

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &  
MASS SCHEDULE

3 JULY 2016  
SEVENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST



SUN 3 July	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 4 July	Feria <i>4th Class, green</i>	No Mass
TUE 5 July	Saint Anthony Mary Zaccaria <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 6 July	Feria <i>4th Class, green</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
THU 7 July	Ss. Cyril & Methodius <i>Bishop, Confessors</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 8 July	Saint Elizabeth <i>Queen of Portugal, Widow</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 9 July	Our Lady on Saturdays <i>4th Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 10 July	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

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

**Children's Catechism:**

Saturdays: 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:  
Sundays after the 10am Mass.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Today.** 2nd Collection for the Dominican convent in Tynong, Australia.

**Month of July.** Month of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. Daily recitation of the litany of the Precious Blood in SSPX houses.

“The interior life is like a sea of love in which the soul is plunged and is, as it were, drowned in love. Just as a mother holds her child’s face in her hands to cover it with kisses, so does God hold the devout man.” *St John Mary Vianney*

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## THE NECESSITY OF SACRIFICE

On the 1st July, we celebrate the feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus that was instituted in 1849 by Pope Pius IX. If the feast is recent, the devotion is as old as the Church because it is through the shedding of His Blood that Our Lord Jesus Christ saved us from the condemnation of Adam and Eve.



*This thorn from Christ's crown of thorns (Andria, Italy) bleeds each time that Good Friday falls on 25 March.*

*It has done so again this year.*

The Son of God could have saved mankind in the twinkling of an eye, it would have been so easy for Him, but instead, He chose extreme suffering—the terrible Passion and Death on the Cross.

Though sinless, Jesus died on the Cross to expiate the sins of men. How could we, sinful that we are, escape the punishment due to sin and go through life on earth without suffering? That would make the reward and glory of Heaven rather cheap.

Our Lord showed us the way. Pain and suffering are then necessary in order to secure one's salvation. They are also a means to prove one's love for God and for one's fellow men: *"Greater love than this no man hath, that a man lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15.13). Through suffering, our prayer becomes also more efficient and more meritorious. This is what Our Lady reminds us of in her apparitions in Fatima. Suffering is not a senseless burden placed on men's shoulders or a curse. It is a way of showing the greatest charity in obtaining and securing the eternal salvation of sinners:

- **"Do you wish to offer yourselves to God, to endure all the sufferings that He may please to send you, as an act of reparation for the sins by which He is offended, and to ask for the conversion of sinners?"** ... **"You will have to suffer a lot, but the grace of God will be your comfort."** (*First apparition of Our Lady in Fatima*)

- **"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say often this prayer, especially during any sacrifice: "O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of poor sinners, and in reparation for all the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."** (*Third apparition*)

- **"God is glad of your sacrifices."** (*Fifth apparition*)

In our modern times, the man who best exemplified in his life the value of shedding one's blood for the salvation of men is Padre Pio. All the wonders he worked and the healings he performed, both physical and spiritual, cost him tremendously.



Once, a girl asked Padre Pio if the wounds hurt, and he replied: "Do you think that the Lord gave them to me for a decoration?"

Fra Modestino in his book, *Io... Testimone del Padre*, reveals some aspects of the suffering of the Padre. He was asked to sort out Padre Pio's belongings after he had died; while he had a look at the Padre's vestments, scarves, undershirts... overwhelmed he suddenly uttered these words: "blood, blood, everywhere blood!" Even the Padre's handkerchiefs with which he used to wipe his face during Mass were stained with blood. No wonder Padre Pio told Fra Modestino in 1947: "My son, my life is a continuous martyrdom."

Padre Pio experienced the scourging at the pillar once a week; on top of suffering from his five wounds, he also suffered the crowning of thorns: "Often during the Mass, Padre Pio used to put the middle finger of his right hand at his temple as if he was trying to lift something that caused him pain," said Fra Modestino. The stain on his undershirts showed that he also suffered the carrying of the Cross.

Padre Pio lost 50 g of blood a day, which in 50 years amounted to 900 kg. "If you knew how much I suffer! he told Fra Modestino; "we are in the middle of winter and at night I am covered with only a bed sheet and yet, I wake up soaked in sweat."

Despite the dreadful pain caused by his stigmata, Padre Pio performed voluntary penances. He slept only 2 hours a night (from midnight to 2 am), ate very little (30 g of food a day) and made sure he would not indulge in anything superfluous: he did not take any coffee or spirits. On Christmas Day only would he take coffee: "It is Christmas, we have to celebrate!", he would say. During an illness, Father Raffaele da Sant'Elia in Pianisi brought him a cup of coffee every morning in his cell. On the third day, Padre Pio told him, "That's too much luxury!" and he did not take coffee anymore.

God does not expect us to be like Padre Pio, but at least He expects us to celebrate the coming feast of his Most Precious Blood with great fervour and deep gratitude.

*Father Fabrice Loschi*