



Listening to Jesus



The theology of childhood describes how Jesus relates with children and reveals images of a Loving God. Although children enjoyed their families' affection as a gift and blessing, they were considered to be of lower social status in the biblical tradition. Children were vulnerable and subject to severe discipline but Jesus' attitude toward them is counter-cultural. Jesus rebuked his disciples, "**Let the children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of God.**" (Mk 10:14)

What Jesus did is to bring children into the center – to be seen and heard, not ignored and silenced. Jesus' welcoming and blessing children expresses his desire for their well-being and how we should treat them with love. Jesus wants us to be like children. Unlike adults who are self-reliant and makers of their own 'salvation', children can teach us about trust and openness to receive the kingdom of God. Children can be the model of how people should behave and live with one another in God's family. Like children, adults can put their trust in the goodness of God's welcoming love as our Father.

Demanding the sacrifice of Abraham's only child Isaac seemed contradictory to God's promise to him. It is shocking in today's culture.

But, this narrative tells us about the sacrifice of Abraham of his future dream and how he responded with gratitude and trust. Abraham knew that God can be trusted. He understood *all* is gift that belongs to God. Likewise, St Paul assures us, "*With God on our side who can be against us?*" God has given us the gift of His only Son, Jesus Christ. God did not spare his own Son. Jesus not only died for us, but He also rose from the dead, and so at God's right hand, He stands and pleads for us. Indeed, God's dream is bigger than ours, and God's love is a greater love that redeems and gives us a new life.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus invites his friends and us, to the mountain-top experience – where Moses and Elijah appeared with Jesus. Moses, who led the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and received the Ten Commandments, represents the Law that guides the lives of God's people. Elijah was one of the great prophets who helped the Israelites stay faithful to God, and whose return some Jews believed would signal the coming of the Messiah. Their appearance signified Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets, and that Jesus is the fulfilment of all the promises to God's people. The voice that came from the cloud further affirms Jesus' identity as "the Beloved Son". Jesus further

instructed his disciples not to tell anyone until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. Without witnessing Jesus' passion, death and resurrection, the disciples might not understand Jesus' Transfiguration.

At the beginning of Lent, Pope Francis told us, "*Lent is the proper time both to journey toward God and toward our brothers and sisters.*" In journeying and deepening our relationship with Jesus, we realize that "*salvation is not an ascent to glory, but a descent in love*". We are called to experience and share God's personal love for us in our Lenten journey.

The Biblical language of "touching" and "laying of hands" is also the language of blessing and of bestowing the goodness and salvation that comes from God. In Baptism, we become sons and daughters of God. In welcoming and putting children at the center, Jesus assures us that we are the object of God's love and affection. No matter our age, we have a place in the heart of our Father. Our Lenten journey invites us to discover our identity as God's beloved children who listen to Jesus Christ, His Beloved Son, and remain in His Love so that we can discover a greater dream and experience God's glory.

FR AGUSTINUS TANUDJAJA, SJ



Lent 2021

A Season of Renewal and Preparation



Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent after the 7pm Mass
Parishioners will need to have a valid Mass booking to attend.



Laudato Si' Lenten Reflection

Come and join us for a guided meditative walk around our Parish garden and reflect on how you can make a difference in caring for our common home.

Every Saturday during Lent: **27 February, 6,13, 20 and 27 March at 6pm.** To register, WhatsApp/ text Angela at 9664 2094.

For those who would like to do the meditative walk on your own, please scan the QR code to access the Lenten Reflection booklet and follow the sketch map.



Lenten Triduum Talk

Join us for a series of Lenten talks on **17, 18 and 19 March, 8pm - 9.30pm via Zoom.**

Day 1 - Conflict and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled with one another*

Day 2 - Sin and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled with God*

Day 3 - Vocation and Reconciliation: *Be reconciled for Mission*

Register at bit.ly/stigslentenriduumtalk21



Lent Reconciliation Service

Confessions will be available during Lent on the following dates:

Date	Time
Monday, 22 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	3pm to 5pm
Tuesday, 23 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Wednesday, 24 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Thursday, 25 March 2021	3pm to 5pm
Thursday, 25 March 2021	8pm to 10pm
Friday, 26 March 2021	8pm to 10pm

Booking details to follow.



Lenten Fast for the Poor

Enrich your lenten fast by donating the cost you save from fasting to the **Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) at St Ignatius.** In doing so, you'll be helping in their mission and outreach to the poor and needy.

You may make these donations via PayNow to **UEN T08CC4052A.** Indicate "Lenten Fast" as the reference.

Please refer to the Parish website for the latest updates on the full Lenten Programme.

PARISH NEWS

MARCH MASS BOOKINGS

Stage 2 Mass bookings opens on **2 March at 3pm** via myCatholic.sg. Parishioners will be able to book **ONE weekend Mass** and up to **FIVE weekday Masses** at each stage, subject to availability.

WEEKDAY MASS: Mon, Wed and Fri, 7.00pm
WEEKEND MASS: Sat 4.30pm and 6.00pm
Sun 8.15am, 10.15am, 12.15pm, 4.30pm and 6.00pm

All parishioners attending Mass are to use the **TRACETOGETHER app or token** to perform SafeEntry check-ins. Please continue to bring your NRIC/Work Permit to verify your Mass booking before you can be admitted to the Church Hall.

Parking is ONLY at the King's Road basement car park. Go to stignatius.org.sg and our church Telegram channel for updates, guidelines to the resumption of Masses.

CANCELLATION FOR BOOKED MASS

The cancellation cut-off time for Mass bookings has been **reduced from 48hrs to 24hrs as of 1 February.** If you are unable to attend a Mass you have booked, please cancel your booking early so that another parishioner may take your place.

WEEKLY SUNDAY REFLECTION with Fr Colin Tan, SJ. Please go to stignatius.org.sg/home/

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL COMMUNITY

Join us this **Wednesday, 3 March, 8pm** for our Reflections on "Listening to God" in our daily living. This Lenten period is a time to be still and reflect on what God is saying to us and how we should live our lives so we can be more like Him. Email us at cpg.cosi@gmail.com for more details.

LANDINGS@ST IGNATIUS

presents a testimony event: **Returned!** If you are exploring a reconnection with the Catholic faith, we welcome you to join us on **Saturday 6 March, 9.30am - 12.30pm** via Zoom. Please register at bit.ly/Landings-Returned-Mar2021 or scan the QR code by Wednesday, 3 March.



VISITING THE COLUMBARIUM

Our Columbarium is open for visits on Sundays, 9.00am-9.45am, 11.00am-11.45am, and 1.00pm-1.45pm; and Saturdays, 5.00pm-5.45pm.

For March bookings, please book at bit.ly/stigscolumbariumMar2021

If you need help in booking, please call the church office at 6466 0625 (Pauline/Suzie). After office hours, WhatsApp/Telegram/SMS 9675 6621.

Safety volunteers aged 65 or below needed for a new visiting session, **5-5.45pm on all Sundays.** Please message 9675 6621 if you are able to help. Thank you!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CATHOLIC200SG: FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

A showcase of Catholic musical talent, a celebration of the diversity of music in Singapore. All Catholic individuals and groups are invited to submit music videos of covers or original works by **31 May 2021.** For enquiries and submission guidelines go to catholic200.sg/catholic200sgfestival/ or email music200@catholic.org.sg

FEAST of Music
A Showcase of Catholic Musical Talent in Singapore

Submissions Now Open
Theme: **One Church, One Vision, One Body in Christ**
Closing Date: **31 May 2021**

All Catholic individuals and organisations are invited to submit music videos of covers or original works. Finalists will perform at the Catholic200SG Festival on December 2021.

An Official CATHOLIC200SG Event

CARITAS SINGAPORE - CHARITIES WEEK 2021

The season of Lent is the time when the Caritas Singapore conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign - Charities Week 2021. Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of Caritas Singapore to journey with the vulnerable and marginalised in our community such as low-income families, youth-at-risk, people with physical disabilities, and mental health issues.

Please pick up an appeal envelope and give generously. *All Donations are eligible for 250% Tax Deduction*

LENT AT ASSISI PROGRAMME

Lent at Assisi
17 Feb to 3 Apr 2021

As we celebrate Catholic200SG, live out the meaning of Lent at Assisi and join us to carry on our Mission of serving those in need by journeying with our patients and their loved ones.

Offer Your Helping Hand
Spend time to care for the more vulnerable among us. Choose from our list of volunteer opportunities during the 40 days of Lent to bring comfort to our patients and their families. For age 17 and above.
[SIGN UP NOW](#)

Offer Your Wallet
Make a pledge this Lent to give regularly. Give up your favourite weekly coffee/movie/little luxury and contribute **\$20 a month or perhaps \$200 a year to support our ministry.**

48% of our patients are poorest of the poor and receive tested to the lowest income level.
50% of our operating costs.
We are dependent on donations for about 50% of our operating costs.
In appreciation, you will receive a gift that is handmade with love by our FHM Sisters / patients.
[MAKE YOUR PLEDGE](#)

Offer Your Voice
Help us to spread awareness of palliative care!
♥ Share on your Facebook (on public setting) "Lent at Assisi" campaign webpage
♥ Hashtag #LentAtAssisi so that we can see your posts.
♥ Inspire your friends to do their part for palliative care with your sharing!

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