



INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH

March 12-13, 2016 151 Hong Feng Road, Pudong, Shanghai 201206, China 浦东金桥红枫路 151 号靠近碧云路

RECEIVING COMMUNION Only baptized Catholics who have received *First Holy Communion* may receive Holy Communion. Adults and children who have not received first communion *cannot* receive Holy Communion.

RITE of CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULT (RCIA): A process for those who are curious about the Catholic Faith and who wants to become Catholic. Appropriate for people ages 7+ who are not yet baptized, for those who have been baptized in another faith and would like to become Catholic, and for Catholic who have not completed all of sacraments of initiation. Contact I-Chien at icliou@yahoo.com for more details.

PARKING: For everyone's safety, please park your car for free at the Marriott Pudong East basement garage on Xin Jin Qiao Lu across from the Church for Mass attendees. Please refrain from parking in the Church courtyard, except for the elderly & handicapped.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

185 Dongjiadu Road

English Masses:

Sat 5pm; Sun 11:00am

ST IGNATIUS CATHEDRAL

158 Puxi Road, Xujiahui

English Mass: Sun 12 noon

ST PETER'S CHURCH

270 S Chongqing Road, Puxi

English: Sat 5:00pm; Sun 11:00am

Korean: Sun 5:00pm

<http://SPICES.internationalparish.org>

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, March 13

1st Read: Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalm: Psalms 126:1-2,2-3,4-5,6

2nd Read: Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel: John 8:1-11

Monday, March 14

1st Read: Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62

Psalm: Ps 23:1-3,3-4,5,6

Gospel: John 8:12-20

Tuesday, March 15

1st Read: Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm: Psalms 102:2-3,16-18,19-21

Gospel: John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 16

1st Read: Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95

Psalm: Daniel 3:52,53,54,55,56

Gospel: John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 17

1st Read: Genesis 17:3-9

Psalm: Psalms 105:4-5,6-7,8-9

Gospel: John 8:51-59

Friday, March 18

1st Read: Jeremiah 20:1-13

Psalm: Psalms 18:2-3,3-4,5-6,7

Gospel: John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 19

1st Read: 2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16

Psalm: Psalms 89:2-3,4-5,27,29

2nd Read: Romans 4:13,16-18,22

Gospel: Matthew 1:16,18-21,24

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday Mass March 20th, 10:30am

Holy Thursday Mass March 24th, 7:30pm

Good Friday Mass March 25th, 7:30pm

Easter Vigil Mass March 26th, 9:30pm

DAILY LENTEN CHALLENGES FIFTH WEEK OF LENT



March 13

Reach out to someone who is alienated from your group.

March 14

Spend the day fasting from consumerism.

March 15

Sit in the Chapel for fifteen minutes of quiet prayer. Let it be a prayer of affirmation.

March 16

Surprise someone with an act of kindness.

March 17

Invite a friend who has been away to come to Church with you! Participate as fully as you can at Mass.

March 18

Think about what God is asking of you in your current situation.

March 19

Count your blessing in a prayerful way.

Soup & Bread Donations for Stations of the Cross

Youth Group and Adult Faith Formation are leading the Stations of the Cross on March 18th. Any family wanting to bring in a pot of soup and bread to share is welcomed. Make the Stations of the Cross part of your Lenten journey to Easter! Come out as a family. Any cook that brings in soup can drop it off before hand in Room 104 before 6:30pm.

Volunteers Needed!

See back for more info!

CHURCH CLERGY

Rev. Joseph Zeng: Pastor of the Chinese Community

Rev. Francis Fang: Pastor of the International Community

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

Chinese: 7:00 am

English: 10:30

Saturday

Chinese: 7:00 am

English: 5:00 pm

Weekdays

Chinese: 7:00 am

CONFESSION

20 minutes before English Mass.

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Sundays after Mass & Mondays at 10:30am in Room 104 (except during public & school holidays.)

Easter Egg Hunt



For those families celebrating Easter mass with us, there will be coffee for the adults and plastic eggs filled with candy for the kids. Stay after mass to enjoy the children discovering hidden eggs. Hot coffee will be donated by Zoo Coffee and New York Dental Clinic.

YOUTH RALLY CONCLUDES THIS WEEKEND!



The first ever Shanghai Youth Rally hosted by Sacred Heart of Jesus was this past Friday and Saturday! At the time of writing this article, we were at 80 registrants and counting! I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the people that came

forward to be a part of it and to make it a reality! Look for reflections and pictures to share the wonderful event in future bulletins. God is good, all the time. Warmly, Lisa D'Souza. (T-shirt logo designed by Benii van der Maas)

SHJ Youth Ministry

Welcome! You are invited. Youth Group gathers on Friday, March 18 from 6:30pm-8:30pm. All 6th-12th graders welcomed! Pizza dinner served. Theme is on loss and grief. Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

An Emmaus Experience A Retreat for Men April 1-3

CALLING ALL MEN OF THE INTERNATIONAL PARISHES IN SHANGHAI! When was the last time you did something just for yourself? The Men's Emmaus Retreat is just the way to begin. It is a time to renew and deepen your relationship with the Lord. It is a vehicle to meet other men in the parish who are also looking for friendship and fellowship with other Christian men.

The retreat will be held at Guang Qi Retreat Center, Jin Ze, Shanghai. Transportation is provided. Cost is 700 RMB (includes room, board and program). Register after all Masses through March 20th.

For more information, please contact either: Rory Thomson by email rory.ft@hotmail.com or by phone 137.6430.8648; or Shih-Ping Liou by email shihpliou@gmail.com or by phone 181.0188.5935.

Volunteers Needed!

The SHJ Communication Team is looking for a graphic artist with knowledge of Adobe Illustrators and Photoshop, and a Web Manager familiar with CSS. If you or someone you know might be interested please contact us at:

communications@sacredheartpudong.com.

Thought of the Day

Your sin is not greater
than God's mercy.

- Nouman Ali Khan

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading
Isaiah 43:16-21

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 126: 1-6

Second Reading
Philippians 3:8-14

Gospel Reading
John 1-11



Gospel Reflection

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter among Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees, and a woman caught in adultery.

The Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law.

However, Jesus avoids the trap by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone.

Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. (Source: Loyola Press)

For additional community resources and information, please visit our website:

www.sacredheartpudong.com

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