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貧窮人的聖誕節--任致遠神父的臨別贈言

Christmas of the Poor People---Greetings from Rev. Jeanne

雖然耶穌在傳教的時候沒有承認自己是君王,但在受難的時候,祂告訴比拉多自己是猶太人的君王(若18:37)。之後,有些猶太人不滿意十字架上的罪狀牌寫著「耶穌,猶太人的君王」,他們告訴比拉多:「該寫他自己說:我是猶太人的君王。」但是比拉多回答他們說:「我寫了,就寫了」(若19:22)

耶穌真是君王,可是我們看福音的時候,就會有很多問題。為什麼猶太人的君王連枕頭都沒有? (瑪 8: 20)為什麼這位君王沒有錢納稅? (瑪17: 27)而且,耶穌和門徒們那裡來的錢買日用的食糧?其實這些錢,不是他們自己的,而是一些婦女給他們,因為她們曾經獲得耶穌的恩惠(路 8: 2-3)。我們可以肯定,耶穌自願選擇過貧窮的生活,祂認為這樣的生活更有意思。祂傳教的時候,從未賺取過金錢或者使自己的生活過得舒適一點。

耶穌的誕生和祂的生活是一致的,沒有矛盾,相反地是完美的連續性,祂是一生過著貧困的生活。猶太人君王的誕生不是發生在耶路撒冷的美麗王宮裡面,而是在白冷的馬槽裡面。為什麼?因為村莊的人不歡迎若瑟和瑪利亞,他們不願意接待這樣窮的客人。若瑟和瑪利亞當然沒有工人為他們服務,我們很難想像他們要花多少工夫才可以把馬槽打掃乾凈,成為適合小嬰兒出生的地方。

什麼人曾來拜訪耶穌?不是高級顯要的人,而是貧窮無知的牧羊人。本來有一位君王黑落德很想來白冷見新生嬰兒,可是他的目的並不是拜訪祂,而是殺死祂 (瑪 2: 16)。耶穌的父母為了保護祂,立即逃跑到埃及,過著流亡的生活。為了保存聖家,他們也接受了重大的考驗。

Never did Jesus Christ pronounce that he was king when he was preaching for His kingdom. However, when he was on trial and tortured, he told Pilate that he was King of the Jews (Jn 18:37). Later, some Jews were angry of the notice, which was fixed to the cross; for it ran: 'Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews' . So the Jewish chief priests said to Pilate, 'You should not write "King of the Jews" , but that the man said, "I am King of the Jews" . However, the arrogant governor just ignored them and said, "What I have written, I have written." (Jn 19:22)

Yes, Jesus Christ is the King, though we still have many questions when we read the Gospels. Why did the King of Jews have nowhere to lay his head? (Mt 17:27) Why did he have no money to pay the half-shekel? (Mt 17:27) How did Jesus and His Twelve meet their daily expenses? In fact, there were a group of women provided for them out of their own resources, because they were helped and certain women cured of evil spirits and aliments by Jesus. (Lk 8:2-3) We can still be sure that Jesus chose a humble life, and he believed that the life in poverty was more meaningful for him. When he preached and proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God, he never tried to make profit for a more comfortable life.

The ways that Jesus Christ was born and that he led his life in adulthood were so congruent: there was no conflict between the two, but were continuous and harmonious in a perfect manner. In fact, he spent his whole life in Jerusalem in poverty. The King of Jews was not born in the splendid palace in Jerusalem, but in a shabby stable in Bethlehem. Why? It was because the people in the village did not welcome Joseph and Maria to their places, they refused to receive them because they were poor. Joseph and



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在香港,聖誕節已經成為商業活動的時機。每一商店都裝飾得很美麗,而且有很吸引的廣告鼓吹大家消費;例如在聖誕期間去外地旅遊、送精美禮物給親友、去酒店或高級餐廳食聖誕大餐,甚至聘請聖誕老人在派對中派禮物等等。

這樣的活動可以和福音的精神配合嗎? 耶穌從出生至死亡都是過著很簡樸的生活, 祂最喜歡接觸的是小人物。教會懇請我們使聖誕節成為貧窮人、病人、弱勢社群、被看不起的人的節日, 這些小人物都是耶穌最喜歡的。

讓我們在聖誕期間,去敲隔鄰老人的門,送給他們一些問候。去去時有病的親戚或留在醫院的朋友。去去時代可能一年沒有見面的年老父母,是他們多些時間,使他們不會覺得這大人,因為沒有們的人。我們主意小人。我們在這麼的人、軟弱的人。我們在這他們物質享受的社會,是很容易忘記他們物。

耶穌正在等待我關心這些弱小的人, 祂才對我說: 『我父所祝福的, 你們來罷! 承受自創世以來, 給你們預備了的國度罷!』(瑪 25: 34)

祝大家聖誕快樂!

英譯: 林昭寰

Maria, of course, did not have servant to help them, and we just could not imagine how long they spent to clear up the stable, so that it will become a proper place for the newborn baby to come to the world.

Who were the people who came and visited Jesus? Not the celebrities or important persons, but the poor and illiterate shepherds. There was a King Herod who wanted to come to Bethlehem and visited the newborn baby. Yet, his intention was not merely a visit, but a plot to kill Him. (Mt 2:16) For the sake of security of Jesus, His parents fled to Egypt and lived there in exile. They were greatly challenged in order to protect this Holy Family.

In Hong Kong, nevertheless, Christmas is not remembered for the sake of Jesus but turned into mere business opportunities. Every shop will be well decorated, lots of adverts put up to encourage consumption, and these pleasure-seeking activities are promoted: excursions in Christmas holiday, expensive gifts presented to friends, feasts in luxury hotels or restaurant, or having parties at home with a "paid Santa Claus" ...

Do these activities match with the spirit of our Gospels? Jesus had been leading a humble and plain life, from cradle to grave. The people He enjoyed accompanying were those from the lowest class of the society. Hence, the Church suggested us to make Christmas a festival of the poor, the sick, the deprived, and of those who are socially excluded, for our Lord love them.

During Christmas, let us knock at the door of the elderlies who live in the neighborhood and send them regards. We can visit our relatives who are sick, or the friends who are ill and stay in the hospital. We can also accompany our elderly parents who you might have not met for more than one year, share some time with them, talk to them, so that they will not feel lonely. Perhaps, we can give a "red packet" to the cleaners and security guards of your block, for their contribution has not been recognized anyway. Let us pay more attention to the weak, to the people who are "insignificant", to the "small potatoes". When we ourselves are dwelling cosily in this materialistic and hedonistic world, we will forget them easily.

Jesus Christ is waiting for us to care and concern the weak and the poor, and that is why He will say to us, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take as your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world." (Mt 25:34)

Happy Christmas to you all!

與主相遇

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Carol Wong



在束慈主世聖身人聖獲恩一之小慈一回禧愛各,塵能罪全香蒙,城悲月想年,地讓世通之大港主在市禧中在,賜大我的過旅赦亦厚這就年結此蒙予開們罪朝,之是愛小大

開了七處聖門。為我們青衣教友更有福的就是聖 門在我家。

說到朝聖能獲得恩寵,今日我想為大家分享一次與主相遇的深切體會。此事發生在去年花地瑪朝聖之旅的第一個朝聖點,葡萄牙的桑大林(Santarem),那裡曾發生聖體轉變為血肉,並流出聖血的奇蹟。如今兩塊聖物均保存在桑大林的聖斯德望堂,而引發這件事的婦人及其丈夫所居住的房子於1684年改建為聖堂。

事緣1266年2月16日,一位住在桑大林的婦人因懷疑丈夫是否愛她,於是去找一個巫婆,巫婆要她到聖堂偷一塊聖體,用來檢測先生對她的愛。婦人信以為真,在領聖體時即把聖體由口中請出來,包在手絹中,準備送到巫婆那裡。但在不多時間裡,有血從聖體中流出,而血量竟大增至從手絹中滴出。於是引起旁人的注意,人們看到那婦人的手和臂上的血,以為是她受了傷,急忙前來想幫助她,她卻心慌迴避了。

她跑回家後,打開手絹看看發生什麼事,驚見聖體中流出了聖血,她不懂是怎麼一回事,於是將聖體放在一個箱子內。但在黑夜裡有神秘光芒從箱中射出,穿透木板,照得滿室光明,像白天一樣。婦人的丈夫看到這奇妙的光景,便質問



太太,婦人說出了整個事實。於是二人跪伏在聖體前整夜祈禱,至清晨喚醒本堂神父來,到他們家裡取出聖體,並舉行隆重的遊行,將聖體帶回聖斯德望堂。聖體一連三天流著聖血,於是人們將聖血放入珍貴的聖物盒中,妥善保存。幾世紀以來,聖體在不同時機下還是會流出聖血,人們依稀可從中看到主耶穌的面貌。

我要分享的奇妙經驗是,當我們進入此聖堂時,對上一個團體仍在舉行彌撒,因此信友可在遠處遙望安放在聖物盒內的聖體(平日若不是舉行彌撒,聖物櫃的門是關上的。)我亦靜靜的跪下遙望著主耶穌的聖體,定睛注視一段時間後,我閉上雙眼祈禱,就在閉目期間,我看到主耶穌的面容出現在我剛才注視聖體的位置,就在一片黑暗中立體浮現。我可以清晰看到主耶穌以慈悲的目光注視著我,讓我心內充滿被愛的感覺。

你可能會想這是真、是假、是幻覺?為我這罪人而言,沒有真或假,只有感謝!感謝主能與我相聚,我亦十分珍惜能與主相遇的機會。心中有主,自能隨處是主!





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慈悲禧年之領禱員分享



主的慈悲和奧蹟;為現今紛亂的世代帶來了更新的啟示和意義……』,領禱培育聚會的內容還言猶在耳,如今「慈悲特殊禧年」已經閉幕了,「領禱」這份特殊的職務也同時結束了。但我的心內,實是百感交集!

在這聖年中,衷心感謝上主的眷顧,使我有幸參與領禱及統籌朝聖的工作。由最初的一籌莫展,到漸漸領會如何因應朝聖團體的不同對象、年齡、人數以及朝聖時間和個別需求等等,來為領禱程序中作出適切的協調,當中的學習,教我獲益良多。而從聖年開始至今,本堂已接待超過190個朝聖團體,為數約有10,700人。他們都表示很感激領禱員們的熱心接待和講解,讓他們在朝聖的過程中更容易明白天主的美意。同樣地,我也非常欣賞作為領禱員的我們能為上主的善工付出熱誠、努力和奉獻,在此也特別為領禱員的神益感恩和祈禱!

最後,即使慈悲特殊禧年閉幕了,但只要我們繼續 敞開自己的心扉,以言以行來宣揚天父慈悲的奧蹟,相 信我們仍能看到並令眾人也看到;上主的慈顏和祂的聖 殿依舊為每一個教友敞開著慈悲的聖門。

領禱員: 黃文珊



慈容彰顯現世人, 悲天憫人展愛心。 朝向天父覓慈顏, 聖寵恩澤爰無間。

領我近主求寬宥, 禱告頌讚語呢喃!

領禱員: 鄺國全



"My Lord and My God" - the well-known line of St. Thomas' is my personal

favorite, the line that I always say as my prayer during the consecration whenever I attend mass.

Being part of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy Pilgrimage volunteer team in our parish was a rare experience. It was an experience that you cannot attain every month or every year, and thus my husband Edmund and I feel so blessed and happy that we spared some of our time to serve assisting the pilgrims from various communities. It is a great privilege to constantly serve our church and on our part, we had the chance to learn a lot about our second home including its structure, images and the symbolism

behind everything. My personal favorite is the 160year-old Tabernacle located at the

underground chapel of the Church, I was amazed by its history and learned the reason why a single fish is engraved in front of our Church doors!

With the theme from the Gospel of St. Luke 6:36 "Be merciful just as your Father is merciful" - the Holy Doors from all the chosen beautiful churches will all be closing this November as the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy is coming to an end. I am praying that through my personal experience I will be able to be more forgiving, slow in judgment and love others without expecting to be loved in return.

Gina & Edmund

堂家組

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堂家組成立至今已約有十年歷史,最初成立 是由當時(2006年)本堂主任司鐸閻德龍神父發 起,目的是以家庭牧民小組為基礎,藉著每年舉 辦不同的公教婚姻紀念活動、婚姻講座和每次聚 會的聖言或聖經分享,希望鞏固堂區內每對夫婦 的婚姻關係;善度公教家庭信仰生活;亦在主的 眷顧和祝福下,使每對夫婦好好地培育下一代的 公教子女,彰顯聖家的德訓。

現時堂家組人數約為十四人,包括八個家庭,神師為白德蘭修女。約每兩個月開會一次,會中主要商討舉辦活動的主題和工作的分配;除此之外,我們很著重靈修上的婚姻培育,每次會議都有聖經或主日家書分享,藉此加深會中的表端相互間的溝通和認識;還對在舉辦活動時困難或困擾,按照福音精神和教會的訓導給予我們每年還會舉辦夫婦靈修避靜,令夫婦有機會沉澱一下,反省和檢討相互間的矛盾,重而尋找到共識的解決辦法。

在現今社會裡, 家庭常面對種種問題和困 難:例如離婚率高企、家庭成員間的關係疏離、 夫婦間相處中未能尋找到共識、在物質豐盛和個 人電子產品下,與子女的相處時間越來越少,子 女教養的問題也越難解決,這些都令我們明白『 培育』的重要性。為了有效地推廣宗教信仰的婚 姻和家庭生活,特別設立一個小小的圖書閣,收 藏的書藉多是有關夫婦相處之道、子女的教養問 題或婚姻培育等等,十分歡迎堂區教友在主日十 一點彌撒後借閱,藉此給予多一渠道作自我培 育。另外,每年我們都會舉辦夫婦培育講座,目 的是除了令家長多了解時下青少年的想法,不致 於默守成規地用一般傳統的方式去教養子女,反 而可以用共融的宗教理念去培育子女; 亦有些講 座的內容是令子女更明瞭自身的特質, 正確地發 展所長。

而一年一度的〔終身為伍,共拾溫馨〕婚慶 紀念活動,感覺更特別有意思;每年我們會邀請 主題: 如何維繫恆久的婚姻關係? **2016** 夫 场 日 巻 講者: 李福生執事(教區婚姻與家庭牧民委員會主席) 10月1日(そ期六)



婚齡有五年或其倍數以上的堂區夫婦一起慶祝。 慶典中夫婦會再一次宣讀結婚的盟誓和接受神父 的降福,這部份是最能打動夫婦們的內心情感, 令他們加深和重認對婚姻所許下的諾言,更 氣地一同面對生活上所遇到的困難。此外,還有 粵曲福傳和夫婦靈修營等活動,都有賴堂區的夫 婦們鼎力支持,才得以順利舉辦。展望未來,我 們期待有更多堂區夫婦生力軍加入這個善會,我 們期待有更多常是,好能舉辦更多創新活動來培育公 教夫婦和推廣宗教信仰融入家庭當中。

註; 如有興趣加入堂家組, 請聯絡堂區辦事處





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7月3日 主保瞻禮











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8月28日 長者及傷健人士慈 悲禧年朝聖活動



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9月25日 嬰兒領洗



10月23日 新界西南總鐸區2016年傳教節感恩祭





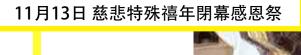
10月30日 任致遠神父 歡送會



11月6日 新教友到聖母神樂院朝聖



11月20日 明愛賣物會







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有幸以義工身分參與2016波蘭世青, 完全是天主的 安排。事前全沒有相關想法的我連世青有義工一職都不 知道。在得知申請被收錄之後,心裡都有或多或少的憂 慮,因為我從未參加過世青,又不清楚到步後住宿、膳 食和工作等安排(直到出發前一天才被通知)。因此,我和 朋友的對話當中提到這次的"旅行"時,我更需要學習 交託。與此同時,又如前教宗聖若望保祿二世所說,在 天主上智的安排下,一切絕非偶然。所以在些許的憂慮 下我又抱著一份期望, 見證天主這次的安排。

到步後,大大小小的"奇蹟"都有在我身上發生。 最為我深刻的是在我剛到步後,我在趕上那班快要開往 我住宿地方的巴士途中,有一名當地教友說他也要到附 近,可以直接載我到住宿Wisła的地方去。為我更方便的 緣故,我接受了他的邀請,乘坐他的私家車往Wisła去。 在車開了不久以後, 我目睹一則巴士交通意外, 而那名 當地教友亦告訴我發生意外的那輛巴士正正是我原來要 乘坐的那一輛!

世青期間,我被派去為殘障人士服務。在服務的過 程當中,我認識了來自不同地方的義工。經過與其他義

的耐心。

【在天主上智的安排下, 一切絕非偶然】 聖若望保祿二世

已故教宗聖若望保祿二世這句說話成 了今屈普世青年節香港教區團的金句。今 屆世青在波蘭克拉科夫,亦即是聖若望保 祿二世的家鄉。我參加了今屆世青的香港 教區團, 教區團把世青活動劃分為三個部 分:避靜、當地堂區家庭體驗、世青節會 期。但我比其他參加者多一份體驗, 因我 是教區團的其中一位籌委。的確, 世青為 一位公教青年來說真是一份天主的禮物, 在旅途當中每位參加者都會尋找自己的信 仰道路, 尋找與天主相遇的經驗, 慢慢地 就會發現"天主在我身上行了奇事"

還記得一年多之前收到甘神父一個邀請 電話,他在電話中問了我三句話:「你有 去過世青嘛?你打算參加今屆世青嘛?有 興趣幫手做籌委嘛?」就這樣我就在還沒 答應的情況下參與了第一次籌委會了, 在 一年的籌備工作中, 我不斷地學習, 學習 做一個負責任的人, 學習做一個懂得照顧 他人的籌委, 當中發現原來天主已經給了 我很多智慧。

【避靜在信仰路上的重要】

第一部的避靜是要讓我們腦筋放空 -會,把在平時日常的煩惱全交給天主, 好讓在大自然的寧靜中與天主修補關係。 我就在這短短五日的避靜中, 透過每日祈 禱、靜默、休息,好好地為自己的身心靈 充電, 因為知道接着的世青行程是非常 ,需要龐大的體力。

在避靜中, 神父每朝都為我們教理 講授, 藉著每日不同的主題導引我們默想 與基督對話,期間我們可以約見神師,我 曾經與神師探討了自己的信仰、家庭、事 業、愛情及很多的"心底話"。談話間就 好像耶穌的臨在,一切都覺得十分安心, 心無牽掛地導出所有, 所以要感謝神師們

【因為我餓了, 你們給了我吃的; 我渴了, 你 們給了我喝的;我作客,你們收留了我。】瑪

工的交流後,我發現 有些義工在信仰的路

上正在尋找/肯定自 己的聖召; 亦有些義

工希望在自己的信仰 上找到一份肯定; 亦 有些義工對信仰的熱 忱不大, 只為求結識

更多朋友。在他們身

上, 我看見天主, 看

同的計劃。這令我反省天

波蘭人的文化是十分好客的,當我們入住 接待家庭時,大概是因為大家懷著同一信仰, 作為家主的"爸爸媽媽"都會對我們付出無私 的照顧,每一日的活動都會怕我們得不到溫 飽, 會為我們準備一大袋食物, 當我們完成了 一整日的活動,雖然他們知道我們已經十分疲 累,但都想爭取每分每秒與我們交談,分享每 日的體驗, 而我住的家庭是音樂世家, 我們更 會以歌聲一同向天主頌讚。

7月24日主日為我來說是永遠難忘的。在彌 撒結束前,本堂神父向全體教友宣佈今天是我 的生日, 立即整個聖堂充滿生日歌聲, 最後神 父更為我祝福! 試問有甚麼比起在天主的聖殿 內慶祝生日更大的喜樂呢?

【去冒慈悲的險吧!】 教宗方濟各 — 世青節與青 年聚會

教宗方濟在會期中的一次講道裡, 鼓勵青 年人要為慈悲做見証,要為慈悲冒險。當踏入 世青正式會期期間, 我們的確有多點冒險的經 歷;包括住宿、交通、活動場地,在途中不停 充滿著變數。如住宿方面, 我們整團被安排入 住學校禮堂,當中洗澡設施更被受考驗,學校 負責人只安排了露天淋浴給男生, 而且沒有暖 水! 在波蘭晚上只有十二度的氣温, 真是一個 考驗, 我們籌委們只可向天主祈禱, 希望沒有 參加者病倒。

【我們不是為混日子而生,而是為留下印跡而 來】 教宗方濟各 一 世青節守夜禮

波蘭這個國家曾經受過共產黨的極權統 當我與當地信徒分享中國和香港的事時, 大家都會有一種共鳴,但教宗在守夜禮跟我們 說: 「我們不要以更大的仇恨戰勝仇恨, 不要 以更大的暴力戰勝暴力。」我們對此硝煙世界

Jonathan (在前排中間蹲下) 在世青最後一次彌撒後 見祂在不同人身上有着不

與組員合攝

主在我身上其實有什麼計劃,祂有沒有希望我為祂做些什麼。

除了在義工身上,在我所服務的殘障人士身上我亦有所得 著。在世青所有的禮儀當中,不論雨天或晴天,我都看見有許多 殘障人士因能參與其中而感到喜悅。在他們當中有些人甚至連過 程當中是在做什麼都不知道,但他們那顆朝拜上主的心絕對不比 其他人小。或許當我們都拋棄在生活中追求其他物質上的享受 時,我們才真正轉向天主,轉向那位賞賜我們日用食糧,永遠慈 悲的父。

總括而言, 經過世青以後我明白到, 由我自小每星期有機會 參與彌撒聖祭, 到參與2016波蘭世青, 一切絕非偶然, 亦不是我 所能揀選的,而是天主揀選了我。在世青之後,我亦明白如何在 生活中做一個更好的基督徒,這就是天父給我的一份功課。最後 都讓我們彼此代禱,特別為青年人的聖召和殘障人士祈禱。

曹駿星

的回答就是「友愛、兄弟之情、共 融和家庭」。

在步行向朝聖地點期間, 很多 時我都會同時拿著中國國旗和香港 區旗,當與其他國家青年交流時, 我都會說出很多現在中國教會被迫 害的事,亦會與他們論及香港的政 治環境, 目的不是要他們覺得我們 正在分化, 而是希望有朝一日天主 的愛會充分地降臨中華大地, 我更 懇請他們多些為中國教會、為受壓 迫者祈禱。

【耶穌希望作我們生命行程的導 航】 教宗方濟各 一 世青節閉幕彌撒

世青的分享有很多很多,未 能在此一一詳說。在旅途中每個人 都曾經有笑有淚, 大家都是真誠 的,是天主為我們獨立所塑造的, 世青的經驗使我和天主修好關係, 使我的生命更加美好。有人問我有 否為下屆世青準備?的確,世青對 公教青年是有一種微妙的吸引, 我 會跟隨天主安排而行, 步向天主, 與主相遇。

教 宗 在 閉 幕 彌 撒 中 對 我 們 說:世青節「今天才開始,明天還 要在家中繼續進行」。因為,耶穌 從今以後希望在家中與青年相會。

2016普世青年節教區團 梁嘉偉





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The real joy of Christmas come when we give place for God in all our hearts

Merry Christmas!

From the Legion of Mary



May the peace and blessings of Christmas be yours; And may the coming year be filled with happiness.

Merry Christmas! From the Choir Ministry



As the Nativity angel proclaimed good news of great joy for all people (Lk 2:10), may this Christmas season truly bring all of us glad tidings and great joy! May each one of us, through our speech and friendliness, be agents of good news. Likewise, may

friendliness, be agents of good our faces and demeanor always display the evidence of great joy! Maligayang Pasko sa lahat, at maligayang kaarawan, a Hesus!

Christmas blessings

Moses & Dondi Catan

Missions Directors

Elim Communities



In the classic book A Christmas Carol, Ebenezer Scrooge is a man that cares for no one. No one cares for him. He keeps as much money as he can. Spends as little as he can. There's not a kind word you can find for him...even if you try!

But how? On Christmas Morning itself, does he wake up and transform himself into a benevolent, loving and generous person. A man that gives his life to helping others, donating to the poor, supporting his sole employee's invalid son, and asking his nephew for forgiveness.

Why? It is all a realisation...

On the night of Christmas Eve, the spirit of his late business partner, along with the spirits of his past, present and future all visit him, showing him how his life comes to be, as well as the dreary future that awaits.

With this terrifying sight, Ebenezer is moved. His miserable life comes about his focus being solely about

money, and nothing else. On Christmas Day wasting no time, he changes his focus to caring about people, and starts using money for good it can do.

The radical shift in his way of living, all stemmed from the new purpose he makes his life to be.

Now I don't know when my past, present and future spirits will ever visit me, and that doesn't matter. Because Now is all we have to work with, and most importantly we can be assured. God is always there to guide us, no matter the time of day...

So let's not wait, Christmas is nearing! In the midst of all this coming celebration and joy. Let's step back and think, how can we make this Christmas a purposeful one? Whose Purpose are you putting first?

God Bless,

Brad Dias

English Youth Group



Once in every year we are given a chance to spread joy and cheer. We hope we can learn to do this all year round!

May the good times and treasures of the present become the golden memories of tomorrow.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2017!

Collectors Ministry

Jhoan (Head), Jacky (Asst. Head), Harlem. Ma. Vicky M., Vicky SP, Nora, Marina



"The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other...."

It was another typical day, school day. I opened the huge glass doors leading out of the lobby and into the hustle and bustle of the morning commute, when a cold waft of crisp air brought a whiff of sweetness and that familiar joyful feeling. Besides 24 Oras' nightly reminders that in "36 days Pasko Na!" This was an unmistakable sign that the Christmas season is just around the corner, and Christmas vibe filled me and reassured me that I'd get through the day.

I wouldn't call our celebration of Christmas traditional. Typically, we visit our relatives in the Philippines ahead of time and my mom, dad and I travel abroad on Christmas Day. But Christmas would never be complete without attending the Midnight Mass, partaking in our simple yet festive Christmas dinner and the obligatory Christmas Eve movie night accompanied by a sumptuous dessert.

We don't wrap our Christmas gifts and stack them under a Christmas tree either. Actually, we don't buy a lot of presents for each other. Sometimes there may

May all the sweet magic of Christmas conspire to gladden everyone's heart and fill every desire for love, joy and peace.

May the true meaning of the holiday season fill your heart and home with good health and many blessings.

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Reader/Lectors Ministry

Marilyn (Head), Janine (Asst. Head), Camille, Milyn, Rachelle, Michelle, Angelica, Christian, Eloisa, Eunice, Elizabeth, Diza, Liezl, Cielo, Sally, Kumi and Hannah



In this coming Christmas, may everyone feel God's presence and experience the wonder of his Love. Let us keep our faith and hope in Him as with God, everything is possible. Let us cleanse our hearts and be free from sins and together celebrate the good news that our saviour was born.

Have a joyous Christmas and Blessed New Year!

Eucharistic Ministry

be this game or this model car I've fancied, but never anything too lavish. We do assemble a Christmas tree and decorate it with colorful balls, vibrantly



hued ribbons, and sweet smelling pinecones. Being a Catholic family, we always have this small but beautifully crafted manger under the tree to remind us the reason for this season-the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And to close, I would like to wish all the readers a Joyful and Blessed Christmas Season, and a Fruitful New Year filled with God's grace.

By Marcus Papa

Acolytes Ministry

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Advent Recollection with Sr Daisy Superable





Commissioning of Committee and Ministry Heads last Nov 27







Simbayanan Kammpi STEC Performance









堂區已亡者(4-11月)名單

請為本堂善別組(1/4至15/11)曾服務的亡者靈魂祈 禱:我們謙誠地求祢,以祢的憐憫收納以下弟兄姊妹,使 他們安息在祢的懷中,並得享天國的福樂!

林世榮 黃偉明 邱 先 李偉迪 劉旭倫 朱秀成李張榮 黎福棠 楊 超 梁 玉 許柳嬋 蔡慧芳 饒 珍 余文聰 伍星松 黃紹英 陳寶蓮 徐洪強左 明 余允光 黎媚笑 郭佩華 伍英薇 葉坤愛林耀燊 梁漢威

編輯組骨幹團員**徐洪強**先生 於2016年8月10日清晨在九龍 聖德肋撒醫院蒙主恩召,主懷 安息。

編輯组各成員深表哀痛,謹 此多謝徐弟兄多年來的努力付 出,我們會承傳他堅毅不屈的 精神和敢於創新的理念,繼續 為本堂服務。

2016聖誕節堂區活動

12月24日(星期六)下午5時至6時, 堂區在青衣城商場大堂報佳音, 敬請教友踴躍參加。

2016 聖誕節禮儀時間表

彌撒	日期	時間
聖誕節守夜彌撒(中文)	12月24日 (星期六)	晚上7時正
彌撒前聖詠祈禱		晚上11時正
聖誕節子夜彌撒(中文)		子夜12時正
Christmas Vigil Mass (English)	December 24 (Saturday)	9:00pm
聖誕節彌撒	12月25日(星期日)	按照主日各台彌撒時間
Christmas Masses	December 25 (Sunday)	According to the Sunday Masses
提前天主之母節暨除夕謝主彌撒(中文)	12月31日 (星期六)	晚上7時正
New Year Eve Mass (English)	December 31 (Saturday)	9:00pm

2017新年活動及禮儀

堂區活動	日期	時間
天主之母節彌撒	2017年1月1日 (星期日)	按照主日各台彌撒時間
Sunday Masses or New Year	January 1, 2017 (Sunday)	According to the Sunday Masses
Masses	2017年1月1日(星期日)	下午十二時半
嬰兒領洗		
堂區旅行	2017年1月2日 (星期一)	上午10時集合
(地點:西貢康樂戶外中心)	C.A.	
Church Picnic	January 2, 2017 (Monday)	10:00am
(Destination: Sai Kung Outdoor Recreation Centre)		