August, from 8.45 am to 1.30pm! The flag-off will be at Church of Christ the King and the game will be around Singapore. There are great prizes to be won! Please bring along your friends!

Sign up at [tinyurl.com/ndygamesday2018](http://tinyurl.com/ndygamesday2018)

### FAMILY PRAYER MEET AND HEALING SERVICE

Welcoming all parishioners, family and friends! Come and join us for our Prayer Meet and Healing service with Fr. Simon Pereira and Fr. John Sim.

It will be held on 10 August (Fri), from 8.00 pm - 10.00 pm, in Church of Christ the King (Main Church).

There will be Praise and Worship at 7.45 pm before the service, so do join us!

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN (EAC)

Parents, please bring your children to thank our Lord Jesus for giving us his life and coming to us in the form of the Eucharist. He wants to be present in our lives so please let your children experience Jesus through songs, prayers, adoration, the Gospel and Benediction. The theme is *Jesus, Our Bread of Life* and it will be held on 11 Aug (Sat) at 3.45 pm at St. Mary's Room, 301.

### CHILDREN'S DRAMA WORKSHOP 2018

The Children's Drama Workshop 2018 will be held from 6 to 8 September (Thu - Sat) from 8.00 am to 6.00 pm on Thu and Fri and 8.00 am to 10.00 pm on Sat. It will be held at St. Peter's Room, 401 and the theme is "*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path*". The workshop is for children 6 to 12 years old and the fees are \$30 per child. For more information or to register, contact Cefannie, 9007 6429 or Gloria, 9617 3306.

### TRUE REFORMERS: SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

### DOCUMENTARY



While Martin Luther's interior troubles plunged Europe into a maelstrom of controversy, confusion, and war, the Basque soldier Ignacio de Loyola set out on an extraordinary interior pilgrimage of grace. Taught directly by God, Ignatius offered the Church a new spirituality of devoted service to Christ and founded a religious order dedicated to evangelization, the Jesuits.

## VACANCY IN CTIS FOR THE POST OF LIBRARIAN

The Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore has a vacancy for the post of Librarian.

Requirements:

- Minimum GCE 'A' Levels required, certification in Library Science or any associated degree is preferred.
- Able to learn proprietary Library Management Software .
- Familiarity with Dewey Decimal Classification.
- Fresh graduates are welcome to apply.

Interested applicants may send your CV/Resume to [teresahoe@ctis.sg](mailto:teresahoe@ctis.sg)

## LUNCHTIME WEEKDAY EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Catholic Prayer Society invites you to celebrate the Eucharist with the Catholic community at our seven centres:

[CBD] Orchard, Outram, Raffles Place, Shenton Way and Suntec City

[East] Changi Business Park

[West] Jurong East

For details of the mass schedules, please refer to the CPS website [www.cps.org.sg](http://www.cps.org.sg)

## THE GOSPEL OF MARK BY MSGR AMBROSE VAZ

This is part II of the Scripture Series given by Msgr Ambrose Vaz and it is on the Gospel of Mark. It will be held over 11 weeks.

Date: 11 weeks from 7 Aug to 30 Oct

Time: 8.00 pm to 10.00 pm

Venue: St. Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Registration fee: \$20

To register: <https://bit.ly/2JpzfzU>

## CANTONESE RETREAT

Church of Sts Peter and Paul will be holding Cantonese Retreat 2018. The theme of this year's retreat is "Come to Me". Activities include Rosary Recitation, Praise and Worship, Testimony, Healing and Holy Mass.

Date: 9 August 2018 (Thu)

Time: 9.00 am to 6.00 pm

Venue: Church of Sts Peter and Paul

For more information, contact David, 9671 7083 or Philip, 9868 9144

## OLPS MASS & POTLUCK BY ST RAPHAEL SINGLES

Venue : OLPS Canteen (Siglap)

Date: 12 Aug (Sun)

Time : 10-2pm

Purpose: Fellowship, Friendship, Potluck & Mass

Cost: Bring Some Food to Share with Others

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stRalp/>

Email: [StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com](mailto:StRaphaelSingles@gmail.com) to confirm your participation

## APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH TALKS

### Seeking the Truth of Catholicism (18 Aug)

If you are a Truth Seeker, seeking to know the purpose and meaning of your life and your ultimate destiny, then this talk is for you.

Speaker: Kelvin Chia, LLB

### The Nuptial Mystery of Christianity (25 Aug)

The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Dive deeper to better understand God's plan and the whole mission of Christ.

Speaker: Rev Fr. Ignatius Yeo

Admission is free, all are welcome!

Time: 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm

Venue: Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, 02-01, S1 187954

Details and registration at [www.catholic.sg/act](http://www.catholic.sg/act)

For enquiries, SMS Andrew, 9649 3893



## What's New?

Archdiocese Events

## WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

A new Landings run will commence and we invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week run ending in November 2018. Registration is compulsory, registration closes on 19 Aug (Sun).

Dates: 24 Aug (Fri) - Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

27 Aug (Mon) - Church of the Holy Spirit, Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

For registration, please email [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or find out more at [landings.org.sg](http://landings.org.sg)

## WHY BE GOOD? THE MORAL LIFE AS THE BLESSED

Is being "good" simply a way to earn heaven, or to avoid trouble? Will we be happier if we "create our own values?" Understand these issues through the lens of John Paul II's landmark encyclical "the splendour of truth."

Date: 21 Aug (Tue)

Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

Venue: CANA the Catholic Centre

About the speaker: Nick Chui is president of the Catholic Theology Network. He has a masters in theological studies and an undergraduate degree in history. He is currently teaching in a Catholic secondary school and has over a decade of experience in catechetics and adult faith formation.

You are encouraged to secure your place early by emailing [theology.sg@gmail.com](mailto:theology.sg@gmail.com) or call Nick at 9784 3682.

## ART AND SOUL: A WAY TO GOD THROUGH ART

This is a weekend retreat by Cenacle Sisters and Ms. Joanna Tan (Art Therapist) that invites us to see that art is not separate from life and in experiencing their own and others' creativity, they will learn to 'find God in all things.' This is not an art workshop, non-artists are most welcome.

Date: 24 Aug (Fri), 8.00 pm to 26 Aug (Sun), 1.00 pm

Venue: Montfort Centre

For registration, please go to [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com) or email [cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com](mailto:cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com)

## FAITH IN THE CITY 2018

What is 'faith' from the Christian perspective? What do we mean when we say we have 'faith'? You're invited to a day of meaningful conversations and witness the Word of God take shape before you through a form of visual art. You can also bring your non-catholic friends and family members to this event to experience art from a faith perspective.

Date: 25 Aug (Sat)

Time: 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm

Venue: The Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, S 187954

For more info and to register, please go to [www.one.org.sg/events](http://www.one.org.sg/events)

## 60TH BEGINNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME

Come and experience a weekend away for a lifetime of change. The *60th Beginning Experience Programme* is a live-in weekend for the permanently separated, divorced and widowed (for both males and females).

Date: 31 August to 2 September 2018 (Friday through Sunday)

For further information, please contact:

Joseph, 9661 8089

Jean, 9828 5162 (to SMS or call)

Mary, 9755 4310 (after 3pm)



# 6 Aug 2018 Monday FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

The feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ celebrates the revelation of Christ's divine glory on Mount Tabor in Galilee. After revealing to His disciples that He would be put to death in Jerusalem, Christ, along with Ss. Peter, James, and John went up the mountain. There, Saint Matthew writes, "he was transfigured before them. And his

face did shine as the sun: and his garments became white as snow."

The Feast of the Transfiguration is ultimately about vision. The Lord brought Peter, James, and John up a high mountain in order that they might come to see. Trans means "across," and by extension, "change." Figura means "shape" or "form", hence transfiguration was the process by which Christ changed form or appearance. He gave them a glimpse of His true glory.

## THE CLIMB

Tradition designates Mt. Tabor as the place of the Transfiguration. It probably took the four of them a day—maybe two—to get to the top on foot. They must have been hardy men to make such a climb; they probably had to carry water and other provisions up with them as well. The point is that the vision they experience comes only after a difficult climb. In our own life, suffering and difficulties usually bring about new vision, open new vistas, and bring deeper understanding. Suffering is not something we enjoy, to be sure, but it is part of the climb.



## THE CONTEMPLATION

Throughout the difficult climb and suffering, and through immersion in His word, God often grants us this vision. When we see His glory we become fully awake. Peter is babbling at this point and suggests building booths or tents to capture this glory. He probably had in mind the Feast of Booths, wherein the Jewish people remembered the great Exodus. It was one of the great festivals of the year. Hence Peter's suggestion is a way of saying, "Let's celebrate this! But Peter needs to understand that this is but a brief glimpse.

## THE CLARIFICATION

Moses and Elijah are present and conversing with the Lord. While they are historical persons, they also represent the Law and the Prophets. In other words, they represent Scripture. Notice also how Moses and Elijah give the vision for what Christ is about to do in His final journey to Jerusalem. The vision is of a new Exodus. Just as Moses led the ancient people out of slavery in Egypt by the Blood of the Lamb at Passover and the parted waters (baptism) of the Red Sea, so now Jesus would lead His people out (an exodus) from slavery and sin by the blood of the Lamb.

## THE COMMAND

*While [Peter] was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."* Now comes the great glory cloud (the shekinah) that overshadows them. This vision has been wonderful, but God has more than bright lights to show them. The vision He confers gives direction as well as light. His direction is clear: Listen to my Son. Not only does this instruction complete the vision but it also ensures greater vision in the future.

## OUR PARISH PRAYER SCHEDULE

### ROSARY DEVOTION

**Weekdays** 5.40pm (Main Church)  
**Sat** 4.40pm (Main Church)

### 13th day of the month

**Weekdays** 8.00pm (Grotto)  
**Weekends** 7.00pm (Grotto)

### DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

**Tue** 8.00pm (Chapel)

### ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Last Wed of the month** 8.00pm (Chapel)

### LEGION OF MARY

**Thu** 7.00pm - 8.15pm (Room 108)

### CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

**Thu** 8.00pm - 9.00pm (Room 303)

### CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

**Fri** 8.00pm (Chapel)

### DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Fri after evening Mass**  
(Main Church)

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

**Second Sat of the month** 3.45pm  
(St Mary's Room, Level 3)

## NEW TO OUR PARISH? YET TO REGISTER WITH US?

Our warmest welcome to you dear brothers & sisters in Christ! Visit our Parish Office & contact us at 64599958 or email [parishoffice@christtheking.com.sg](mailto:parishoffice@christtheking.com.sg)

## OPENING HOURS



### PARISH OFFICE

**Mon - Fri** 9.00am - 8.00pm

**Sat - Sun** 9.00am - 7.00pm

(Closed on Public Holidays)

### MAIN CHURCH

6.30am - 7.00pm daily

### ADORATION ROOM

6.00am - 10.30pm daily

(Closed for cleaning on Mondays and Fridays from 10am - 11am)

### COLUMBARIUM

6.00am - 10.30pm daily

Kindly note that the Church gates will be automatically closed by 10.30pm.

## OUR PASTORAL SERVICES



### CHURCH WEDDINGS

Arrangement should be made at least SIX months in advance. This would give couples adequate time to attend The Marriage Preparation Course or Engaged Encounter Weekend, [www.catholic.org.sg/web\\_links/MPC/](http://www.catholic.org.sg/web_links/MPC/). Kindly contact the parish office for application forms and booking of wedding date.

### INFANT BAPTISM

Infant baptism is celebrated every first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Parents and godparents are required to attend the pre-baptism preparation session on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Dates will be revised in case of public holidays. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Kindly email Gerard Hooi at [infantbaptism@gmail.com](mailto:infantbaptism@gmail.com) for enquiries.

### BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Blessings of families is given at all Masses on the last Sunday of each month for this year.

### MASS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available outside the parish office. Kindly submit your offerings via the Mass Offerings box ONE week in advance of intended date.

### COUNSELLING

This service is by appointment only. Kindly contact Family Life Society, Mon - Fri (10am - 5pm) at 6382 0688.

### CTK LEGAL CLINIC

Free legal advice to low-income individuals is on last Tuesday of the month. Registration forms are available at the parish office. Registration forms must be deposited into CTK mailbox no. 46 at least one week in advance. Strictly no walk-ins.

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office to arrange for a priest for this Sacrament to be administered to any Catholic awaiting for surgery or is suffering from serious illness especially near the time of death.

### FUNERAL

Kindly contact the parish office for priest's availability and Mass timing. The parish office is able to assist with prayers arrangement at the wake if required.