

Works of Mercy
Works of Hope!



Hope in God's Mercy

Father Paul Chen, SVD.



Jubilee Year is a time of grace and renewal. We are reminded of the profound message of hope that flows from God's boundless mercy. In a world often marked by uncertainty and turmoil, our faith calls us to anchor our hope in the steadfast love of our God.

Our God is full of mercy and compassion. It is through his mercy that we find forgiveness and healing; it is in His mercy that we can always start again. The Scriptures remind us, "The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love" (Psalm 145:8). God's divine compassion invites us to trust in His plan, especially during challenging times in our lives.

As we reflect on the Jubilee Year, we are called to embrace God's mercy not only as a gift we receive but as a calling to extend God's mercy to others. This year is an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God and to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness and generosity in our home, family, workplace, neighborhood, communities and the world.

In today's world, filled with divisions, hatred, crises, wars, and fears, it is easy to lose sight of hope. Yet, as Christians, we are called to be beacons of light. Our hope is not just a wish for better days; it is a confident expectation rooted in our faith.

Living in hope means recognizing that, despite our circumstances, God is always at work. We must remember that every act of kindness, every prayer, and every moment of compassion contributes to the love that can transform our world. This Jubilee Year invites us to actively participate in this transformation, reminding us that through God's mercy, we can be agents of change; through God's mercy, we can make a difference.

As we celebrate this special year, let us come together as a parish community. Engage in acts of service expressed in work of mercy, reach out to those in need, and share with others the joy of the Gospel.

Together, we can uplift one another and spread hope to those around us. Whether through volunteering in outreach programs, participating in parish events, or simply offering a listening ear, every effort counts. Our collective actions can demonstrate that even in the darkest times, God's mercy shines brightly through us.

As we journey through this Jubilee Year, let us commit to rooting our hope in God's mercy. May we be inspired to live out this hope in our daily lives, fostering a spirit of love and compassion. Let us remember that we are never alone; God walks with us, guiding us with His mercy and filling our hearts with hope.



Let Us Celebrate! Let Us Witness to the Light!

In a beautiful afternoon on May 5, 2025, St. Joseph's Church ten Choirs, Priests, Sisters and our dear Guests gathered for Prayer Concert "Witness to the Light". We assembled to sing the praise of God, to celebrate three important occasions and to revive missionary spirit of the witnesses to the Light.

Year 2025 marks 150th Anniversary of founding the Society of the Divine Word (Divine Word Missionaries, SVD). On 8th of September 1875, Arnold Janssen in an old inn in Steyl, Holland, with a handful of people and with no money started a Mission House which main task was to prepare priests and seminarians to missionary work in China and other countries. Later he founded Mission Congregation of the Servants of the Holy Spirit (SSpS) to ensure sisters' missionary presence and work, wherever needed, and Servants of the Holy Spirit of the Perpetual Adoration (SSpSAP) to support missionary service by constant prayer. Today almost six thousand of SVD priests and brothers live and work in 79 countries all over the world. They proclaim the Good News and through the person of Jesus, the Divine Word, they bring healing, education, support and life-changing help to the people they serve.

The whole Year 2025 we celebrate 2025 Anniversary – the Jubilee – of the Event that has changed the history of the world – the Birth of Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Hope, the hope of this world and of every human being. Therefore, the Church, we, celebrate this Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope.

May 1st is the Parish Feast of St. Joseph's Church. On the public holiday of May 5, 2025, we commemorated all these three occasions. We expressed our joy and gratefulness to God, to SVDs all over the world and especially to those in Hong Kong, Macau and in St. Joseph's Parish, we renewed our Christian identity and mission of witnesses to the Light.

While preparing this Prayer Concert, it was an adventure to find a number of interesting songs which lyrics would worship Jesus who is the Light, rekindle mission spirit and uplift the hearts in Jubilee joy. It was great happiness to see that the songs finally chosen by the music leaders and choirs carried the message and the spirit intended for the Concert.

Well known songs allowed everyone in the concert to join the singing and call Jesus to shine and to be our Light, while multi-voiced songs with charming melodies lifted our hearts up to Jesus who nurtures us in our missionary life as Bread and the living Water on the Journey. We were reminded that love of the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission, and He – Jesus – is our Light, therefore, we will not be afraid. On the contrary, we will follow Mary and answer Him: Here I am, the servant of the Lord. And we will go to search those who have walked astray to lead them home. We will help those who migrate to Hong Kong, to find Home away from home – in the community of the Church, in St. Joseph's Parish. May they also know that "God so loved the world, that He gave us His only Son, His most precious one". So, let us tell the world of His love!

"We gathered in the name of God" – said our Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph Tan, SVD – and presented "concert with passion, with love". "This Prayer Concert is one of the many community-building events taking place in St. Joseph's Parish. – said Fr. Paul Chen, SVD. This Prayer Concert event participated by various choirs from different communities of our Parish is also a symbol of our 'one heart – many faces' and of our unity in diversity in service to God and God's holy people."

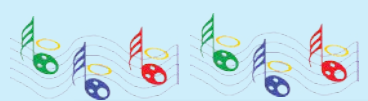
May to the Triune God be glory, to St. Joseph honor and gratitude. May ALL and EVERYONE who in various ways co-created this Prayer Concert making it "concert with passion and love", receive words of deep appreciation, admiration and gratitude. Thanks to hundreds of individuals who belong to one or even two of ten choirs and music ministries as choir directors, musicians and singers that wholeheartedly participated in long hours of practice, memorized lyrics, melody and scores, and generously shared their voices, talents, time, love and dedication. Words of recognition and appreciation to all the community coordinators and group leaders especially to Sis. Elizabeth Rullan for her enthusiasm, love and perseverance in her responsibility of music functional group coordinator. Words of gratitude to the Priests and Sisters for guiding us in prayer and reflection, and for sharing the video about SVD mission. Thanks to our Masters of Ceremony for leading us through this joyful event. Acknowledgment and big thanks to the functional groups for the service of live stream, photo and video taking, welcoming our guests, preparation of printing materials and PowerPoint. Thanks to all SJC groups' members and parishioners for their encouragement and support. Words of recognition to the Parish Office and Parish Staff for their various help and to the technicians without whom the final effect would not be possible. Our respect and acknowledgment go to our Parish Priest, Fr. Joseph Tan, SVD, for the inspiration, guidance and active participation in this Prayer Concert. We thank all who honored us with your presence during the Prayer Concert: SVDs of other parishes, Priests, Sisters, all the Guests and Participants. Thanks to all and everyone!

Through the intercession of St. Arnold Janssen, together with Fr. Jerry Perocho, SVD, we pray and ask the grace "to go out, to meet those who do not know Jesus, the Divine Word, so that the Word of God may open the heart of all humanity". Let us, then, "Go out to the world and tell all the Good News of God's endless love!" Let us witness to the Light!

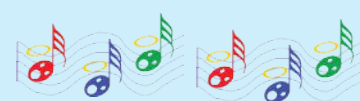
Sr. Weronika Maria Klebba, SSpS

Fr. Andrew Wang, SVD,
Fr. Joseph Tan, SVD,
Fr. Ambrose Meng,
Fr. Paul Chen, SVD,
Fr. Joseph Jia, SVD,
Fr. Francis Geng,
Fr. John Zhang, SVD,
Srs. Vera and Weronika, SSpS,
together with some members of
various SJC groups assisting during the Prayer Concert.





PARISH CHOIR



St. Joseph's Community Choir



St. Joseph Chinese Choir



Apostleship of Prayer



Black Nazarene Group



Filipino Catholic Group



Filipino Prayer Group



Legion of Mary



Sowers Charismatic Community



St. Joseph the Worker's Community & LOM Door of Heaven Praesidium



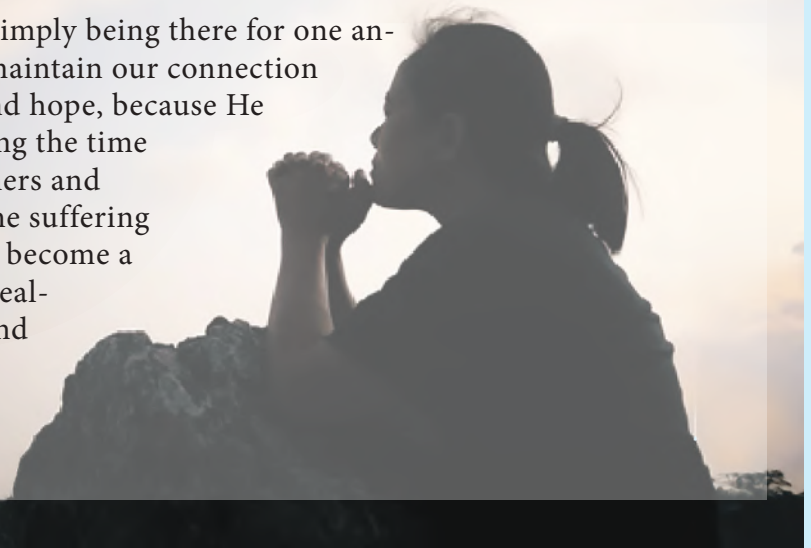
Divine Mercy Choir

Works of Mercy and Hope

We come to the point where we cannot understand our situations, sometimes questioning our faith. In our darkest moments, we don't need advice; what we truly need is the power of human connection: a quiet presence, a gentle touch, or the smallest gesture that reminds us we're not alone. These acts of love and solidarity become the anchors that hold us steady when life feels overwhelming. We need someone we can count on. Pain is a deeply personal burden, and difficulties are uniquely ours to face—but our silent presence tells us that we don't have to face them in isolation. It's a quiet reminder that, no matter how lost we feel, we are still worthy of love and connection. Sometimes, words aren't necessary; your silent support speaks louder than anything else. Love, in its purest form, has the power to help us rediscover ourselves, even when we've forgotten who we are.

Let's remember the importance of simply being there for one another. Most importantly, we must maintain our connection with God. Let's work with mercy and hope, because He alone also felt these situations during the time He offered His life to save us. Brothers and sisters, may we always remember the suffering and death of Jesus on the cross and become a living reality of our salvation and healing in our daily lives. Thank you, and God bless everyone.

Article written by:
Irmalyn Aivarez Ecol
(Filipino Catholic Group)



Events:

4th of April 2025 – Lenten Recollection hosted by the Filipino Catholic Group with the theme “Hope and Faith.” Thank you so much to everyone for your participation, especially to our speakers, Rev. Fr. Jerry Perocho, SVD, and Sr. Vera Wen Yuan, SSpS.

6th of April 2025 – 10:00 AM Mass presided by His Eminence Cardinal Stephen Chow Sau-yan, S.J., together with Rev. Fr. Joseph Tan.

13th of April 2025 – Palm Sunday Celebration.

17th to 19th of April 2025 – Easter Triduum.

20th of April 2025 – Easter Sunday and farewell party for our dearest Arsenia Barbado. We love you, Ate Arsie. Bon voyage!

Article written by: Irmalyn Aivarez Ecol (Filipino Catholic Group)

LENTEN RECOLLECTION

Apostleship of Prayer



Black Nazarene Group



Divine Mercy Choir



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Filipino Prayer Group



Legion of Mary



The Sowers Charismatic Community



St. Joseph the Workers Community and LOM

Rev. Fr. Jerry Perocho
(Speaker for HOPE)



Sr. Vera Wen Yuan, SSpS
(Speaker for Faith)



His Eminence, Cardinal
Stephen Chow Sau-yan, SJ,
together with our parish Priest,
Rev. Fr. Joseph Tan, presided the
Fifth Sunday of Lent at our Parish



Good Friday



FCG on Palm Sunday



Easter Vigil



THE CHRISM

The Chrism Mass reminds us of our oneness in Christ through Baptism and its holy anointing, made possible by the ministry of the archbishop and his priests. The Chrism Mass is also a key moment in which the unity of the archbishop with his priests (together, they form the presbyterate) is manifested and renewed. During the liturgy, the entire assembly is called to renew its baptismal promises; deacons and priests also renew their vow of obedience to the local (arch)bishop and their commitment to serve God's people. At the end of the Chrism Mass, the Holy Oils are brought back to parishes of the archdiocese for use in the coming year.



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THANK YOU, POPE FRANCIS



"Little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

(Pope Francis)

The world was saddened on April 21, 2025, at 9:45 AM, when Cardinal Kevin Farrell announced the passing of Pope Francis at his residence at Casa Santa Marta.

We will remember Pope Francis' legacy as a transcendent voice for peace, human dignity, and social justice. He leaves behind a legacy of faith, service, and compassion for all. His compassion and humility were an inspiration for Christians everywhere. He led the Church with humility and simplicity and was known as a champion of the poor, taking the name of Saint Francis of Assisi. He truly cared for the marginalized, personally reaching out to the poor.

As members of the Apostleship of Prayer, founded in 1844 by Jesuit priests and seminarians, we are grateful that in 2016 Pope Francis renamed our group as the Pope Worldwide Prayer Network, entrusting us with praying for his monthly intentions. This

ecclesiastical service became a Pontifical work, and in March 2018, Pope Francis approved the new statutes, which were constituted in December 2020. Pope Francis taught us that prayer is the first strength of hope, reminding us that when we pray, hope grows. Prayer opens the door to hope. Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for specific intentions for each month. This is how Pope Francis is close to our hearts. He taught us to give thanks through prayers: "Pray constantly and give thanks in all circumstances because in prayer we find our Christian joy."

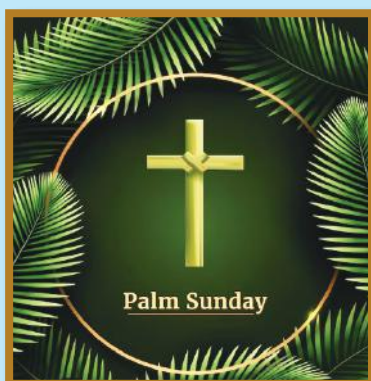
Thank you, Pope Francis, for your life given in service. Thank you for your life of compassion, humility, faith, and service. Thank you for leading by example and showing to us that God is always merciful and kind. Thank you for the important life lessons you inspired in us: to live simply, to serve others, to be merciful and kind, to respect life, to love the Church, to avoid gossiping, and to protect and love our family above all, and to love Jesus. Thank you for the legacy you left behind, which will echo through generations.

May you rest in peace in the Eternal Home.

By: Ma. Fe Cabangal (Apostleship of Prayer)



Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday in Catholic Church commemorates Jesus' triumphant entrance to Jerusalem and the beginning of his Passion.

John 12:13: "So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Praise God! God bless him who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!'"

Palm branches were a sign of welcoming Jesus as He greeted the people of Jerusalem who, before Jesus' arrest and crucifixion, first accepted Him. We, Christians, learn and want to accept Jesus in our lives.

I relate this image of welcoming Jesus to the recollection reflection of Father Jerry Perocho, SVD, who illustrated what we need to do and how to apply the spiritual medicine in our lives. We learned what is the suitable dose of these medicines and how to use them to cure our spirit. We are reminded of Proverbs 23:17-18: "Don't be envious of sinful people; let reverence for the Lord be the concern of your life, for then you have a bright future."

As Fr. Jerry during the recollection advised us, we need a dosage of spiritual medicine and check

堂區廣東話成人慕道班復活節接受洗禮

本年耶穌復活主日（2025-4-19）順利舉行了至聖之夜逾越節守夜禮及慕道班洗禮。26位學員由2023年9月開始，每星期三晚恆常聚會和靈修避靜，學習聖經道理，在天主引領下慢慢認識祂的道理，滿載上主恩寵。

彌撒於下午4:30準時開始，歷時約兩小時。在代父母們的陪同下，領洗者喜氣洋洋穿上白衣，神父灑上聖水，逐一領洗及傅油堅振，並接受鼓掌祝賀和初領聖體。守夜禮及洗禮在大聖若瑟禮儀組悉心安排及大聖若瑟聖詠團獻唱詩歌的祝福下，神父宣講甘飴聖言如復活節喜訊：「看！耶穌基督復活了！願主的平安與我們同在，也願你的心靈同在。」給我們注入新的希望。

領洗代表新的開始，守夜禮及洗禮圓滿完成，真是感恩天主的奇妙恩典，感激神師談雷濤神父、班導師Alice、班長Jennie、各代父母，陪談員以及領洗新教友和家人們一年半以來互相鼓勵支持，無私關懷對方，用心友愛團結，付出時間努力。

適逢禧年，願我們彼此代禱，成為希望的朝聖者。「不是你揀選了我，而是我揀選了你。」更希望我們領受天主聖神及基督徒的使命，以身為基督徒為榮，活出基督的愛，多做愛德工作，禱告依靠上主，主佑大家！亞利路亞！

陪談員官小琴Rose



up on ourselves to see if we still have that medicine to make our lives fruitful. The 'medicine' that everyone needs are as follows:

Patience: To always understand others.

Brotherhood: Having good relationships with our neighbors.

Humility: To help us find a way to easily communicate with others.

Love: For us to determine how we are important to ourselves and to others.

God knows what happens in our lives at the precise moment. For me, the most particular thing I understand is that in every storm, there's always a rainbow. Like Jesus, every time he fell, he rose up. In every trial of life He allows to happen, we still have an opportunity to find a way of starting again for the future. We can always find light in the word of God. Psalm 62:5-7: "I depend on God alone; I put my trust in him. My salvation and honor depend on God; he is my strong protector, he is my shelter."

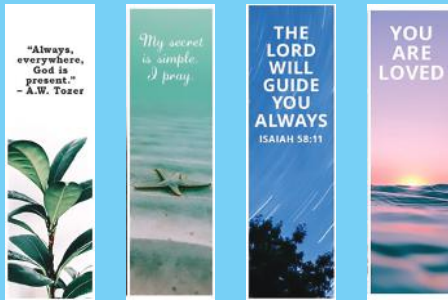
Even though Easter season has passed, let us continue to welcome Jesus with trust, faith, and hope, remembering our rejoicing on Palm Sunday. Do we find a way to offer sacrifice to our Lord? Do we remember to show gratitude and faithfulness to him for saving us from our sins? God never turns his back on us, even if we are sinners. Instead, he reminds us of his love and compassion, for his love for us endures forever (Ps 136).

Article by: Cecilia Dioquino (AP)

*Congratulations and welcome,
our brothers and sisters in Christ!*

Baptism

- 陳永華 ~ ✨ Luke
- 陳臻信 ~ ✨ Cyrus
- 陳臻孝 ~ ✨ Micah
- 郭韻婷 ~ ✨ Clara
- 吳玥澄 ~ ✨ Amelia
- 徐炳明 ~ ✨ Lionel
- 徐嘉欣 ~ ✨ Phoebe
- 陳雲俠 ~ ✨ Lydia
- 苑龍 ~ ✨ Laurence
- 苑梓聖 ~ ✨ Felix
- 陳詠恩 ~ ✨ Audrey
- 洪偉順 ~ ✨ Luke
- 洪顯就 ~ ✨ Swithin
- 洪瀚維 ~ ✨ Raphael



- 閻亞平 ~ ✨ Anne
- 劉恩慈 ~ ✨ Angela
- 李嘉汶 ~ ✨ Christina
- 趙志軒 ~ ✨ Stephen
- 趙宸逸 ~ ✨ Ansel
- 趙修逸 ~ ✨ Martin
- 石汝楫 ~ ✨ Rosetta
- 江家琪 ~ ✨ Clare
- 梁威 ~ ✨ Vincent
- 邱振新 ~ ✨ Jackson
- 韋文傑 ~ ✨ Christopher
- 韋星好 ~ ✨ Christelle
- 韋依辰 ~ ✨ Emilia
- 羅錦華 ~ ✨ Lorita

Confirmation

實一龍 ~ ✨ David

✨ Christian name ✨

19 April, 2025

Farewell Party for Ate Arsie with FCG



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BIBLE VERSES

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit!
(Romans 15:13)

聖經金句

羅15:13 願賜望德的天主，因着你們的信心，使你們充滿各種喜樂和平安，使你們因着聖神的德能，富於望德。



神師勉語

我們的希望 根基於天主的慈悲

陳中學神父

在這個充滿挑戰與不確定性的世界中，我們每個人都需要一個堅定的希望。而這希望，是根基於天主無盡的慈悲之中。隨著我們進入這個特別的禧年，讓我們一起反思天主的慈悲如何引導我們，並賦予我們希望和勇氣面對生活中的困難。

天主的慈悲是無限的，祂對我們的愛超越我們的理解。無論我們在生活中遇到何種困難，祂的慈悲始終隨影不離。聖經中多次提到，天主從不計較我們的過去，祂不斷地邀請我們回到祂的懷抱，因為祂是仁慈和憐憫的。

在這禧年期間，天主又要我們更加多的去經歷和宣揚這份慈悲。天主要我們重新認識祂的愛，並學會如何將這份愛傳遞到他人身上。

當我們感受到生活的重擔時，請記得將我們的眼目轉向慈悲的天主。從天主的慈悲中找到滋養。這不僅是我們自己內心的安慰，更是我們面對世界困境的力量。我們的希望不應建立在物質的富足或周圍環境的安穩上，而是要根植於天主的許諾和慈悲當中。祂不會留下我們做孤兒。祂要天天與我們在一起。

在這個禧年，讓我們一起努力，將希望的光芒帶給那些需要的人。我們可以通過小小的善行，幫助有需要的鄰居，或是在我們團體中貢獻時間和才能。這些善行不僅能改變他人的生活，也能使我們的信仰更加堅定。

親愛的兄弟姐妹們，讓我們在這個禧年中，重新認識並珍惜天主的慈悲，並讓這份慈悲成為我們生活中的指導原則。在每一次的祈禱中，讓我們將心中的希望堅定於天主。願我們滿懷這份扎根於天主慈悲中希望，從而擁抱來自這份希望的鼓勵與力量，來迎接這個充滿挑戰的世界裡。將這份希望和慈悲傳遞給他人，以我們的行動來改變這個充滿挑戰與不確定性的世界。

