

# **非牧**乙鹭

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#### 引言

很多時,我們都會講論信德。在 福音中,耶穌常常講論信德。耶穌説: 「你們如果有信德,不疑惑,不但能對 無花果樹做這件事,即使你們對這座山 説:起來,投到海中!也必要實現。不 論你們在祈禱時懇求什麼,只要信,就 必獲得。」(瑪21:21-22)究竟信德是什 麼?在日常生活中,又怎樣實踐信德?

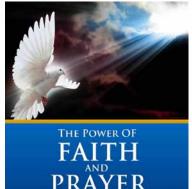
#### 理性上的認知

聖奧斯定指出越認識信仰,便會越 相信,越相信,便會越認識。如果我們

要相信,首先我們要認識我們所要相信的事物。如果我 們要有信德,我們便要認識天主,認識福音和認識耶穌 的説話。最近,我對剛領洗的兄弟姊妹説:「慕道期只 -個初階或一個入門,要深化信仰,便要每日閱讀福 音,這樣我們才能認識耶穌,和明白耶穌的教導。」當 我們認識和明白了耶穌的説話,才會相信耶穌的説話, 和把祂的説話,實踐在自己的生活中。表姊依撒伯爾對 聖母説:「那信了由上主傳於她的話必要完成的,是有 (路1:45) 聖母就是充滿聖神和充滿信德,相 信天主的説話。耶穌教導我們稱天主為父,我們是祂的 子女。聖若望指出天主是愛,祂愛我們每個人。天主既 然是我們的父親,亦愛我們每個人,祂必會照顧我們, 賞賜我們所需要的和最好的。所以,如果我們要加深自 己的信德,便要多閱讀福音,默想耶穌的説話,使我們 認識和相信祂的説話。

#### 謙卑地祈求

除了認知外,我們也要謙卑地祈求,求天主賜我們 恩寵和信德。只有天主的恩寵,才能幫助我們相信。我 們不但祈求,也要謙卑地祈求。正如那客納罕婦人説: 「是啊!主,可是小狗也吃主人桌子上掉下來的碎屑。」 耶穌回答她説:「啊!婦人,你的信德真大,就如你所願 望的,給你成就罷!」(瑪15:27-28)客納罕婦人一方面



接受自己的卑微,另一方面對主有莫大的 信心。有些人很熱心地祈求,公開地祈 求,很謙卑地祈求,並且充滿信心地祈 求,但結果是不獲所求,便憤然離開教 會, 背離信仰, 試問這是否有信德呢? 是否相信天主是愛自己,會給自己最好 的呢?信德是否要求天主跟隨自己的意 願和計劃來行事呢?當然,我會明白 和同情他們的失望和憤怒,但失望和憤 怒並不能與信德放在一起,信德是我們 會謙卑地祈求,但同時我們會接受天主 所賞賜的,不論是好或壞,我們都會接 受,因為我們相信天主是愛我們的。

知道是一件事,經驗是另一件事。知道但沒有經驗 過,是很膚淺和脆弱的知識。百夫長對耶穌説:「主! 我不堪當你到舍下來,你只要説一句話,我的僕人就會 好的,因為我雖是屬人權下的人,但是我也有士兵屬 我權下;我對這個說,你去,他就去;對另一個說,你 來,他就來;對我的奴僕說:你作這個,他就作。」耶 穌説:「在以色列我從未遇見過一個人,有這樣大的信 (瑪8:8-10) 信仰經驗會使我們更認識和更明白 天主的愛,在生活經驗中,我們體會天主所賜給我們的 恩寵。而在生活的具體環境中,我們回應天主的愛,以 祂的愛去愛和服務身邊的兄弟姊姊。對天主的恩寵**,**我 們以感恩去回報。感恩使我們確信這是天主的恩寵,亦 會藉感恩而加深我們的信德,而信德亦加深我們對天主 恩寵的體驗。信仰經驗會使我們越來越相信,是天主在 照顧我們,幫助我們,最終,我們會越來越信賴天主, 好像那位百夫長一樣。

透過認知、謙卑的祈求和信仰經驗,我們會越來越 明白信德的力量,不是要求天主保護我們,而是相信天 主會保護我們,因為祂是我們的父親,祂愛我們。

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# 二零二二年七月份牧民議會 議決事項

- 1. 牧民議會繼續跟進「共議同行」交流分享,集思廣益,建設富凝聚力和款 待文化的堂區。
- 2. 7月10日舉行「尋羊」福傳行動。報導分享刊於第4頁。
- 3. 堂區配合普世教會慶祝「第二屆世界祖父母及長者日」,為祖父母及長者祈禱,派送小禮物。慶典分享刊於第8、15及16頁。
- 4.8月14日舉行「玫瑰經祈禱音樂會」,隆重慶祝聖母升天節。配合這神修活動,堂區展開「串連玫瑰經」宣傳。通告刊於第3頁。
- 5. 定期舉辦「樂融融」愛心服務及分派口罩行動,關顧堂區有需要的教友和社區的街坊。7至8 月進行的活動資訊刊於第3、5及6頁。
- 6. 跟進關顧新教友,持續培育成長,傳信、禮儀、互愛委員會介紹屬下善會和信仰小團體,引 領他們融入堂區生活。
- 7. 傳信、禮儀、互愛委員會繼續加強與下屬善會的聯繫,推廣及參與培育組及善會舉辦的活動,促進合作。8月神修資訊刊於第7及13頁。
- 8. 計劃堂區2023年慶祝建堂70周年。

# 二零二二年八月份動態 堂區禮儀活動

5th (周五)	首瞻禮六 恭敬耶穌聖心 晚上八時	14th (周日)	常年期第二十主日	21st (周日)	常年期第廿一主日
7th (周日)	常年期第十九主日	17th (周三)	三三追思亡者 晚上六時	28th (周日)	常年期第廿二主日

敬禮聖安多尼 逢周二 晚上六時彌撒 明供聖體 逢周四 晚上七時

誦唸「向聖若望鮑思高禱文」 每月最後一天的各台彌撒後 「習練善終」祈禱 每月逢首周一的各台彌撒後 「進教之佑聖母降福」經文 每月廿四日的各台彌撒結束前



# 鳴謝捐贈《羊牧之聲》

願聖母進教之佑及聖安多尼酬謝你們, 賜你們身心健康,家庭和睦,主寵日隆。

葉煥屏	\$1000	龐蔣靜儀	\$100
雷敏兒	\$100	劉雙貴	\$500
潘宅	\$200	太極福傳會	\$500
聖安多尼之友會	\$300	鍾宅	\$200
精叻馬	\$200	母親祈禱會	\$100

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# 慶祝聖母升天節~玫瑰經祈禱音樂會





日期:8月14日(主日) 時間/地點:下午3:00 — 4:30 聖堂 誦唸玫瑰經:默想「榮福五端」

享受詠讚聖母的美妙聖樂



曲選:Mary, did you know? As I kneel before you Ave Maria Salve Regina 聖母聖名歌 聖母讚主頌 我想念妳媽媽 人世光明 ……

## 「樂融融」招待街坊



日期:8月21日(主日)

**時間:**下午3:00 — 5:00 (暫定) **內容:**參觀聖堂、福傳、分享

> 活動安排 派發豐富禮物



## <del>鳫</del>利諾女修會「文物復現 繡閣猶馨」展覽



日期:現在至9月14日

地點:香港文物探知館專題展覽廳

九龍尖沙咀海防道九龍公園

**開放時間:**星期一至三、五:

上午10:00至下午6:00 星期六、日及公眾假期: 上午10:00至晚上7:00

星期四(公眾假期除外)休館

查詢電話: 2408 4488



自1920年代開始,瑪利諾修女曾經在香港服務,貢獻良多。

展覽透過由瑪利諾修院學校基金會提供的約70件珍貴文物,包括學校物品、校舍設計草圖、紙本刺繡圖案、縫紉配飾、採購訂單、祭披文物和各類日常用品,輔以珍貴歷史照片及錄像,讓觀眾進一步認識和了解該校建築風格、文物保育工作和一段瑪利諾修女盡心服務社群的百年歷史。



每年7月第一個主日是「尋羊運動」的派遣禮,這兩年多因疫情問題,尋羊運動不是停辦便是改期,今年也因天氣影響,出外福傳改在第二個主日(7月10日)進行。今年有130人參加,分5隊到各地鐵站口和市政街市一帶派發堂區超逾3,000份福傳禮品,包括堂區口罩套、KF94口罩、堂區簡介及慕道班申請表。















福傳隊也包括新教友和慕道者,有老有嫩,也有年青父母帶着小朋友落力福傳。讓我深刻印象是活動辦得多,隊員福傳技巧越來越有經驗,很主動及親和地與街坊交談溝通,很有專業精神。

以前我很抗拒到街外福傳, 主要原因是怕被拒絕!但經時間 洗禮,我漸漸克服心理障礙;我負 責的第一街地鐵出口,街坊來去匆 匆,會較難接受福傳,被拒絕的機 會也不少,但沒有打消福傳的念 頭,更主動接觸街坊,終於懷着喜 悦和感恩的心完成任務。

弟兄姊妹們,福傳是我們基本 的責任,學習主動做主的好信差, 讓更多人領受天主的福音!要多勞 多得,爭取天主的「勤工獎」!積 財於天,何樂而不為呢?

# 點點分享:參加外展「尋羊」

- ★今天好開心,好喜樂!
- ★外展行動幫到人,亦感到自己具有信心,堂區福傳禮品很實用。
- ★有街坊願意停下來,詢問我們有關堂區和慕道班的情況。
- ★ 今次我第二年做隊長,我們領洗年資尚短,但感覺很好,去關心街坊,自己都好開心。我們並非在這區居住,在疫情之下,不是很多堂區可以做得到。 所以,覺得聖安多尼堂好好。
- ★這一兩年,經常見到你們到社區派口罩給我們街坊,非常感謝。
- ★施比受更有福,今天體會到了!













# 樂融融「福傳親子」活動

李漢英





堂區在7月展開「尋羊運動」,樂融融愛心服務小組於7月10日(常年期第15主日),為基層家庭舉辦一個別開生面的「福傳親子」活動,有18個家庭共50多人參加,得到本堂主任司鐸吳多祿神父的積極支持。今次活動由互愛委員會派出義工協助。

首先家長和小朋友一起參觀聖堂,共分6隊,每隊3個家庭。導賞員分別介紹聖堂內的設施,以作福傳。黃家輝神父也特別安排在教堂內帶領家庭成員祈禱,接著祝福每一個家庭,在半小時內,讓他們感受天主教宗教氣氛。

這是難得的機會。接續 再分組參加手工班,學 習不同的手藝。

家長則留在母佑堂 聽講座,大會特別為他 們安排一位專業社工分 享「如何提昇子女學習/ 自理的動機」。講者高 女士是一位醫輔導師,

教何情給會孩好家常的寡放,予,子的長喜內家在孩並保關們歡。長鬆家子與持係都講。如心中機小良,非座

活 動 完

結後,每個家庭得到一份豐富禮物,包括防疫包內有口罩、快速測到及蓮花清瘟膠囊,另有價值超過\$100的食物包和超市/食物禮券。每位小朋友則有全新衣服,義工們先跟他們度







身,讓他們選擇自己喜歡的衣服及全新的毛公仔玩具。小朋 友們收到禮物後份外雀躍,愛不釋手。





兩享堂們 鬆 明 是 他 輕 活 则 。 小 奶 奶

小朋友和

家長分為

友參加遊戲及手工活動,由王平輝修士及主日學導師帶領。 小朋友非常開心與其他小朋友一起玩耍,在現時疫症期間,











# 樂融融外展行動:

# 關懷「垃圾站之清潔工。



7月24日(常年期第17主日),在炎熱的天氣下,最辛 苦的莫過於那些戶外工作人員。樂融融外展小組特別安排在 下午前往石塘咀及堅尼地城垃圾站,探訪清潔工友。今次活 動由牧民助理盧太統籌,蘇慶標兄弟及鄧敏瑩姊妹協助,並 邀請教友義工參與,派送禮物包。小組為能接觸更多清潔工 友,特別選擇在他們交更時間(下午4:00 — 5:00)探訪他 們。

今次活動得到黃家輝神父鼎力支持,除了帶領出發祈禱 及派遣祝福外,更陪同一眾義工一起探訪,在酷熱高溫下, 十分難得。今次有十多位義工(包括兩位小朋友)共同探訪



了石塘咀垃 圾站65位及 堅尼地城垃 圾站70位清 潔工友。





禮物包也 預先諮詢清潔 工友的需要而 準備,包括口 罩、毛巾、蚊 怕膏/蚊怕水、 生果(一個 橙)。因天氣 炎熱,毛巾是 為他們的需要 而購買(吸汗 水及快乾), 另也按他們的 要求,購買蚊 怕膏/蚊怕水,



方便他們工作時預防蚊子。



最可喜的是今次行動中,有三位弟兄是第一次參加的, 他們都深深感受到施比受更有福,臨走的時候都告訴我們核 心組,下次再聯絡他們參加行動。

非常感謝小組成員的細心安排,也感謝義工們在高温的 天氣下,為我們的近人服務,願主祝福每一位,也給大家百 倍的賞報。這些活動帶給每一位義工及受助人教會內的溫馨 感覺,也讓他們體會到「天主是愛」。











# 八月神修話語

常年期第19主日 聖經金句



# 「你們也應當準備·包為在你們料 想不到的時辰·人子就來了。」 (醫 12:40) The Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

#### 生活反省

可是,當我們 嘗試活出基督福音 的教導時,我們常 常會發覺,基督徒 的價值觀與我們身 邊的人,或者我們

的社會所認同的並不一樣,甚至會有抵觸的地方。許多時候,我們需要在基督的仁愛、正義和慈悲與世俗的功利主 義和自由享樂之間作出抉擇。

耶穌說:「沒有一個家僕能事奉兩個主人的:他或是要恨這一個而愛那一個,或是要依附這一個而輕忽那一個:你們不能事奉天主而又事奉錢財。」(路 16:13)

當我們面對抉擇時,是否仍能堅持基督的教訓?還是會遊走在猶疑不決、半推半就的境界中,一不小心做了得 罪天主的事而不察覺呢?甚或走入了灰色地帶,勉強為自己不合理的行為尋求解脱方案,自圓其說,進一步加深罪 孽,造成不可挽回的後果呢?

當我們面對群眾的壓力時,面對指鹿為馬的權勢時,當侵略與暴力被合理化及被包裝為正義之舉時,我們是否仍能堅守基督的教訓而不被動搖呢?

天主十誡的第一誡是「欽崇一天主在萬有之上」。在「萬有之上」指出無論為了什麼的原因都不能犯罪而得罪天主。我們更不能自恃站在世俗道德高台上,以暴易暴而缺乏同理心,做出傷害別人的事,違反十誡和得罪天主(教理1888-1889)。遇到這些情況,我們不單要堅持耶穌基督「愛近人」的訓導,更要特別尋求、體會和實踐耶穌「承不保留的愛」,才能接受耶穌「愛仇」的教導。

# Living By The Grace of God

#### 祈禱

上主,求祢恩賜我們需要的恩寵,使 我們能堅決信從耶穌基督的教導,無論我

們面對任何的人和事,面對任何的誘惑和壓力,都能走出舒適地帶,勇敢地活出耶穌福音的教導,並 能堅持到底,直至返抵天上家鄉。亞孟。



# 長者的信仰見證 —— 給青年的美好禮物

為迎接及慶祝7月24日的第二屆「世界祖父母及長者日」,教宗方濟各於本年二月開始,於逢星 期三公開接見聚會中,以「論老年」為題提分享了十二篇要理講授。教宗透過聖經裡的一些長 者角色,指出長者擁有智慧、靈性感官敏銳、對正義的熱情……他們作教會的見證、年青人的 楷模。

以下是教宗分享有關「梅瑟的榜樣」。梅瑟晚年時宣揚上主的名,把他與天主活出的經歷傳遞 給後生晚輩。長者若能親口向年輕人傳述自身的信仰經驗,會是多美好!



「我要宣揚上主的名,請讚頌我們的天主!祂是磐石, 祂的作為完美無比;祂的行徑公平正直,祂是忠實無妄的天 主,公義而又正直。」(申32:3-4)據聖經記載,梅瑟高齡 120歲、快要走到應許之地且生命即將結束之際,謳唱了這 首頌歌。教宗方濟各稱之為梅瑟的信仰宣認,藉以把他與忠 信天主的經驗傳給後代子孫。教宗指出,能做到這點,乃是 給青年的一大禮物。

教宗説:「親耳聽見他人講述自身有高峰、有低谷的種 種信仰經歷,是不可取代的事。在書本中讀到、在電影裡看 到、在互聯網上查到,這一切固然有用,但絕非同一回事。 這傳遞是真正的傳統,由長者具體傳遞給青年!這如今非常

欠缺,而且越來越匱乏。為什麼呢?因 為這新的文明認為,年長者是該丟棄的 物品,老人就該棄之不理。這很殘酷無 情!事情不該如此。人與人之間的直接 講述帶有任何溝通方式都無法取代的語 調和方法。」

為此,教宗邀請眾人反省,今天我 們是否重視長者餽贈的這份禮物。教宗 亦講述他從祖父那裡領受的關於戰爭悲 劇的生命見證。

這個由祖父母給孫子孫女的傳承 是「民族的鮮活記憶丨,是不可取代 的。此外,教宗也點出,信仰的傳遞 往往「缺少『親身經歷』的熱忱」, 因而缺乏吸引力。

教宗強調:「當然,生活經歷要轉

化為見證,見證必須忠實。拿意識形態的模 板來框架歷史,當然不忠實;硬把歷史套用 在自己組織的宣傳來鼓吹,屬於不忠實;將 歷史當成法庭,在其中譴責一切過往,令人 覺得前途無望,這屬於不忠實。」就連福音 在講述耶穌事跡時,也沒有隱藏艱難時刻, 反倒恰恰以困境作為見證。因此,教宗請眾 人自問,今天我們是否珍惜長者向青年傳遞 的見證。

此外,教宗也提到,今天的要理班從天 主聖言裡汲取豐富的養分,教導基督信仰的 教理、道德和聖事,但是對於青年來說,少 了一份對教會的認識,也就是要聆聽教會團 體活出的信仰。「孩童在要理班學習天主聖 言;但是教會從那些臨在於教室、全球資訊

媒體的青年身上有所『學習』」。信仰的傳遞則必須通過梅 瑟這首讚歌的方式。教宗表示,「倘若從入門起,在慕道之 路上也培養起聆聽長者親身經驗的習慣,該有多美好!那些 經驗是領受天主祝福的清晰宣認,我們必須加以守護;關於 我們不忠的忠實見證,我們必須彌補並糾正我們的不忠」。

教宗最後總結道,長者藉著自身活出的信德之恩,在上 主的引領下進入應許之地。「長者與青年攜手走進天主生命 與愛的國度。

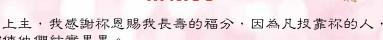
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## 世界祖父母及長者日 祈禱文





称都使他們結實累累。

主啊!請寬恕我的灰心與喪志,但在我氣力衰弱時,求称 不要拋棄我。

請教導我懷著希望期盼祢所賜予的未來,以及祢所託付給 我的使命, 並永不止息地歌頌称。

請使我成為一個称革新世界的溫柔工匠,用愛守護我的孫 子們,以及所有在称內尋求庇蔭的最小弟兄姊妹。

主啊!請保護教宗方濟各,並恩賜祁的教會使世界免於孤 單。求称引領我們的腳步,走上平安的道路。亞孟。

譯自:聖座平信徒家庭暨生命部

(台灣地區主教團祕書處恭譯)

## 教宗牧函論禮儀真髓:

# 傳揚福音 見證仁愛

教宗方濟各6月29日發表了《我渴望而又渴望》(Desiderio desideravi)宗座牧函,邀請全體天主子民按照梵二大公會議精神,了解感恩慶典的深刻意義,並鼓勵進行禮儀培育。該牧函共有65段,它是2019年2月聖座禮儀及聖事部全體大會的成果以及隨後《傳統的守護者》(Traditionis custodes)手諭的主旨。



《我渴望而又渴望》宗座牧函重申在禮儀中教會共融的重要性,而這禮儀則是源自梵二大公會議的禮儀改革。 牧函指出,這不是新的指令或是有特定規範的訓示,而是為明白禮儀慶典的美好及在福傳中的作用所作的省思。 牧函在結束時呼籲:「讓我們放棄爭論,一起聆聽聖神對教會所說的話;讓我們守護共融,繼續驚嘆於禮儀慶典之 美。」(#65)

教宗在牧函中寫道,基督信仰要麽是與生活的耶穌相遇。「禮儀為我們保證了這相遇的可能性。我們不需要對最後晚餐的模糊記憶,我們需要的是臨在於那個晚餐中。」回顧梵二大公會議《神聖公會議》(Sacrosanctum Concilium)禮儀憲章的重要性,它使教會重新發現禮儀在神學上的理解。

教宗解釋道,「參與感恩祭不是我們自己取得的成就,好像我們可以在天主和弟兄姊妹面前誇耀」,另外,「禮儀是上主逾越的恩典,我們要以順服的態度接受,它使我們的生活煥然一新。如果沒有祂渴望與我們一起吃逾越節晚餐的吸引力,我們就不能進入晚餐廳。」(#20)

為從精神世俗中得到治癒,我們需要重新發現禮儀之美,但這個重新發現,「不是尋求儀式的唯美主義,它只滿足於禮儀的外在形式,或只滿足於對禮儀規則的嚴格遵守。(#22)

教宗解釋道:「禮儀慶典的每一個方面都必須用心進行(空間、時間、動作、語言、物件、服飾、歌曲、音樂等),每一個規則都須遵守。」

在《我渴望而又渴望》宗座牧函中,教宗執著於培育的重要性,特別是在修道院的培育工作。「在修道院中設立神學培育的禮儀知識,也必會在牧靈行動中產生積極效果。教會生活的各個方面都能在禮儀中找到頂峰和泉源。」「不傳福音的禮儀慶典是不真實的,同樣,在慶典中不將人帶向與復活的主相遇,就不是宣講。若沒有仁愛的見證,禮儀慶典與宣報就只是鑼聲鈸響而已。」(#37)

教宗進一步強調教育人理解象徵性符號很重要。一種有益的方法是要認真對待「慶典的藝術」,「不能將它簡化為僅僅為遵守規則,更不應該將它視為沒有規則的奇異想象及創意。」(#48)禮儀慶典的藝術不是通過「經常參加公共演講或溝通技巧課程」來學習的,而是「需要勤於舉行禮儀慶典,讓慶典本身向我們傳遞它的藝術。」(#50)在「禮儀慶典的聚會中,靜默佔據絕對重要的位置」,在這靜默的時刻「激起痛悔和皈依的渴望;並喚起我們聆聽聖言和祈禱的行動;促使我們樂於朝拜基督的聖體寶血。」(#52)

在牧函的結尾,教宗要求「所有主教、司鐸和執事、修道院的培育者、神學系和神學院的教員、以及所有男女教理老師,幫助天主的神聖子民獲取一直以來都是基督信仰靈性的首要源泉」,重申《傳統的守護者》手諭中的規定。好使「教會能用不同的語言獻上能表達合一的唯一而真切的祈禱」,這唯一的祈禱就是《羅馬禮儀經書》,它是源自大公會議禮儀改革的精神,並由教宗聖保祿六世和若望保祿二世所確定。

(資料: 梵蒂岡新聞網)

#### 潘子亦

今年,我很高興能出席妹妹(芷 而)的主日學親子畢業彌撒,並且能 負責上台讀經。由於疫情關係,我們 只能夠綵排一會兒便要正式上台。面 對着台下眾多小朋友和各位家長,我 感到緊張和害怕。但當正式進行彌撒 時,心情開始平靜下來,最後也順利完 成!

謝謝導師們安排和準備這台彌撒給我們!



#### B東柏叡媽媽

「請為普世教會祈禱。親愛的天父…… 為此,我們同 聲祈禱。」聽到柏叡在祭台上讀出短短數十字的信友禱文, 確實有著深刻的感受。眼見他竭力地抑制著自己的緊張和勇 敢地面向眾人讀出禱文,柏叡實在是很了不起,值得感恩!

結業彌撒的一周前得悉柏叡被揀選後,可謂是全家總動 員為他準備。媽媽負責心靈上支持,爸爸充當中文老師,孖 生姐姐思語既是同學亦是助教,感謝天主安排如此美好的公 教親子活動。



為柏叡排練數天過程中,我 們更深刻體會到主日學導師們的無 私付出。單是短短數十字的信友禱 文,一家人已經花了不少精力。更 何況是,導師們需要為數十人籌備 一整學年的課程呢?藉此,我們向 曾經為主日學付出的神長、導師以 及家長表示由衷的感激。沒有您 們,我們的孩子不會如此了不起! 感謝天主!

#### **陳樂澄媽媽**

一年轉眼便過去,樂澄非常榮幸能在主日學結業禮中 負責朗讀信友禱文。在我和樂澄領洗當晚,我也有幸代表新 教友朗讀信友禱文,所以當導師邀請樂澄時,我內心非常激 覺得自己的女兒也能得着這份恩典,非常感恩。同時,

我也有憂慮,怕樂澄表現不好或緊張會影響整個彌撒。當我 和樂澄提及此事,她豪不猶豫地答應了,表示自己能做到。 我發現小孩子比大人更能將一切交托,更能信靠主。



結業禮當天,樂澄真的沒有憂慮, 她將一齊交到主的手中,順利完成她 的任務。我們很高興能在主日學的 結業禮中擔起了這份責任,讓她更 投入並樂在其中。感謝導師們給予 她這個機會,亦感謝各導師在這一 年疫情反覆的艱難時期中,繼續為 所有主日學的學生服務。

#### 麥翔竣媽媽

翔竣在聖安多尼堂參加兩年主日學, 雖然今年受疫情環境影響,一度要停 課;但導師們用心安排短片關於耶穌復 活聖經故事,或填色的工作紙,協助家 長在家中培養孩子的信德。

兒子也十分喜歡返主日學,他學會祈 禱、劃十字聖號、唸天主經及聖經故事,透 過活動及遊戲中學習及認識耶穌聖心、大聖若 瑟、聖母媽媽等。

今年我們十分感恩,兒子能夠在聖堂的親子結業禮彌 撒中,完成宣讀信友禱文。我回想起去年兒子只是K1小朋 友,在結業禮中聽到其他小朋友能夠在彌撒中朗讀信友禱 文,感到他們十分勇敢,突如其來想兒子將來能否好像他們 呢?因兒子當年十分害羞及看不懂文字。非常感謝主,賜給 我的兒子勇氣,今年能夠有信心地完成信友禱文。

於結業禮一個月前他剛巧於足球班中跌傷手骨,我還擔 心他。感恩他還在此期間可以參與堂區的愛德服務,及在結 業禮彌撒中讀信友禱文。耶穌説:「人子來,不是受服事, 而是服事人。」(谷10:45)。孩子懂得服務他人,我也十 分感恩。

兒子期待新一年的主日學來臨。身為母親,我會繼續 每天與孩子祈禱和反省生活,向天主謝恩或求主寬恕。感謝 天主賜給我們的一切及繼續能夠服事人,與兒子參加主日彌 撒,常存感恩之心。



## ★ 主日學招生 ★

#### 新學年開始:

9月18日(主日)舉行迎新日

歡迎親臨堂區報名 或 上網下載報名表格

**對象:3 — 6**歳 (KI — K3)

○期/時間:星期○上午10:00 — 11:30

## 輔祭會招募會員: 小一或以上的教友





時間:上午8:00 — 11:00 **日期**:8月7日(主日)

**地點**: 堂區地下大堂

**激請你:**一同在主的愛內成長



#### 江肇峰、江珮瑜媽媽

7月3日是本年度兒童主日學 (上午班)結業彌撒的日子,我們 一家有幸在彌撒中負責奉獻餅酒和 兒童作品。起初,我們擔心肇峰年 紀較小,怕他因膽怯而影響表現。



但 在 天 主的帶領 下, 珮瑜

和肇峰能完成任務,順利把兒童作 品交給吳多祿神父,亦表現淡定。

雖然今年疫情持續,但無礙小 朋友在主日學當中認識天父爸爸, 親近耶穌大哥哥。我們多謝各位主 日學導師的教導,並衷心祝福導師 健康平安。希望疫情盡快消退,小

朋友能除下口罩,繼續開開心心上主日學。

#### 陳子睿、陳子瀧媽媽

知悉子睿、子瀧兩兄弟可代表在主日學結業彌撒中,宣 讀信友禱文及答唱詠時真的很興奮,我很想將這份喜悦及恩 典分享給所有人。

一切也是天父的旨意,很感恩他們可一同上祭台。尤



記得子瀧(弟弟)第一次上主日學 班時,他還是個害羞的小孩,我還 擔心他上祭台會否怯場,估不到他 竟然沒有絲毫的緊張。他還一早喚 醒我說:「媽媽,今天是我五歲生 日,我大個仔啦!今天要上祭台讀 出信友禱文了。」

最後,兩兄弟在祭台上還清 晰大聲朗讀出當天的信友禱文及答 唱詠。感謝天父陪伴他們,亦希望 天父繼續保佑他們健康和快樂地成 長。

#### 張敏熙爸爸、媽媽

7月3日下午,我們一家與主日學導師、家長和學生,在 聖堂一同參與主日學結業感恩祭。過去一年,在疫情困難的 情況下,我們未能每個主日上實體的主日學。感謝天主,給 予神師和眾導師智慧,安排不同有趣的活動,包括大聖若瑟 繪畫比賽、設計父親節咭、耶穌聖像花車 巡遊、故事分享、聖人介紹、「耶穌我 愛你」action song、十戒操、祈禱傘, 以及網上聚會等,使同學能從遊戲中認 識天主和祂的道理,在主內日漸成長。

感恩祭開始前,敏熙連同其他負責讀經、信友禱文的同學、獻禮品的家長,及聖詠的導師與輔祭做了簡單的綵排。由於當天聖堂的冷氣設備未能運作,我們需要打開窗戶,聖堂內較平日炎熱和受汽車的噪音影響。經導師鼓勵下,同學們都能夠放開嗓子,比平日更加大聲,自信地完成讀經和信友禱文。其後,吳神父在講道中勉勵同學要做有用的「小蜜蜂」,與人打招呼,感謝父母、老師及幫助我們的人,以及天天向天父祈禱。最後,神父與主日學全體導師、家長和學生拍照留念。

感謝天主的安排,眾導師、家長和學生不怕炎熱的天氣,全程熱心參與感恩祭。相信每位出席的同學都會跟敏熙 一樣,帶著微笑和感恩的心回家。

#### 魏愷政媽媽



課,回家與我分享在堂上的點點滴滴。

特別感謝導師的邀請,讓愷政在彌撒中負責朗讀部份的信友禱文。這是愷政第一次自己站在台上,對著群眾講話,對他來説是一個很好的經驗。還記得收到電話那一刻,導師問我,可以讓愷政負責這部份嗎?我很高興地答應了,但其後又擔心,他真的可以嗎?他連禱文是關於什麼也不知道,也未能認到禱文的字句內容。

很感謝天主的保佑,愷政在不斷的努力練習下,終於在 彌撒前記下禱文,亦在彌撒中順利完成了自己負責的小小部 份。很感恩我的小孩子做到了,媽媽為你感到很高興!

在來年的主日學學期裡,希望愷政能在主的引領下,繼續享受主日學的生活,在生活中實踐主的教導,在主的愛內健康成長。

# 2022 - 2023 週末主日學招生

開課日期:9月17日 逢星期六 下午2:30至5:00

招募對象:學生:A 附近小學已領洗的兒童

B 願意認識天主,學習天主道理的非教友兒童

義工:導師、助理、總務

目標:加強 小一至 小六 的兒童在信理及靈修上的培育活動形式: 1. 兒童彌撒、慶節活動、課外活動、聯歡會

2. 福音講解、聖經要理、課堂活動、聖詠

## 分組形式:

一.信班(小一)

二. 望班 (小二)

三.愛班(小三)

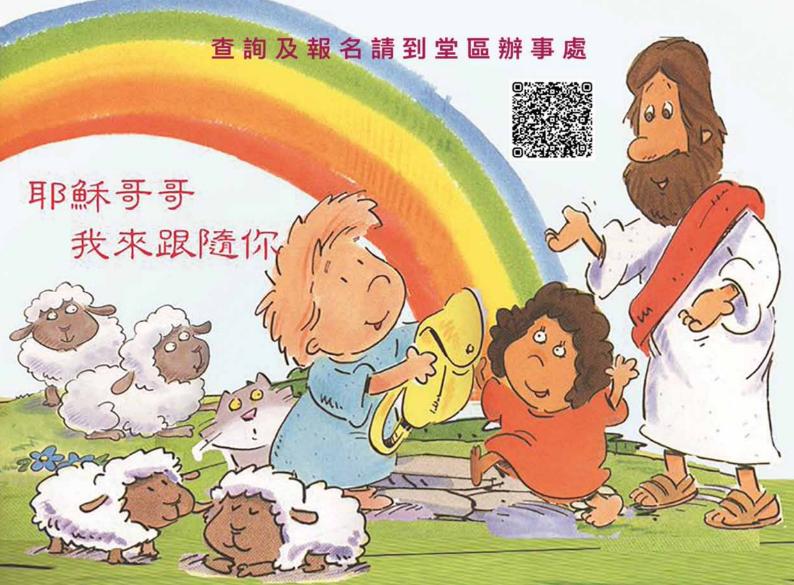
四.智班[初領聖體班] (小四)

五. 禮班[堅振班] (小五)

六. 義班[堅振後班] (小六)

費用:全年雜費 \$50



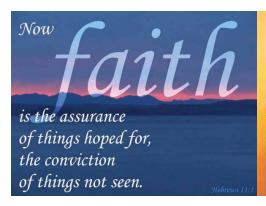


Reflection

# Living Word of God - August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 11:1, 8



to be guided by his wisdom. (DV5)

and have no time left for temptation.

The above verses from the Letter to the Hebrews have

something to say on the subject of faith and walking in the

darkness of uncertainties. God decided to reveal himself by

stepping into human history and address his words to us. He did so first through the prophets and ultimately through his

Son. The revelation of God must be received with faith. Faith is

believing in God, which means receiving his revelation with full obedience, accepting the plan of God, and allowing ourselves

the Exodus even though it occurred in the darkness of night. All

Israelites were found awake and attentive as they celebrated the first Passover. It was because there was light in that darkness

in which the promise of God was fulfilled in light of their faith.

we do not know when will be the second coming of Christ.

Vigilance is not synonymous with pulling a long face and

looking very serious. Rather, vigilance means to keep busy looking after the Lord's affairs. The proverb "Idle hands are the

devil's workshop" inspired St. Jerome who wrote in the late 4th

century encouraging Christians to engage in some occupation

so that the devil would find you always busy in doing God's will

of heir. In the darkness of aging and incapacity the vigilance

shown by him was also one of faith. God's promise for a great

nation was fulfilled in Abraham by faith because he obeyed the

calling of God and went out to an unknown place to receive the

Abraham was perplexed by the problem of aging and lack

Hence vigilance does not mean simply waiting for something

The Israelites showed great faith during the deliverance in

In the gospels Jesus always asks us to be vigilant because

By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went out to a place he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he was going.

— Hebrews 11:8 (HCSB)



10:4) in vigilance. These qualities of faith reveal that Christian faith has an intellectual dimension.

When we are still waiting for the first beam of light at daybreak through the darkness, Jesus invites us to follow him and learn from him the proper attitude of vigilance toward the future even in the midst of uncertainties.

With that type of vigilance, the Lord, upon his second arrival, will seat us at the table and serve us personally as the host of his messianic banquet.

Holy Scripture repeatedly teaches that salvation begins in the intellect. By our faith in revelation, God enlightens us so that we may be saved by the true light of God expressed in the Scriptures:

"Jesus Christ, the fullness of God's revelation, was announced this: "... the day shall dawn upon us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death ..." (Luke 1:78-79). The brightness of the "sun of faith" opens our eyes to a new and joyful dimension of reality.

It would seem that disciples must be ready for the coming of crisis and challenges in life. Luke included vigilance among the other general instructions on the proper behaviour of disciples. Because blessed are those who can hold fast to faith through all adversity and are well prepared to greet the risen Lord. (Luke 11:28; 12:37-40)

As St. Augustine put it, "We eagerly desire to better understand and comprehend what we have believed." (De Trin., 4, 1) Faith includes the desire to see God, and it moves the faithful to develop the wealth of knowledge contained in revelation. Faith's tendency towards the contemplation of God can be pursued in both spiritual and mystical way, and the intellectual and theological way. The desire to know more fully what one believes is a sign of a living faith. "When a man's will is ready to believe, he loves the truth he believes; he thinks out and takes to heart whatever reasons he can find in support. Thus human reason does not exclude the merit of faith but is a sign of greater merit." (Summa Theologica St. Thomas Aquinas ST, II-II, 8.2, a. 10).

Christians should aim at progressing in their faith using both spiritual and intellectual ways at the same time according to each person's own capabilities. Theology stems from intellectual seeking of faith and we can affirm that theology is "faith seeking understanding" (St. Anselm, Proslogion, 1; cf. c.c.c. 158). This is also echoed in St. Augustine's famous quote. "I believe in order to understand; and I understand, the better to believe" (St. Augustine Confession).

# to happen. It means, in the case of Abraham, continuing to go about the tasks of daily life, mastering the domestic virtues of kindness and hospitality and being faithful to both secular and spiritual responsibilities.

spiritual responsibilities.

blessings of God.

We can also enjoy our joys in family, brotherhood, friends, entertainments, our hobbies and even our career or jobs in vigilance. Yet what is required of us is that we should be conscious of what discipleship meant for a baptized Christian, and we should ask for God's helping hand daily to keep us mindful and give us the strength and support to overcome challenges.

Faith also implies a commitment to cooperating with God in the salvation of humanity. Following the Gospel, the church teaches that "faith is the beginning of man's salvation, the foundation and source of all justification". (DS 1532) Faith is the light that God gives us leading us to reach eternal life because it enables us to know God intimately, recognize the voice of the Good Shepherd, and follow his commandments (c.f. Jn

#### **Prayer**

Almighty God our Father, we are lost in the darkness of the world. Please help us to walk with your light of faith in the world and lead us away from idle hands. Our heart is restless until it rests in you. Amen.

Video available in Parish Formation Group YouTube Channel

# Pope Francis' new apostolic letter on the liturgy

The pope's newest apostolic letter reflects upon the meaning of baptism, our understanding of mystery, inadequate liturgical approaches, the art of celebrating the liturgy and more...

Aleteia offers the following 10 selected quotes from Pope Francis' apostolic letter **Desiderio desideravi** – "I have desired with a great desire" (Lk 22:15) – on the liturgy, published on June 29, 2022. These ideas offer some of the text's key ideas about our public worship.



#### Baptism, not magic

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic. [§ 12]

#### Theological sense of Liturgy

With this letter I simply want to invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration. I want the beauty of the Christian celebration and its necessary consequences for the life of the Church not to be spoiled by a superficial and foreshortened understanding of its value or, worse yet, by its being exploited in service of some ideological vision, no matter what the hue. [§ 16]

#### Observing the rubrics

Let us be clear here: **every aspect of the celebration must be carefully tended to** (space, time, gestures, words, objects, vestments, song, music...) and every rubric must be observed. Such attention would be enough to prevent robbing from the assembly what is owed to it; namely, the paschal mystery celebrated according to the ritual that the Church sets down. [§ 23]

#### The liturgical reform and Vatican II

It would be trivial to read the tensions, unfortunately present around the celebration, as a simple divergence between different tastes concerning a particular ritual form. The problematic is primarily ecclesiological. I do not see how it is possible to say that one recognizes the validity of the Council — though it amazes me that a Catholic might presume not to do so — and at the same time not accept

the liturgical reform born out of Sacrosanctum Concilium, a document that expresses the reality of the Liturgy intimately joined to the vision of Church so admirably described in Lumen Gentium. [§ 31]

#### A celebration that does not evangelize

A celebration that does not evangelize is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. (1 Cor 13:1) [§ 37]

#### Symbolic illiteracy

So, the question I want to pose is how can we become once again capable of symbols? How can we again know how to read them and be able to live them? [§ 45]

#### **Uniformity in worship**

Everybody doing together the same gesture, everyone speaking together in one voice — this transmits to each individual the energy of the entire assembly. It is a uniformity that not only does not deaden but, on the contrary, educates individual believers to discover the authentic uniqueness of their personalities not in individualistic attitudes but in the awareness of being one body. [§ 52]

#### The art of celebration

We could say that there are different "models" of presiding. Here is a possible list of approaches, which even though opposed to each other, characterize a way of presiding that is certainly inadequate: rigid austerity or an exasperating creativity, a spiritualizing mysticism or a practical functionalism, a rushed briskness or an overemphasized slowness, a sloppy carelessness or an excessive finickiness, a superabundant friendliness or priestly impassibility. Granted the wide range of these examples, I think that the inadequacy of these models of presiding have a common root: a heightened personalism of the celebrating style which at times expresses a poorly concealed mania to be the centre of attention. [§ 54]

#### The role of the priest

The priest himself should be overpowered by this desire for communion that the Lord has toward each person. It is as if he were placed in the middle between Jesus' burning heart of love and the heart of each of the faithful, which is the object of the Lord's love. **To preside at the Eucharist is to be plunged into the furnace of God's love.** [§ 57]

#### A call to abandon polemics

Let us abandon our polemics to listen together to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. Let us safeguard our communion. Let us continue to be astonished at the beauty of the Liturgy. The Paschal Mystery has been given to us. Let us allow ourselves to be embraced by the desire that the Lord continues to have to eat His Passover with us. All this under the gaze of Mary, Mother of the Church. [§ 65]

cultivate our relationships with others: first of all showing affectionate concern for our families, our children and grandchildren, but also for the poor and those who suffer, by drawing near to them with practical assistance and our prayers. These things will help us not to feel like mere bystanders, sitting on our porches or looking out from our windows, as life goes on all around us. Instead, we should learn to discern everywhere the presence of the Lord. Like "green olive trees in the house of God" (cf. Ps 52:10), we can become a blessing for those who live next to us.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2022

PRAYER



I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life for, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord, resignation and disillusionment, but forsake me not when my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen.



St. Anthony's Church

Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us look to the future. "The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocation of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations". This would be our own contribution to the revolution of tenderness, a spiritual and non-violent revolution in which I encourage you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, to take an active role.

Our world is passing through a time of trial and testing, beginning with the sudden, violent outbreak of the pandemic, and then by a war that is harming peace and development on a global scale. Nor is it a coincidence that war is returning to Europe at a time when the generation that experienced it in the last century is dying out. These great crises risk anaesthetizing us to the reality of other "epidemics" and other widespread forms of violence that menace the human family and our common home.

All this points to the need for a profound change, a conversion, that disarms hearts and leads us to see others as our brothers or sisters. We grandparents and elderly people have a great responsibility: to teach the women and men of our time to regard others with the same understanding and loving gaze with which we regard our own grandchildren. We ourselves have grown in humanity by caring for others, and now we can be teachers of a way of life that is peaceful and attentive to those in greatest need. This attitude may be mistaken for weakness or resignation, yet it will be the meek, not the aggressive and the abusive, who will inherit the earth (cf. Mt 5:5).

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God". Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the cry of pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts. We can be "the enduring 'chorus' of a great spiritual sanctuary, where prayers of supplication and songs of praise sustain the community that toils and struggles in the field of life".

(Full Message of Pope Francis: www.vatican.va)



#### For small businesses

We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.

#### 為中小型企業祈禱

中小型企業遭受了嚴重的經濟和社會危機,祈願它

們能獲得持續 經營的必要資源,繼續為其 所在的社會提 供服務。





#### Saint Anthony's Church Parish Newsletter No. 624

# **Shepherd Flock's Dialogue August 2022**



#### Liturgy activities for the month of August 2022

5th August	7th August		14th August	
First Friday of the month	19th Sunday of the Year		20th Sunday of the Year	
Feast of Sacred Heart of Je				
8:00pm (Chinese)				
17th August	21st August	28th August	<b>Events</b>	for St. Anthony's Church
Commemoration of All	21st Sunday of the Year	22nd Sunday of the Year	* Holy Ho	our of Eucharistic Adoration
Faithful Departed Mass			(every T	hursday evening 7:00pm)
6:00pm (Chinese)			* St. Anth	ony's Day (every Tuesday)

Welcome to 11:30 AM English Mass

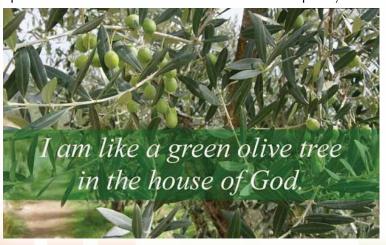
# Grandparents, elderly are a value and a gift "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15)

On July 24, the Church celebrates the second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Established by Pope Francis in January 2021, the observance is celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July, coinciding with the feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Sts. Joachim and Anne.

The theme for this year's World Day is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15) and emphasizes how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

In his message for the second World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis writes:

Retirement and grown children make many of the things that used to occupy our time and energy no longer so pressing. The recognition that our strength is ebbing or the onset of sickness can undermine our certainties. The fast pace of the world – with which we struggle to keep up – seems to leave us no alternative but to implicitly





accept the idea that we are useless. We can resonate with the heartfelt prayer of the Psalmist: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent" (71:9).

Yet that same psalm – which meditates on how the Lord has been present at every stage of our lives – urges us to persevere in hope. Along with old age and white

hairs, God continues to give us the gift of life and to keep us from being overcome by evil. If we trust in him, we will find the strength to praise him still (cf. vv. 14-20). We will come to see that growing old is more than the natural decline of the body or the inevitable passage of time, but the gift of a long life. Aging is not a condemnation, but a blessing!

For this reason, we ought to take care of ourselves and remain active in our later years. This is also true from a spiritual standpoint: we ought to cultivate our interior life through the assiduous reading of the word of God, daily prayer, reception of the sacraments and participation in the liturgy. In addition to our relationship with God, we should also