

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

7 MAY 2017
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
EASTER

SUN 7 May	Third Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class, white</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass
MON 8 May	Feria <i>4th Class, white</i>	No Mass
TUE 9 May	St. Gregory Nazianzen <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 – “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
WED 10 May	St. Antoninus, <i>Bishop, Confessor, 3rd Class, White</i> <i>Ss. Gordon Epimachus Martyrs (comm.)</i>	10.50 – Rosary & Benediction 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 11 May	Ss. Philip & James <i>Apostles</i> <i>2nd Class, red</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 12 May	Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancrace <i>Martyrs</i> <i>3rd Class, red</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 13 May	St. Robert Bellarmine, <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor, 3rd Class, White</i> <i>First apparition of Our Lady in Fatima</i> <u><i>Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary</i></u>	10.50 – Rosary & Benediction 11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 14 May	Fourth Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class, white</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 on
Saturday:**

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

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-
16:15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today Sunday 7 May. Second collection for SSPX schools.



Next Sunday 14 May. Food fair after the 10am Mass organised by Mrs. Sumantri.
Proceeds go to MI.

Thursday 24 August. Confirmation ceremony by Bp Fellay at 18.30.

Rosary Crusade: don’t forget to place your tokens in the box.

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to “Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X”



IT STARTS WITH GOD



The number of books on self-help available in newsagents is mind blowing. The popularity of this kind of literature is an indication that there is a need for it. If people were happy, they would not read about recipes for happiness in 12 steps or so.

I don't know if readers become happier after going through the pages of these books, but one surely does: the author who cashes in!

Why are those books successful? Mainly because they pretend to speak about the person you are most interested in: You.

Often using Christian concepts, they eventually deceive because they do not lead the reader to the real source of happiness. One of these famous sayings they use is "It starts with you!" It is a truth of spiritual life that in order to change one's life, to change the people around us and eventually to change the world, one must work on oneself first ("It starts with you!"), but this can be achieved only in reference to God. Starting for the sake of starting won't lead you very far if you are not pointed to the right direction.

If you are in search for guidance to direct your life on the path to fulfilment and serenity, don't read books on self-improvement. It is far more beneficial to discover or rediscover the treasures of the Bible instead. The Book of Proverbs, for instance, is full of beautiful insights on how to deal with people (husband, wife, children, friends, acquaintances...) and events (marriage, business, poverty, wealth, suffering...) in one's life.

The words in the Bible are Divine words; they carry a weight no mere human book can compete with.

Going back to "It starts with you"; this advice finds its origin in verses like this one from the Book of Proverbs: **Prov. 16. 32 - The patient man is better than the valiant: and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh cities.** In other words, power lies in self-discipline; change yourself, and you will change the world.

Some verses in the Book of Proverbs are easy to understand like the following ones:

Prov. 1.7 - The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Prov. 9. 8, 9 - Rebuke not a scorner lest he hate thee. Rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. This is so true. It is

useless to try to correct some people when we know they cannot take a remark well. God Himself tells us here not to bother!

Prov. 12. 1 - He that loveth correction, loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is foolish. This completes the previous one. Knowledge and improvement require humility.

Some verses are less easy to understand; they require reflection and meditation, which is excellent for they oblige us to deepen our knowledge of Scripture:

Prov. 5. 15 - Drink water out of thy own cistern, and the streams of thy own well. It means that one must look after his own family, his wife, husband, children. It could be paraphrased thus: "Mind your own business and do not waste your time with strangers that could bring harm to your possessions."

Prov. 5. 16 - Let thy fountains be conveyed abroad, and in the streets divide thy waters. It means that the good reputation of a man is spread around through the deeds of his children in the places where they go and work.

Here are three more verses for our instruction:

Prov. 6. 6-8 - Go to the ant, O sluggard, and consider her ways, and learn wisdom. The lazy is put to shame even by animals.

Prov. 12. 21 - Whatsoever shall befall the just man, it shall not make him sad. The upright man will never be despondent.

Prov. 13. 24 - He that spareth the rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him correcteth him betimes. Parents are reminded of their duty to bring up their children properly and discipline them.

You see, there is plenty for everyone to learn. God is Wisdom; in reading His Word, the Bible, we can't help but become wiser. So, start reading now!

Father Fabrice Loschi