

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN
& MASS SCHEDULE

19 MAY 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER EASTER

SUN 19 May	4 th Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class, white</i>	8:00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass
MON 20 May	St. Bernardine of Siena <i>Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	18.30 - Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 21 May	Feria <i>4th Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.30 - Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
WED 22 May	Feria <i>4th Class, white</i> <i>Monthly Requiem Mass</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass (<i>Requiem</i>)
THU 23 May	Feria <i>4th Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 - Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 24 May	Feria <i>4th Class, white</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 25 May	St. Gregory VII <i>Pope and Confessor</i> <i>3rd Class, white</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 26 May	5 th Sunday after Easter <i>2nd Class, white</i>	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



Catholic Youth Movement of Singapore

FAITH FORMATION
To grow spiritually and intellectually in our faith

APOSTOLIC ACTIVITIES
To be Instruments of God in the spirit of charity

RECREATION
To foster fellowship and friendships among youths

WE WELCOME ANYONE AGED 16-30 TO PARTICIPATE!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Duty. Catholics are bound to receive Holy Communion at Easter time (from Passion Sunday to Trinity Sunday) and confess their (mortal) sins at least once a year.

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to "Friends of the SSPX"



THE WASH OF THE SHEEP



Recently, I sat by a window overlooking a little lake. I happened to witness a remarkable event. There was a wooden dock extending into the lake, and a flock of sheep—clearly against their own inclination—was driven out onto that dock. As the animals arrived at the end of the dock, one after the other was taken and, without hesitation, thrown into the deep water. When they emerged from the water, they swam toward the shore, bleating miserably. There, the whole process was repeated a second and third time. The color of the water showed how necessary the wash was for the sheep. When everything was done, the lambs got back together with their mothers, and a happy bleating was heard. Now the animals realized that the wash had benefited them. The shepherd had a contented look on his face and caressed his sheep. I noticed that he had treated his animals carefully, with a certain tenderness. He had spared the lambs a second plunge, since their coat was less dirty than the long wool of the older animals. He had acted like a good shepherd, just like he would lead them to green pastures and a cool spring at other times, and just like he would carry on his arms little lambs that were tired.

The wash of the sheep became for me an image of the cleansing tribulations that we have to suffer here on earth, in order to reach the joy of the resurrection. On different occasions, we have experienced similar things. We are cast

into some suffering and are almost incapable of keeping our head above water. And then there are ever new hardships which drag us down, the waves crashing over us. How difficult is it to get to shore, when worries drag us down like the wet coat drags down the sheep! When we get out just barely, and we think we can rejoice in our relief, to our great distress we become aware that the whole misery starts all over again, that we have to fight the flood once more.

We would lose our courage if we didn't think of the Good Shepherd who doesn't send us any unnecessary trials, but knows what he allows us to experience. When you have to fight your way up from the depths of misery, don't look at the current suffering, but at its future blessing. Let us think about the Lord who, immediately after his resurrection, showed himself to be the Good Shepherd. When the disciples on their walk to Emmaus didn't understand why their master had to suffer and die, he explains, "Did he not have to suffer all this and thus enter into his glory?" Final clarity will only be given to them at the end of the day, when they recognize him by his breaking the bread. It is up to him to choose when to give us clarity. But one thing is certain: Everything that he lets us experience shall make our souls as clean as white wool (cf. Is 1:18).

Based loosely on C. H. Spurgeon.