

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

1 MAY 2016
SAINT JOSEPH,
THE WORKER



SUN 1 May	Saint Joseph, the Worker 1st Class, white Fifth Sunday after Easter	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 2 May	St. Athanasius, Bishop, Conf., Doctor, 3rd Class, White First Friday	<u>Month of May</u> <u>Month of Mary</u> 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 3 May	Feria 4th Class, White Ss. Alexander I, Eventius & Theodulus, Martyrs & St. Juvenal, Conf., Bp. (comm.)	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 4 May	Vigil of Ascension 2nd Class, white St. Monica, Widow (comm.)	11.30 – Low Mass 19.00 – Rosary & Benediction
THU 5 May	THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST 1st Class, white	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Sung Mass
 FRI 6 May	Feria 4th Class, White <u>First Friday</u>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass & first Rosary & Benediction & All night Adoration 22.00 – Second Rosary 23.00 – Third Rosary
SAT 7 May	St. Stanislaus Bishop, Martyr 3rd Class, red <u>First Saturday</u>	6.30 – Meditated Rosary and Benediction 7.15 – Low Mass
SUN 8 May	Saint Joseph, the Worker 1st Class, white Fifth Sunday after Easter	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

Confessions: 30 min before Sun-
day Masses; on demand every day.

Children's Catechism:

Every Saturday: 14:00-15:30:
Group 1: Older Group (13-18
years)

Group 2: First Communion
14:45-15:30:

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Group 2: Post First Communion

Bible Class:
Every Sunday after the 10am Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today. Second collection for SSPX schools.

All night adoration. The faithful staying during the night could pray the rosary together, like one every hour, without adding any other devotion in order to keep some time for silent prayer too. Here are some intentions that could be added to their own: 12am for Rome & Pope; 1am for vocations (priestly & religious); 2am for persecuted Christians; 3am for Catholic families & Catholic schools; 4am for conversion of sinners; 5am in reparation for crime of abortion.

Saturday 21 May. Conference by Fr. Grun at 5pm: *The sacrament of marriage: how to live on its graces?*

27 June to 14 July. Sr Maria Columba & Sr Mary Imelda in Singapore.

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EGO WORSHIP



“Mirror, mirror on the wall...” or the “Selfie culture”

In his book, *The Restoration of Christian Culture*, John Senior, who was a teacher at the University of Kansas, USA, and passed away in 1999, wrote about young Americans: **“Generations brought up in centrally heated and air-conditioned homes and schools, shot from place to place encapsulated in culturally sealed -off buses, who swim in heated, chlorinated pools devoid of current, swirl or tide, where even the build-up from one’s own pushing of the water is suctioned off by vacuums so as not to spoil the pure experience of sport-for-sport’s sake... poor little rich suburban children who have all these delights, and living in constant fluorescent glare, have never seen the stars, which St. Thomas, following Aristotle and all the ancients, says are the first begetters of that primary experience of reality, formulated as the first of all principles in metaphysics, that *something is.*”** (Restoration, p. 83)

John Senior wrote this in 1983. Thirty years on, young people are certainly not more connected to reality than their elders. With the mass production of all kinds of gadgets, addiction to electronic devices, especially to mobile phone is changing people’s behaviour and social interaction at a high speed.

Just 15 years ago, in a country like India, it was difficult to get around as paper maps and phones were scarce. Things have changed. India has become so high tech friendly that through the Internet you can find your way anywhere and have access to a wide range of services, even *Amazon* is amazingly efficient there. Nearly every one has a mobile phone; it is not rare to see beggars in the street asking for money to buy credit, among other things.

In every country, the use of electronic devices has multiplied the possibilities for contact between people and yet real social interaction has never been so poor, especially in highly developed countries.

The consequences of the use of computers, mobile phones and video games can be especially felt at home. These devices are having a destroying effect on family ties. Members of the family gradually become independent from each other. Parents do not talk much to their children. Children hardly confide in their parents. Everyone becomes a stranger at home and the pleasure of being together in a loving environment is fading away.

Other than undermining family life and debilitating our social skills, new technologies also prevent us to a certain extent from shaping for ourselves a fulfilling and enriching life; they imprison us in our little capsule, our little ego that eventually becomes everything that really matters to us.

Go to the nearby MacRitchie reservoir and you will be amazed by the number of people who take pictures. But look more carefully, observe the way they touch their hair before the shot, they are not taking pictures of the beautiful landscape that surrounds them, pictures of trees, flowers or rowing boats on the water; they are taking photos of themselves. Omnipresent selfie!

In our materialistic society everything and everyone, family, friends, work colleagues tend to become tools placed at our disposal to satisfy our needs. We do not enjoy people’s presence anymore, we merely make use of them.

The Catholic life is different. It is all about building up a network of real people for whom you care and with whom you want to create a better world where interaction among men is permeated with respect, courtesy, consideration and self-giving love.

Father Fabrice Loschi



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