

**THE VOICE OF ST BERNADETTE**  
 16 November 2008  
 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Mon to Sat : 6.30am & 6.00pm  
 Sunday : 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.30pm

**CHINESE MASS SCHEDULE**  
 Sunday : 8.00am (Chinese)

**INDONESIAN MASS SCHEDULE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month: 3.30pm

**FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month: 1.00pm

**CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday : 5.30pm  
 Sunday : 7.45am, 9am, 10.30am, 5pm

**PARISH CENTRE SCHEDULE**  
 Mon to Sat : 10.00am-9.00pm  
 Sunday : 7.30am-7.30pm

**THE UPPER ROOM**  
 Open Daily : 7.00am to 10.00pm  
 (Close for cleaning on Sat 10am-12pm)

**GIFT SHOP SCHEDULE**  
 Saturday : 5.00pm-7.00pm  
 Sunday : 9am-12pm, 5pm-7pm



**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

*Towards SBC being a participatory church  
 in which everyone is co-responsible for  
 the overall care of the parish and shares  
 in the mission of Christ*

**TODAY'S READINGS**  
 (SUNDAY MISSAL PG 211)

**Gospel** Matthew 25:14-30  
 Life is a gift and a responsibility, Jesus says.  
 Be good and faithful servants.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31  
 Wisdom is likened to a perfect wife, who  
 cares for all and inspires all.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6  
 The future may be hidden from sight, Paul  
 tells us, but we do not live in the dark.

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS**

**Solemnity of Christ the King (34<sup>th</sup> Sunday &  
 Last Sunday in Ordinary Time of Year A)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** : Ezekiel 14:11-12,15-17  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** : 1 Corinthians 15:20-26  
**Gospel** : Matthew 25:31-46

**SPECIAL DAYS OF THIS WEEK**

Mon 17/11 St Elizabeth of Hungary, mw, religious  
 Fri 21/11 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin  
 Mary  
 Sat 22/11 St Cecilia, virgin, martyr

**AT THE UPPER ROOM**

All are welcome to these Prayer Sessions:

Tue 7.00pm-8.30pm	Divine Mercy
Wed 10.30am-12pm	Brazilian Group
Wed 8.00pm-9.00pm	Taize Prayer
Thu 7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Fri 7.30pm-8.30pm	Chinese Faith Comm
Sat 2.00pm-4.00pm	Living Stones
Sun 12.30pm-1.30pm	Filipino Legion of Mary
Sun 2.00pm-3.00pm	Tribells Club

**FREE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES – OPEN TO ALL**

Mon 7.30pm-9.00pm Bible Class by Fr. Chan  
 Wed 7.30pm-8.00pm Rosary @ the Grotto

**AT THE CANTEEN**

**FREE COFFEE & TEA FROM 9.00AM**  
**(WHILE 'STOCKS' LAST)**

**Weeknight Counseling Service by Family  
 Life Society available here.**

**Call FLS at 6382 0688 for appointment.**  
*(Counselors are not from our parish.)*

**PARISH NEWS**

**CHURCH RENOVATION FUND** - The Church Renovation Fund as at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 stood at \$2,043,611.54. Please continue to support our Church Renovation Project. Thank you.

**CHURCH OF ST. BERNADETTE BOWLING TOURNAMENT 2009, SAT 3 JAN 09** - A group of bowling fans & enthusiasts is coming together to organize the 2nd Church of St Bernadette Bowling Tournament to raise funds for our Church Renovation Fund and to promote interaction amongst parishioners. The 1st tournament in 2006 was very successful, attracting more than 20 teams. The Challenge Trophy was won by the team "City Bowlers". Who will be the new champion in 2009?

The Bowling Tournament will be held at Superbowl Mt Faber on 3 Jan 09 from 10am to 1pm. Bowlers are to form themselves into teams of 4 members and to give their team a name, eg. City Bowlers, High Rollers, etc. Each team will bowl 3 games and there will be prizes for: Champion Team, 1st Runner-up Team & 2nd Runner-up Team; Individual High Score – Man Series & Lady Series and Individual High Score - Man & Lady. The cost for each team is \$200.

Come, all parishioners and church groups, take part in the tournament and get to know one another better thru' fun & game. You won't regret it! For those who cannot join us for one reason or another, we appeal to you to support this event by way of a donation towards defraying the cost or you may sponsor some of the prizes of the tournament. Quick! Form your team and register with the Parish Secretariat at Tel. 67373529 as soon as possible. Closing date for registration is 20 Dec 2008. Registration Forms are available at church's main entrance and at Parish Office.

**MASS AND GATHERING ESPECIALLY FOR MARRIED COUPLES ON SAT 20 DEC, 6PM** - The Family Life Team of our parish has invited **Fr. Charles Sim (Jesuit)** who is the Spiritual Director of The Family Life Society, to celebrate the Sunset Mass here at Church of St Bernadette, on Sat 20 Dec 08 at 6pm. The focus of Fr Charles Sim's homily at the Mass will be the married couple, more specifically, Communicating about Spirituality between husband and wife.

After the Mass, there will be a gathering in the Canteen. We will have a simple dinner followed by discussion/clarification of the points highlighted by Fr Charles during his homily. Married couples are encouraged to come for this special Eucharistic celebration and spend a meaningful pre-Christmas evening together.

However, as places are limited for this follow-up programme, and, as we need to prepare enough food, we would appreciate it if those interested could register with us before 15 Dec 08. You could either register through the Parish Office or email to sbcfamily@hotmail.com, giving your name and contact details. If you are really busy, it will be fine if you only attend the Mass with your spouse and do not join the follow-up gathering. (Only those staying for the follow-up gathering & dinner need register.)

**ADVENT RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE BY SR. MARY CHUA** – The Retreat, scheduled to start on 29 Nov, is now postponed to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of Lent next year. Inconvenience regretted.

**BASIC FRESH FLOWER ARRANGEMENT COURSE** - The Church Flower Arranging Team has invited Ms Sandy Chiew from Hans Florist & Training Centre to conduct a "Basic Fresh Flower Arrangement" Course consisting of 8 sessions on the following Wednesdays from 7.30pm in the Church Canteen: 7, 14, 21 Jan, 4, 11, 18, 25 Feb and 4 Mar '09. Fees: \$280 inclusive of a pair of scissors & materials for the lessons. You'll get to bring home your creation after each session. Flower Arrangement is a natural, peaceful, therapeutic and useful skill. Do come and join us. Please register with the Parish Secretariat at Tel. 67373529.

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**Food & Fun Fair – Thank You** - Our Food & Fun Fair last Sunday was a huge success! Proceeds from last Sunday's fair surpassed all previous records.

Congratulations to the organizers, namely Angela Schooling, Catherine Lee, Cecilia Loke, Connie Lee, Dorothy Giam, Irene Lee, Janice Chan, Josephine Handojo, May Tan KL, Patricia Tham, Philip Lee and Yvonne. They worked extremely hard, sometimes past midnight!

Our ticket sellers worked very hard too, chalking up sales of more than \$130K even before the fair. Week after week, they made their rounds of churches, persuading & cajoling strangers to support our Church Renovation effort. Our heartfelt appreciation goes to these selfless helpers: Antonia Perumal, Sr. Bernadette Lim, Sr. Bernadette Yap, Carmel Perumal, Carol Tan, Catherine Gaspher, Catherine Ho, Catherine Sim, Christina Selvam, Christopher Sim, Dharshini Mohan, Elny Tantono, Francis Chan, Ging, Ginnie Ang, Jewel, Joanna Tan, Kang Min Jin, Kriston Yue, Liana Lee, Lisa Chen, Sr. Lucy Ng, Sr. Maria Lee, Maria Schooling, Marie Shum, Mark Deang, Sr. Mary Chua, Matius Abraham Koesnain, Mercy's helper, Michael Gomez, Nigel Gaspher, Paul Chan, Patsy & Jerome, Preeti Mohan, Priya, Richard Tabaluyan, Sheryl Fernando, Susette Deang, Stephanie Yeo, Thushani Fernando, Valerie Hong, Wong Ee-Lin and Wong San San.

What's more gratifying is that diverse church groups and individuals, be they stall holders or cleaners, came together to work as a team out of love for the parish. With such a strong spirit of a participatory church at work and with parishioners coming out in full force to support the Fair, we can confidently look forward to the successful completion of our Church Renovation Project – in time for the celebration of the Parish's Golden Jubilee in 2009. We praise and thank God for his blessings and our patron, St. Bernadette for her unfailing intercession. Thank you to one and all.

**SALE OF FOOD FAIR COUPONS - BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH** - Representatives from BSC will be here in our parish this weekend to sell coupons to their 45th Parish Carnival, taking place on Sun 14 Dec 08. Proceeds from the Carnival will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society, Blessed Sacrament Conference to support their outreach to the poor and less fortunate residents staying within their parish boundary. Please do give them your support.

**TICKETS TO LOURDES EVENT-** We have been given 60 extra tickets to the Lourdes Experience at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. Please register with the Parish Office with your name, I/C No. and Tel. No. as soon as possible if you are interested. However, our bus transport is full and you will have to find your own way to the Indoor Stadium. Tickets will be given out at the Canteen on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 12.00noon to those who have registered. So hurry, don't miss the opportunity!

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER MAJOR SEMINARY - 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS – ALL ARE WELCOME**  
Triduum Masses on 28-30 Nov @ Chapel, St Francis Xavier Major Seminary, 199 Ponggol 17th Ave:  
Mon 1 Dec, 6pm @ Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1259 Upper Serangoon Rd):  
25th Anniversary Mass : Solemnity of St. Francis Xavier. Celebrant: His Excellency, Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchio (Apostolic Nuncio to Singapore).

**ST JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION** – For parents enrolling your son for Sec 1, 2009, SJI is offering scholarships to P6 boys who have achieved a PSLE score of 258 or above. Walk-in interviews will be conducted immediately after the release of the PSLE results on Thu 20 Nov 08 from 1pm to 5pm and on Fri 21 Nov 08 from 8am to 1pm. Please visit the school office with your PSLE results. For more details, log on to SJI website at [www.sji.moe.edu.sg](http://www.sji.moe.edu.sg).