



聖馬竇宗徒堂區
St. Matthew the Apostle Parish

*"Go, and make disciples from all nations... I am with you always until the end of this world."
-Mt. 28:19-20*

ENGLISH COMMUNITY

October 2018

OCTOBER THE MONTH FOR THE MISSION.

-Fr. Salvador Sanchez Duran



We just celebrated the 35th year anniversary of our Parish and the Feast day of our Patron Saint, Saint Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist. For these past years, our community received from God many gifts and also the grace to be His witness in the society of Hong Kong, especially here in Tuen Mun. We all know that this is not only for the sake of our own good. As always, God is willing to give us gifts for He wants us to share His grace with the others. To bring hope, to give the good news to our brothers and sisters.

October is the month for the Mission, is the time to share the love of God to everyone, is the time to let them know how to live with the grace of God, especially to those who doesn't know Him, those people without hope, and those people who haven't heard the good news of the Gospel.

Maybe we think that, now is not the best time to evangelize, we understand that during this time the Church is being accused and criticized from the sex abuses done by some of the priests and we may think that it is better to keep quiet, but sorry, I don't think the same way, for me, maybe this is the best time for us to show and share how we are living our faith in the right way.

Many people, because of these events, might have some wrong thinking about the Church since they do not know the Church. But the Holy Spirit would help us to share our faith with them. Let them know why we still have faith while in difficulties and are willing to keep on living in the community Church. We clearly know that we are the children of God. Our Faith is in God and not to anybody else. We are following Christ; He is the way to our God, not other men, especially not any member of the Church.

The faith we have is for connecting with God, cooperating by great effort with the members in Church and helping more people to know God and live with joy, hope and peace.

As being a Christian, we certainly need to face every matters in the community of the Church, even with the problems, there is happiness and sadness, right or wrong ways to live as Christians, especially in different kinds of difficulties, and we need to learn to accept the richer grace from God. By praying, we must let God know that we truly need Him. We pray to Him to help us get closer to Him and find the best ways for the solution.

Even if we do not understand yet or are not willing to accept many things in our life of faith and even if we do not know how to answer others' queries, we just persist in our faith and walk with God for the purpose of being the witness of Him. God must lead us to the true Christian way of life. This is not the time chosen by us, but the right and best time which God has given us to share the faith with Him together, is the time to be His witness.

For me, now is the best time to offer our way to live our Faith, we are now the responsible ones to tell everyone how to live one's truly Faith, we do not deny the problems, but we put our hope in the grace of God. Our confidence is in Him, we must not keep quiet, we must confront the problems and find the best way to change everything, maybe now is the time of The Holy Spirit to help us to purify our faith, we are part of the plan of God, we are part of the history of the Church, Let us be the qualified witnesses and doers of the right way to follow and live as sons and daughters of God.

May God help us.

God bless you.



Month of the Holy Rosary

Rosary Prayer

All Sundays of October right after the English Mass at Mass Hall

Living Rosary Prayer

October 28, 2018
2pm at Mass Hall

PRAYING THE ROSARY, CHANGED MY LIFE .

The Rosary is the "circular Gospel ", It is the meditation in the life of Christ as seen through the eyes of Mary. She who knew Christ better than anyone on earth offers a glimpse into His heart that only she can give.

The ROSARY is an INCREDIBLE gift from God. Before, I didn't know a lot about the Rosary, so I read everything I could get my hands on. Praying the rosary still is changing my life. I really didn't care much for praying when I was younger, even as I got older and got married. However, when I arrived here in Hong Kong and became a Liturgy member in our Parish, I encountered a lot of changes. I learned many things. I began learning the Rosary and now, I can remember all Mysteries during the week. As far as my life is concerned, I found peace in my life, my home and my family. All my needs have been answered by God.

My outlook in life has changed profoundly and I believed that anything is possible. There is just something about the Rosary that settles our hearts and our mind. It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful. The benefits of praying the Rosary are countless, but don't take our word for it. Try it and do it for your self. But don't expect that when you pray the Rosary once, you'll find the perfect peace and happiness. It requires a habit. It maybe something you do to pray every day or every Wednesday or it may require you to pray once a month on the first Friday of the month . The point is, praying the Rosary is an incredible prayer that can change your life if you make it a spiritual habit. I would encourage you to try and practice. Before you pray, ask Jesus to protect you from any harm that may come your way from praying it, but at the same time ask Him to open your heart if the Rosary is truly something that pleases Him. Our Lord will never refuse such a humble and trusting prayer from your heart. *-Felisa Pulvera*



Parish Priest:
Fr. Salvador Sanchez D., MG

Sunday Masses:
9:00am (Chinese)
10:30am (English)

Anticipated Sunday Mass:
Saturday 6:00pm (Chinese)

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Sat 8:00am (Chinese)

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35th Year Anniversary and Parish Feast Day of St. Matthew the Apostle Parish

O Glorious St. Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed-for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in his Church and to follow his teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with him in heaven. Amen.



FREELY

YOU HAVE RECEIVED;

FREELY GIVE.

- MATTHEW 10:8