

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &  
MASS SCHEDULE

9 OCTOBER 2016  
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

SUN 9 Oct	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 10 Oct	Saint Francis Borgia <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 11 Oct	Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>2nd Class, white</i>	17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
WED 12 Oct	Ferial day <i>4th Class, green</i> <u>Monthly Requiem Mass</u>	11.30 – Requiem Mass
THU 13 Oct	Saint Edward <i>King &amp; Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 14 Oct	Saint Callistus I <i>Pope, Martyr</i> <i>3rd Class, red</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 15 Oct	Saint Teresa of Avila <i>Virgin</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 16 Oct	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next Sunday 16 October.** Food fair after the 10am Mass.

**Tuesday 11 October.** “Tuesdays with Mary”. Sign up sheet for potluck in the vestibule.

Fr Couture will be in Singapore from 1 to 5 December 2016.

**Rosary Crusade: don't forget to place your tokens in the box**

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

**Children's Catechism on Saturday:**

Older Group (13-18 years) 14:45-15:30

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-16:15

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# THE BIG PROBLEM OF THE DAY

*Can a woman forget her infant, so as not to have pity on the son of her womb? and if she should forget, yet will not I forget thee. Isaias 49.15*

In the Holy Scriptures as well as in the books written by saints and spiritual writers, the love of God for us is compared to the love of a mother for her child. God is so good to us, loves us so much that as a mother who would give everything for her offspring and even her own life if necessary, so God does with us.

Now, thinking of this comparison between God's love and a mother's love, we make the dreadful discovery that in our times, it has lost most of its relevance.

Indeed, would one still use the love of a mother to describe the love of God today? There are so many mothers who do not show any love for their children that it seems the comparison falls short. A look at the zeal (or rather rage) displayed by women fighting for abortion will convince you.

In the same line, Our Lord in the Gospel exhorts his listeners to behave like children in order to enter the Kingdom of God. Would you recommend today's children's behaviour as a guide for holy living? Isn't it a fact that modern children's attitude has become more a source of heartache than of imitation?

Beauty and charm of motherhood, innocence of childhood are not as obvious as they still were not long ago.

What has gone wrong in our society for even the most beautiful realities of human life to be found missing? The answer resides in a single word: Selfishness. Selfishness is the plague of our times.

Not so long ago, society was fostering a sense of duty in its members. One would gladly sacrifice oneself for the common good. A missionary would be ready to die for his faith, a soldier for his country, a father for his children.

Now, the only thing worth serving is ME. My interests, my welfare, my body, my freedom. The rest is acceptable insofar as it serves the purpose of satisfying my ego. If it doesn't, I dispose of it without a second thought.

In our world, the giving of self has been replaced by the "what's-in-it-for-me?" mentality; self-denial has given way to self-centredness. How much has been lost in the deal!

Human relationship has been reduced to a one-way street. All roads do not lead to Rome anymore, they lead to Me! I am the centre of gravity of the world and all should pay homage to me.

Nastiness, jealousy, impatience, intolerance, anger are on the rise in a world where everyone becomes the unique centre of attention. No wonder why the power struggle for public recognition has been reaching unheard-of heights and intensity in the past decades with tyrants taking power and ruthlessly crushing their opponents during large-scale terror campaigns because no other law was acknowledged but the law of self.

As Catholics we have the duty to remind our fellow men that there is a superior Law that has to be obeyed: the Law of Charity preached by Our Lord Jesus Christ. With it, human relationships are turned into the most pleasant experience. Without it, they become a foretaste of hell.

It is then important we do our utmost to make our community a haven of friendliness and mutual support. If we don't, we are Christians by name only and won't be treated better than the Pharisees of old by a Master who insists that we be perfect as our Heavenly Father is.

Saint Augustine reminds us that the earthly city is built on the love of self, even to the contempt of God, while the heavenly city is built on the love of God, even to the contempt of self (*in City of God XIV, 28*). Our programme is all set, we just have to work on it.

Jesus showed us the way. Love for God, love for one another, spirit of sacrifice; these are the marks of a true Catholic life.



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