

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

3 FEBRUARY 2019
FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER
EPIPHANY

SUN 3 February	4 th Sunday after Epiphany <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 4 February	Saint Andrew Corsini <i>Bishop, Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	<u>06.45</u> – Low Mass
TUE 5 February	Saint Agatha <i>Virgin, 3rd Class, white</i>	No Mass
WED 6 February	St. Titus <i>Bishop, Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i> St. Dorothy, <i>Virgin, Martyr (Comm.)</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
THU 7 February	St. Romualdus <i>Abbot, 3rd Class, white</i>	No Mass
 FRI 8 February	St. John de Matha <i>Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i>	18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 9 February	Saint Cyril of Alexandria <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i> St Appolonia, <i>Virgin, Martyr, (comm.)</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 10 February	5 th Sunday after Epiphany <i>2nd Class, green</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

Confessions: 30 minutes
before Sunday Masses;
Thursdays and Fridays: 17:45;
Saturdays: 11:00.

2nd Collections:

1st Sunday of the month *for the chapel loan reimbursement.*
3rd Sunday of the month *for the chapel/priory maintenance.*

Children's Catechism on Saturday:

Pre Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
1st Communion: 14:45-15:30

Post Confirmation: 14:00-14:45
Older Group (13-18 years): 14:45-15:30

Mass Stipends:

One Mass: \$25
Novena: \$250
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000



MILITIA IMMACULATAE

RECOLLECTION/CONFERENCE

Preached by Rev. Fr. Karl Stehlin,
International Director of MI /
Superior of Eastern Europe

Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019
Venue: Priory of SSPX Singapore

Programme

0800 Low Mass
1000 High Mass
1130 First conference
1200 – 1400 Lunch Break
1400 Conference
1500 Rosary
1530 Conference
1630 Enrolment ceremony MI
1700 Benediction

**** If you need more information about our event, please drop a note with your contact details into the MI Box.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday 3 February. Blessing of throats after Mass.

Absence. This week the priests attend the priests meeting in Manila.

MI Enrolment. Whoever is interested to enrol as knights may fill in the enrolment forms at the MI corner and out them in the box so that we can be prepared. There is a catechism primer sheet in same plastic stand for them to prepare.

Arconfraternity of St. Stephen. On Sunday, 3 March, there will be a ceremony of enrolments of altar boys.

Retreat. 25-30 March. Preached in Penang by Rev. Fr. Summers.

Parish Picnic. Sunday, 31 March. Details will follow.

Landline. The priory has a new phone number. The old one has been disconnected.

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Rev. Fr. P. Summers (District Superior), Fr. B. Wailliez (Prior & District Assistant), Fr. E. Demornex (District Bursar)

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FENG SHUI IS SUPERSTITION

Feng Shui is a form of Chinese geomancy which is a method of divination. In short, it is a superstition based on the Taoist belief that the land is alive and filled with chi.

Using the principles of the I Ching, a divinatory tool, it is used to orient buildings or determine which areas of the home are "positive" or "negative" depending on how the furniture is arranged, which direction the home is facing, etc. This "science" becomes very complicated with all kinds of factors coming into play, such as how many chairs should be in a room, where to hang a mirror, where the stove and sink should be placed in a kitchen, etc. For this reason, people often hire Feng Shui experts to guide them in how to make their home more harmonious and peaceful.

Clients are told to define the feng shui energy map of the house (called the Bagua) by using a compass in order to determine which areas of the house are connected to specific areas of life. For instance, the southeast area of the home is connected to the flow of money into the home (if only it was that easy). If a person needs to improve their health, specific furnishings such as plants and wood furniture should be added to the East area of the house.

A person is also directed to determine their "lucky directions" so they can adjust their bed, desk, or dining room seating in those directions.

Needless to say, none of these views are compatible with Christian teaching. Of course, all divination is condemned (Catechism No. 2116). Superstition is also denounced in the Catechism (No. 2111) because "it can affect the worship we offer the true God such as when we attribute an importance in some way magical to certain practices otherwise lawful or necessary." When we attribute some kind of magical power to the placement of a bed or chair to improve our luck, we're engaging in the same kind of superstition we would be if we carried a rabbit's foot in our pocket.

Why practice feng shui, gather round fruits or wear polka dots when you can directly ask God for blessings and graces for the New Year? Welcome the New Year

but stop doing feng shui and other New Year superstitious practices. Feng shui paves the way to attacks of the devil and violates the first commandment, which shuns the worship of false idols. If we really want a peaceful home, have it blessed by a priest and keep blessed objects and pictures on display. More importantly, strive to always live within this home in the peace of Christ by staying close to Him in prayer and the frequent reception of the Sacraments.

Other superstitious beliefs

"Mancy" is a suffix derived from Latin *-mantia*, from Greek *-manteia*, from *mantis* meaning diviner or prophet. Words that often end in *-mancy* are words that therefore refer to divination. First among the popular *mancies* is geomancy of which feng shui is a form.

Some popular *mancies* are:

Geomancy is divination by signs in terrestrial substances (found in feng shui principles) which seeks to manipulate the flow and direction of

energy based on aesthetics, location, and position of objects and buildings.

Cartomancy is fortune-telling or divination using a deck of cards.

Oneiromancy is divination by dreams.

Necromancy is divination through so-called apparitions of the dead or spiritism (including the conjuring of the dead through the ouija board) or through apparitions of various kinds, which may be either external or in the imagination.

Hydromancy is divination by signs in water (including dowsing or water divining).

Aeromancy is divination by signs in the air.

We should stop patronizing superstitious beliefs associated with feng shui and other esoteric beliefs associated with the new age religion and theosophy.

Sources: <https://www.manilatimes.net/catholic-priest-faithful-feng-shui-attracts-devil/152635/>
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