

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

24 FEBRUARY 2019
SEXAGESIMA
SUNDAY

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

SUN 24 February	Sexagesima Sunday <i>2nd Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 25 February	Feria <i>4th Class, violet</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 26 February	Feria <i>4th Class, violet</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
WED 27 February	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	07.15 – Low Mass
THU 28 February	Feria <i>4th Class, violet</i>	18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 1 March	Feria <i>4th Class, violet</i> <u>First Friday</u>	19.00 – Sung Mass <i>Benediction & first Rosary</i> 21.30 – Second Rosary 22.30 – Stations of the Cross 23.30 – Third Rosary
SAT 2 March	Our Lady on Saturday <i>4th Class, white</i> <u>First Saturday</u>	6.30 – Meditated Rosary and <i>Benediction</i> 7.25 – Low Mass
SUN 3 March	Quinquagesima Sunday <i>2nd Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Faithfuls' Library. You may now borrow books from the library located in the cry room.

Ash Wednesday. In view of Ash Wednesday, kindly bring back your blessed palms.

Retreat. 25-30 March. Preached in Penang by Rev. Fr. Patrick Summers. Enrolments are now closed.

Parish Picnic on Sunday, 31 March. Come join two of our priests for a fun-filled sea-front experience for both children and adults at the Changi Civil Service Club, culminating with a BBQ. Two-way transport will leave the Priory at 2.30pm and bring all back to the Priory by approx. 8pm. Please sign up after both Masses on 24th Feb and 10th March 2019. A donation of \$20 per adult is recommended. If you are interested to sponsor / donate any amount for this event, please let us know during sign up. Thank you very much!

Priests' Schedule. Fr. Summers will be back on 5 March. Fr. Demornex on 4 March.

Banns of marriage. Mr. Ben Yeo and Miss (Mikaela) Shariel Ng Huan Tin intend to get married on May 1, 2019. If you know any impediment to this wedding, contact Fr. Wailliez promptly.

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ST. GABRIEL OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows wasn't always a saint. In fact, for many years he was quite the opposite.

Born Francesco Possenti in 1838, he grew up in a household where devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows was a hallmark of family life.

During his early life Possenti had much in common with the "troubadour" of Assisi, and was a popular young man at parties. While attending the Jesuit College at Spoleto, he embraced whatever kind of entertainment he could find. Later Possenti wrote in a letter: "I assure you that, if I had remained in the world, it seems certain to me that I would not have saved my soul. Tell me, could anyone have indulged in more amusements than I?" He especially enjoyed the dancing scene and was nicknamed "the dancer." His friends also called him *il damerino* ("the ladies' man") for his popularity among women.

Yet, God never stopped pursuing Possenti. Twice Possenti fell ill and was miraculously cured. Both times he promised God that he would enter religious life and both times quickly forgot about it. Then one day during a procession he looked up at a banner of Our Lady Help of Christians. He sensed Our Lady was looking right at him and heard the voice, "Keep your promise."

This cut right through Possenti's heart and he resolved to follow through and enter a religious order. He entered the Passionist Order on September 21, 1856, and was given the name Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. He was 18 years old. Gabriel threw himself completely into a life of holiness and did whatever it took to draw closer to God, and the religious life made him happy: "The happiness and joy that I enjoy within these walls is unimaginable". His greatest loves were Jesus Crucified, the Eucharist and the Virgin Mary. However, he wasn't graced with any extraordinary spiritual gifts or experiences. He simply lived fully

the life of a Passionist and strove for perfection. Gabriel is known for writing: "Our perfection does not consist of doing extraordinary things but of doing the ordinary well."

Ever popular and cheerful, Gabriel quickly was successful in his effort to be faithful in little things. His spirit of prayer, love for the poor, consideration of the feelings of others, exact observance of the Passionist Rule as well as his bodily penances—always subject to the will of his wise superiors—made a deep impression on everyone.

His superiors had great expectations of Gabriel as he prepared for the priesthood, but after only four years of religious life symptoms of tuberculosis appeared. Ever obedient, he patiently bore the painful effects of the disease and the restrictions it required, seeking no special notice.

In the convent of Isola when the first rays of sun were entering his cell on the morning of February 27, 1862, Gabriel was consumed in an ecstasy of love and surrounded by the religious that were crying by his bed, he abandoned the earth and went to heaven, invited by the Virgin Mary. Gabriel was eventually beatified in 1908 and canonized in 1920.

He is known as a special patron of young people, students, seminarians and clerics.



His Words:

"Love Mary! She is lovable, faithful, constant. She will never let herself be outdone in love, but will ever remain supreme. If you are in danger, she will hasten to free you. If you are troubled, she will console you. If you are sick, she will bring you relief. If you are in need, she will help you. She does not look to see what kind of person you have been. She simply comes to a heart that wants to love her. She comes quickly and opens her merciful heart to you, embraces you and consoles and serves you. She will even be at hand to accompany you on the trip to eternity."