

ST. JEROME'S CHURCH - ENGLISH COMMUNITY

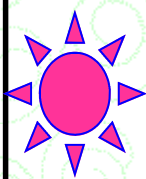
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*Take Your Rights seriously
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**12 years
ANNIVERSARY**

*Whoever does
what is right is
righteous,
just as Christ is
righteous.
1John 3, 7*

APRIL 2009 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	PLACE
Apr. 5 Palm Sunday / The Lord's Passion Sun.			
	9:30 am	Altar Servers	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Finance Committee	Rm. 406
	9:30 am	Editorial Group	Rm. 404
	2:00 pm	LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE	Church
	7:00 pm	PASSOVER MEAL	Church
Apr. 9 Holy Thursday			
	8:30 pm	Only Chinese Mass	Church
Apr. 10 Good Friday			
	5:00 pm	Station of the Cross	Church
	5:45 pm	Passion of the Lord	Church
Apr. 11 Holy Saturday			
	8:30 pm	Only Chinese Mass	Church
Apr. 12 EASTER SUNDAY - the Year B			
	11:00 am	Liturgy Commission	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Ushers	Rm. 411
	9:30 am	Eucharistic Ministers	Rm. 406
	10:00 am	Treasures' Meeting	Rm. 405
Apr. 12 Easter Monday			
Apr. 19 2nd Sunday of Easter - B			
	9:30 am	Migrant Desk	Rm. 410
	9:30 am	Choir Group	Rm. 411
	9:30 am	Martha's Group	Rm. 405
	9:30 am	Vocation Group	Rm. 406
	2:00 pm	Coordinating Committee	Rm. 405
Apr. 26 3rd Sunday of Easter - B			
	9:30 am	GENERAL MEETING	4th Floor

Each Sunday: Mass 8:00 am Adoration 5:00 pm

FOR OUR REFLEXION

THE RESURRECTION IN OUR LIVES

teaches that Christ takes up His residence within us. The Apostle Paul declares that His presence produces power, authority, capability, overcoming strength within us to live a life that is equal to every occasion. The Christian should be a vibrantly alive person indeed!

Despite the many pressures of our time, we celebrate the world's most important miracle, the most glorious event in the history of mankind, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Happy Easter to you! The Resurrection makes possible the great reality of "*Christ in you, the hope of glory*" (Col. 1:27). Christianity is the inner presence of our living Lord.

There are a lot of people who believe that God is basically against us, that He is a sadist, and that He wants to inflict pain upon people. After all, we see war and suffering and sickness and poverty and painful difficulties in most of our lives. As a result, many people have been tempted to misinterpret God and say things about Him that are not true.

Because this is the resurrection season, we do well to think anew of the glory of that occasion and its most fitting application to our lives. "What does it mean to us today?"

The resurrection means that we are forgiven of all of our sins. The Apostle Paul speaks most pointedly of this when he says that Jesus Christ "*was delivered for our offenses, and raised again for our justification*" (Romans 4:25). Did our dear Savior simply die as the hopeless martyr for a lost cause? The answer is "no," He is our glorious Savior. He triumphed over sin on Calvary's cross and we have evidence of this—the resurrection. Having been justified by His blood, we are confident of eternal salvation because Christ was raised again "because of " our justification. Christ declares all who believe in the finished work of the cross to be perfectly righteous. The proof of this is the resurrection. How marvelous is imputed righteousness!

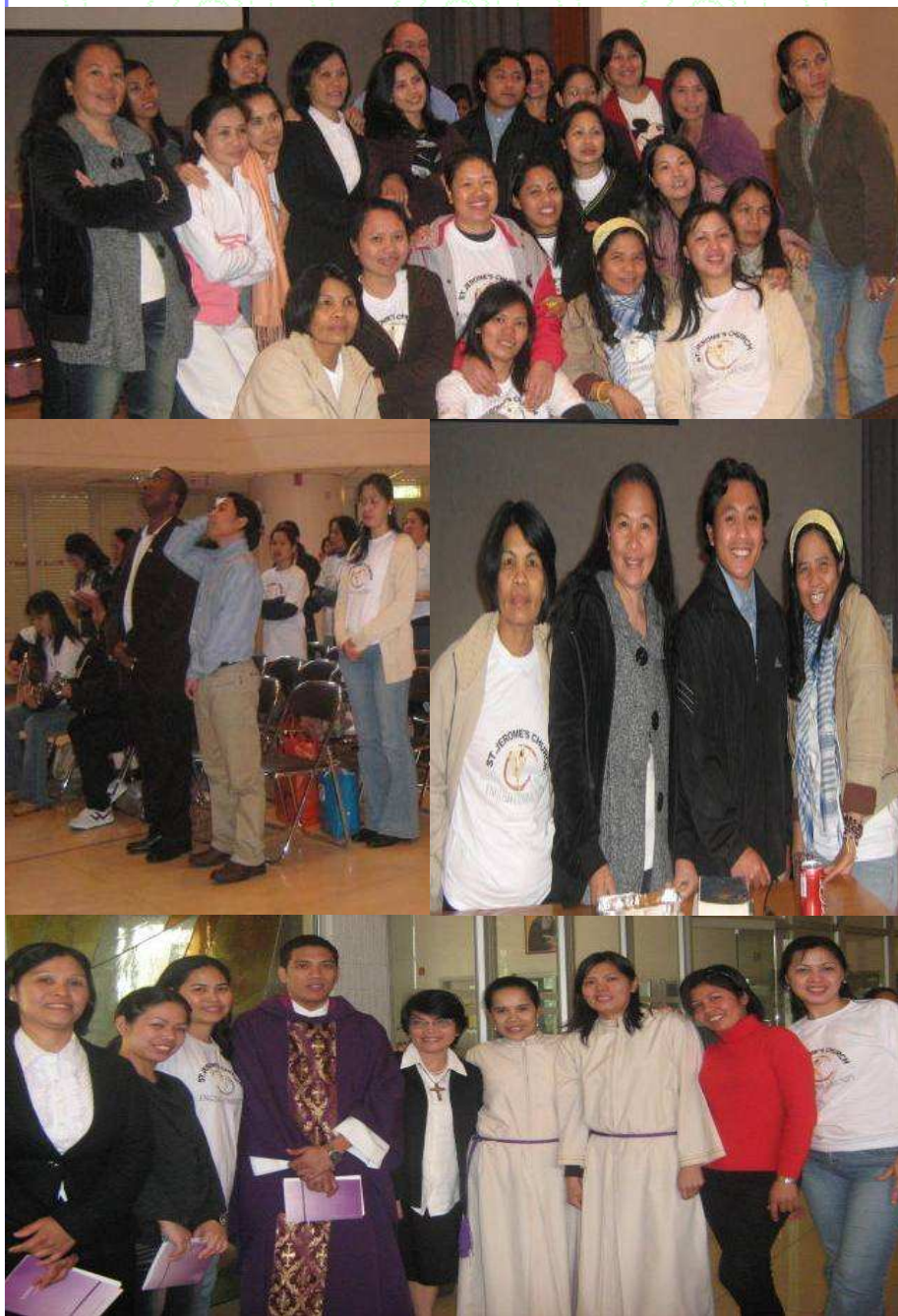
In the resurrection of Christ there is a new life to live. Speaking about His post-resurrection life, Jesus said, "*Because I live, you shall live also*" (John 14:19). Make no mistake about it, Christianity is a faith to believe, but it is also a life to live. The life of God in the lives of men is what Christ promised, and the proof of the validity of that promise was His own resurrection. **The empty tomb** proves it all!

In the resurrection of Christ there is power for all occasions. Stating the great remaining ambition of his life, the Apostle Paul said, "*That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection*" (Phil. 3:10). Thus the Bible

Therefore, as we celebrate the Easter season once again, we must remember that the resurrection of our dear Savior the Lord Jesus has awesome consequences in the life of all of us who believe. As we celebrate this Easter season, let us also consider the millions of our world who do not know the forgiveness and presence of Christ in their lives. Remember that the resurrection is a part of the Gospel. The whole Gospel is the marvelous announcement that "*Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures*" (1 Cor.15:3,4).

LENT RETREAT

The annual Lenten Retreat was on Sunday March 15 at 1:00 pm. It was a very important time to come back to our God and deepen our relationship with Him. The theme was: "**CALLING ME BACK**".



MIGRANT DESK CORNER



The right to silence and statements to the police or immigration officials

That sounds scary. Then I should not say anything to them?

That's right! Being arrested is very scary indeed. Therefore, it is always a good idea to first listen to what it is that the police or immigration officials are concerned about. So always try and listen first and if possible don't talk.

If I am arrested, is it legal for the police to search me?

Yes. The arresting officer may legally conduct a search of your person, including your pockets and your handbag. He/She may also take from you any property, which may be used as evidence against you, such as illegal drugs, stolen property or weapons.

What happen next?

The authorities, who are arresting you, should take you promptly to some place such as a police station or the immigration office. There, they may want to question you further. When you have been taken into a police station or the immigration office, you should tell them first of all, that you demand the assistance of a solicitor. Secondly, you must demand to make at least one phone call.

Who should I call?

This is a very important issue for anyone who has been arrested and detained. Many times people who are arrested do not make a phone call to someone who is able and willing to help. What happens in that case is that they disappear to help. What happens in that case is that they disappear from their friends and family until they are sent home. The problem is that if a person is arrested, no one who cares knows where she is being held.

Therefore this issue of insisting on being able to make a phone call is especially important. Most people today have cell phones, so if you have been arrested, make sure to inform as many people as you can.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES LENTEN OBSERVANCE

Palm Sunday.

This coming April 5th, we will have the blessing of the plants followed by the procession in the park behind the church. (The Parish will provide plants).

Penitence Service and Passover

Saturday, April 5th

The Community will organize a Penitence Service followed by the Passover Meal.

For more details and participation, please check the bulletin board posted on the lobby.

Holy Week

During the Holy week, our Church holds services to express and reflect on our Christian life and devotion. Please check the schedule of liturgy (p.1 of this bulletin).

The English Community will hold an Easter Tea gathering on the Easter day (April 12th).

Our New Parish Priest



Welcome
to our
Group!

The Parish: Chinese and English communities will join together and welcome the New baptized on April 19. The same day, we also welcome our New Parish Priest **Rev. Father CHAN TAK HUNG Philip.**

General Meeting

The community will be having its General Meeting on April 26 at 10:00 am (4th Floor)

MONTH'S SCRIPTURES



April 5: The Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Theme: Paschal Mystery

Readings: ♦ Mk 11:1-10
or Jn 12:12-16
♦ Is 50:4-7 ♦ Phil 2:6-11
♦ Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Passion Sunday begins the last week of Lent. It helps us reflect on the story of Jesus as well as our own story as followers of Christ. Together, we enter again in a special way into the paschal mystery. The liturgy begins with Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem but the mood quickly changes as we read the story of Jesus' passion and death. This helps us to recall God's great love for us, and how through his death and suffering, we have been freed from sin and given a new life. These are the most important days of the whole year. How will we enter into the spirit of the celebration?

April 11: Easter Sunday

Theme: Fullness of Life

Readings: ♦ Act 10:34, 37-43
♦ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Co 5:6-9
♦ Jn 20:1-9

Easter is a celebration of the central mystery of our faith. Birth, life, suffering and death all take their meaning from the death and resurrection of Je-

sus. By our participation in this Paschal mystery, we receive a special sacramental power and influence which strengthens our Christian life. "Truly risen, Jesus is the unfailing source of life and the outpouring of the Spirit upon each one of us. He is the firstborn and creates us as a new humanity."

April 19: 2nd Sunday of Easter

Theme: The Church, a Community of Faith.

Readings: ♦ Acts 4:32-35
♦ 1 Jn 5:1-6 ♦ Jn 20:19-31

Just as the first believers met together, shared their faith and their lives, worshipping together and strengthening one another to live as Jesus taught them, so too are we, the Church, called to be messengers of faith, peace and mercy to others. Even when we face persecution, criticism or derision, we know that Christ has triumphed over evil and He will save us. Jesus, the beginning and the end, is alive and present in our world today, especially through each one of us, his Church, a community of believers.

April 26: 3rd Sunday of Easter

Theme: Strengthen to serve.

Readings: ♦ Acts 3:13-15, 17-19
♦ 1 Jn 2:1-5a 1 ♦ Lk 24:35-48

It is difficult living as a Christian in a world where God is neglected by many. We need help and encouragement from others, especially during trying times. Jesus knew that his followers, the apostles would experience discouragement, uncertainty and doubt. His appearances strengthened and encouraged them. Today, we the Christian community also gain strength and encouragement from one another, and especially from Jesus in the Eucharist when we gather together for community worship. We give hope and faith to others by sharing and assisting those in need, and by being aware of all around us.





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