



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SHANGHAI INTERNATIONAL PARISH



270 South Chongqing Road, Shanghai 200025

Third Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2017

BISHOP

We pray for Bishop Aloysius Jin, who returned to the Lord on April 27, 2013.

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INTERNATIONAL MASSES ENGLISH

Saturday 5pm Sunday 11am
First Friday Mass Apr. 7 7:30pm

GERMAN

Sunday Mar. 19 3pm

KOREAN

Sundays 5pm

RECONCILIATION

30 minutes before Mass and by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

9am – 8pm Daily
Adoration Chapel (Room 111)



ST. IGNATIUS CATHEDRAL

158 Puxi Road, Xujiahui
English Mass Sunday 12 noon



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

36 S. Sichuan Road
English Mass Sunday 11am



SACRED HEART CHURCH

151 Hong Feng Road, Pudong
English Masses
Saturday 5pm Sunday 10:30am



DAILY READINGS

Mar. Reading	Psalm	Gospel
19 Ex 17:3-7 Rm 5:1-8	Ps 95:1-9	Jn 4:5-42
20 2 Sm 7:4-16 Rm 4:13-22	Ps 89:2-29	Mt 1:16-24
21 Dn 3:25-43	Ps 25:4-9	Mt 18:21-35
22 Dt 4:1-9	Ps 147:12-20	Mt 5:17-19
23 Jr 7:23-28	Ps 95:1-9	Lk 11:14-23
24 Ho 14:2-10	Ps 81:6-17	Mk 12:28-34
25 Is 7:10-8:10 Heb 10:4-10	Ps 40:7-11	Lk 1:26-38



"Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."
Ps 95:8-9

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never be thirsty."



The story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well is filled with imagery and meaning, important to our relationship to the Lord and our daily walk with Him. It is the story of conversion, the woman's and ours.

Gently and ever so carefully, Jesus begins to reveal to this woman who He truly is and what He has to offer to her. He understands all about her and what is in her heart. He recognizes an opening and begins to prompt her to respond to His call. Can we not see this in our own lives and encounters with Him?

Maybe like the woman of Samaria, there have been times when we are emotionally, spiritually, and physically down; times when maybe we feel alone and estranged from those around us.

And Jesus, passing by, encounters us where we are and calls out to us. Do we listen for his loving voice? When we hear Him, do we mistake and doubt His meaning?

This woman at first responds only at the surface, misunderstanding "living water" to mean only water from a moving source, such as a stream. Her physical needs were inhibiting her *from*, instead of leading her *to*, the deeper understanding of Christ's words. But as we see, she was open to the truth.

As the encounter continues, Jesus lets the woman know that He knows... knows all about her, about her past and her present. And it is not that He does not care about all of that — He does care — but He cares in an

unexpected way. He offers her healing and forgiveness through the grace of living water so that she may be sanctified and never thirst unproductively again.

Eventually, He reveals that He is the Living Water that will be for us a "spring of water welling up to eternal life."

She comes to know that He is indeed greater than Jacob at whose well they talk. He is the answer to every prayer. And on realizing this, she cannot wait to go and spread the good news. That's what we do when we receive great news. We share our joy with others. She even went to share hers with the very people she was trying to avoid by coming to the well at noon.

Do you want to know such joy? Do you want to receive from Jesus the living water that never runs dry?

As a Samaritan and as a woman with many husbands and an outcast, she had every reason to ignore Jesus and remain as she was. But she didn't. And neither should we.

Jesus made you for Himself and He wants to purify you and give you every good thing, drawing you ever closer to Himself. But He will never force the matter, only invite you; gently and lovingly.

Listen for His voice today and let Him lead you home to the living water.

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Deacon Michael Bickerstaff
Editor in chief and co-founder of
*The Integrated Catholic Life*TM
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Living Water

The liturgy of today reminds us strongly of our baptism. It is the water that began to quench our thirst for all that is good and worthwhile, above all for God himself.

It is the water that never dries up; for baptism is not just a ritual but life, a new way of living, a lasting attachment to the person of Christ and union with the community of the Church.

Jesus' Living Water is the life of Christ that keeps growing in us. Jesus himself nourishes this life here in the Eucharist.

"Dear Lord Jesus, give us the will to share your Living Water with others."

<http://bibleclaret.org/liturgy>

Valuable New Ways to FAST During Lent

Fasting during these 40 days of Lent helps keep our focus on Jesus. Here are more new ways to remove things in our lives that keep us separated from God:



4. Fast from Excuses – Sometimes, life can be challenging. But, with help from God, everything is possible. During Lent, when it happens, remember to do our best and avoid making excuses.

5. Fast from Complaint – When faced with problems, try to find a solution and not surrender to making complaints.

6. Fast from Busyness – In the 21st century, being busy has become a way of life. This Lent, slow down and make more time for the Lord. Then, we can hear God's voice and take more notice of the beauty of God's creation.

7. Fast from Expectations – We always expect good things to come from others. This Lent, rather than expecting gifts or goodness, be the good for others.

8. Fast from Putting Yourself First – We often think we are the center of the universe. This Lent, let's try to put other first. We can start from simple things, such as : helping someone carry something, or opening the door for somebody.



9. Fast from Asking God for What You Want – With God, we don't need to ask for what we need, He already knows. During Lent, let your prayer be a means of thanksgiving to God, rather than a series of supplications.

10. Fast from Being Ungrateful – Research shows that grateful people are healthier and happier. This Lent, don't forget to thank God and others for the gifts of good things that happen in our lives.

Gain Light, Grow Love, Live Lent!

<http://tinyurl.com/jbjp2ya>

TWO WAYS OF LIFE

A Meditation on God's Love – Part 3

We know that we are loved and have infinite value, simply because we're created in God's image. Why else would He bother to come down and suffer so much for us? He is still carrying our burdens every day.

Every single day that He postpones His coming is another day he spends living with us, suffering with us, grieving and rejoicing with us. *For we are members of His body.* If any part of our body is injured or sick, our brain will be the first to know and feel it, for all pain signals are sent to the brain. It is the same with Christ! *He knows all about us, all our needs and desires.*

Just because He is in Heaven doesn't mean He is merely a spectator — how can that be, if we are the very members of His body? Our pain, our joys, our needs are also His. He has made it so. We need to also remember that *the Church is not only Christ's body, she is also His Bride.*

By **Audrey YU Jia Hui**, a member of St. Peter's International Parish. SPICES can see the entire essay with references at <http://tinyurl.com/AudreyYU> **To be continued**



Jesus loves us with infinite and everlasting faithfulness and tenderness. He promises to share with us everything that is His: **His heart, his mind, his joys and sufferings — even His Father's Kingdom.**

Even the cross He asks us to carry becomes *easy and light* due to the weight of Love with which He carries it for and with us. If that is

so, then why is it so hard to trust Him?

The reason is very simple: **Our nature and experiences have hard-wired us towards mistrust, fear and wariness.** The original sin was committed due to distrust of God's goodness. They just couldn't believe in His love or promises. The same goes for the Israelites. Though they were rescued by God from Egypt, they still suspected God whenever encountered with difficulties.

Return to me with your whole heart **PARISH EVENTS** **Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned**
March 18 - 25

ROSARY
Saturdays 4:30pm
Sundays 10:30am

MARRIAGE PREPARATION PROGRAM
1st SPRING SESSION MARCH 19 1pm Room 113

YOUTH MASS March 18 5pm
All Parishioners are welcome!
Just 4 YOUTH GATHERING 6pm

BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays 10:30am & 7pm Room 113

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES
Sundays 9:30am

COMING SOON

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AGES 4-6
Sundays during Liturgy of the Word

SPARC
St. Peter's Art Competition

On-the-spot Art Competition for the Whole Family
Saturday, APRIL 8 1:30-4pm
Registration starts next week - watch for details!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Sundays 12 noon to 12:30pm
COME PRAY TOGETHER!



Lent with the Pope

Lord, in this Lenten season, give us the grace to learn to blame ourselves, each in his solitude, asking, Have compassion for me, Lord, help me to feel shame and give me mercy, so that I may be merciful with others.

— Pope Francis

<http://blog.franciscanmedia.org/lent-with-pope-francis-who-am-i-to-udge>

Congratulations and Blessings For Our New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Cristina Magrin
Marcos Magrin



Sherwin Maranon
Jamilla Silva
Regina Phoa

Commissioned Sunday, March 12, 2017

"Heavenly Father, thank you for calling these faithful servants to serve our parish. Grant them your holiness and make them worthy to bring Christ to others."



40+ ST. PETER'S YOUTH & PARISHIONERS VISIT GUANXI ELDERLY HOME MARCH 12

On March 23, St. Peter's Youth Group, Confirmation Class and other parishioners joined with Sacred Heart parishioners to express their love and care for the elderly, who said,

"Thank you for coming. Please come again soon!"