



The Love of God in All Things

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God reveals His word to us through the Bible, and reveals His life to us through all creation. Everything that has been created exists because of God's love. God's love fills the entire universe.

As God's creatures, human beings are privileged to be stewards of creation, sharing in God's life and acting on His behalf to manage His creation as part of His plan of salvation.

God said, "Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. (...) God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth." (Genesis 1:26,28)

Therefore, we are stewards of creation, not its owners; only God is the true owner of everything.

God maintains a relationship with us through all creation. He uses His perfect creation to sustain our relationship with Him. He desires us to enjoy His creation and to use it responsibly as our response to His love.

How can we become responsible stewards in God's eyes? We are called to fulfil the greatest commandment Jesus gave us: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." (Matthew 22:37,39).

This is the most basic requirement to be a faithful steward because each of us lives in relationships. Our relationship with God is reflected in our relationships with our brothers and sisters. God values His relationship with us so much that He calls us to be His beloved children, entrusted with managing the earth.

Pope Francis emphasized in his 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si" that climate change is a challenge we all share. Caring for God's creation and caring for our common home are not only a matter of social justice and religious faith but also our last hope for survival. God reveals His mercy and His will through His creation, allowing us to experience His presence through all things. Centered on God, we are called to serve the needs of those around us and to quench the longings of the world.

In this Jubilee Year, we call on all members of St. Joseph's Parish to become stewards of hope, starting with small acts in our daily lives. Let us manage all things with a heart caring for the needs of the world and the desires of our spirits, because only in God can we truly fulfil our role as responsible stewards of creation.



Witnessing to the Light



The Hong Kong SVD Lay Mission Partners successfully celebrated the 150th Years of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD) with a theme, “Witnessing to the Light, from Everywhere to Everyone”. This year marked a historic milestone for SVD in Hong Kong as we proudly commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the Foundation of Divine Word Missionaries. The celebrations brought together parishioners, clergy, and community members from different churches in Hong Kong and Macau. We, the St. Joseph’s Church family joined, uniting with others in a joyful blend of faith, fun and fellowship.



A Journey of Faith and Community. The anniversary events were a heartfelt tribute to a century and a half of dedicated service, evangelization, and community building. Throughout the celebrations, attendees experienced a profound sense of spiritual unity, reflecting on the church’s enduring legacy and its role in fostering faith and compassion among its members. The festivities included Eucharistic celebrations, prayer gatherings and concerts, as well as inspiring talks by church leaders and missionaries. These spiritual activities served as a reminder of the church’s mission and the importance of living out our faith in everyday life.

The Exciting First-Ever Miss Unary Contest. One of the most anticipated highlights of the anniversary was the inaugural Miss Unary Contest, a beauty pageant that showcased the grace, elegance, and inner strength of young women from different parishes around Hong King. All contestants—each beautiful and gorgeous—brought their unique charm and personality to the stage, embodying the values of humility, confidence, and faith. The contest was not just about external beauty; it also emphasized qualities such as kindness, charity, and dedication—traits that resonate deeply with our Christian values. The event was a huge success, drawing cheers and applause from the audience and creating wonderful memories for everyone involved. This year Miss Unary winner goes to our very own Elvie Mendoza.

Joining Hands. St. Joseph’s Church members actively participated in every aspect of the celebration, demonstrating the vibrant spirit of our parish community. Through volunteering and participating in prayers and performances, our church’s involvement truly made the celebration special.

Memorable Anniversary. Reflecting on these past events, it’s clear that the 150th Anniversary of SVD celebrated on July 1st was a joyful, meaningful, and inspiring occasion. It reinforced our collective commitment to faith, service, and community spirit—values that continue to guide us into the future. As we look ahead, we remain grateful for the legacy of the SVD in Hong Kong and excited for the new chapters of faith and fellowship that lie ahead. Thank you, Holy Family Church in Choi Hung, and all SVD priests that participated in the event. Special thanks to Fr. Joseph Tan, SVD, and all SJC-Community Members, specifically to SJCC members who joyfully sang during the Holy Mass. Words of gratitude to Fr. Jay Flandez, SVD, the main Host of the event.

Written by: Elizabeth Rullan , Filipino Catholic Group



Celebrating a Milestone: Elvie Mendoza Represents St. Joseph Parish at the 150th SVD Anniversary Miss Unary Pageant

150 Years of Service

In a grand celebration commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), the annual Miss Unary Pageant took centre stage. Amid the festive atmosphere, Elvie Mendoza, representing St. Joseph Parish, emerged as a standout among the contestants. Elvie's participation symbolizes more than personal achievement; it embodies the vibrant spirit, faith, and dedication of her community.

A Proud Ambassador of Faith and Leadership

Elvie Mendoza's journey in the Miss Unary Pageant was characterized by grace, confidence, and determination. From the moment Elvie stepped onto the stage, her poised demeanor and heartfelt enthusiasm captivated both judges and spectators alike. She showcased her talents, unwavering commitment to service, the core values upheld by her parish and exemplified the importance of nurturing young talent within the church community, directly aligning with the goals of the SVD's outreach initiatives.



The Spirit of St. Joseph Church: A Foundation for Success

Elvie's achievement was made possible by the unwavering support from her community, especially the Black Nazarene Group. The parish community rallied around her, recognizing her potential to serve as a role model for youth and adults alike. Their collective effort underscored the importance of community engagement and mentorship in shaping future leaders who uphold moral values.

Elvie's participation also highlights how St. Joseph Parish continually strives to develop young leaders who can confidently represent their faith and community. The church's proactive approach in nurturing talent ensures members are well-equipped to face broader challenges and opportunities.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Father Joseph, who generously assisted with the event expenses, Bro. Joel Aledia for his unwavering mentorship and advice, dancers from various communities for adding vibrancy to performances and the entire St. Joseph's Church community for their unwavering support.

Moving forward, we anticipate Elvie will continue to exemplify service, faith, and excellence—principles that our church champions daily. Her journey serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith, community, and perseverance, encouraging others to follow in her footsteps.

Elvie Mendoza's representation of St. Joseph Parish at the 150th SVD Anniversary Miss Unary Pageant epitomizes the spirit of celebration, faith, and community pride.

Her dedication and success underscore the significance of nurturing young leaders and fostering a strong sense of belonging within our faith-based communities. Let us celebrate this milestone with joy and inspiration, acknowledging Elvie's exceptional journey and the bright future ahead for our parish.

As we honour this historic event, we look forward to seeing many more stories of hope and leadership emerge from our vibrant community.

By: Joel Aledia, Black Nazarene Group Coordinator



Enjoying Little Moments



As migrant workers, we have been working hard without realising that days, months, years have gone by and when we one day suddenly look back, we are already 40's, 50's, and 60's years old. Our lives seem to have passed by us quickly. We realised that we have lost friends or loved ones, and it is too late to go back. Despite all these, let us try to enjoy the remaining time. Let us keep looking for activities that we like and put colours on it. Smile at the little thing and enjoy every moment we have left. Try to eliminate "after" and "later," and live in and enjoy the present. Just like coffee may get cold, our priorities may change, charm fade, and health deteriorate. At our stage of life, kids have grown up, parents are getting old and wild dreams get forgotten. Before it is too late, let us spend precious times with our friends and families and share our best moments and experiences with them. We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done and we should act right away. Life on earth is a short trip. It is important that we have quality time, vacay mode, and are kind to each other. Above all, it is of the utmost importance that we remain strong and persevere in following Jesus' footsteps.

As we continue to be His servants here in our "Home Away from Home" in St. Joseph's Church, may we always have courage to fulfil our responsibilities. When difficult moments come, may we not break away but stay on and keep our faith. May we serve as a model and inspire others as we respond to the call of being His faithful servants.

As one proclaimer of God's Word, Sr. Weronika Klebba from our SJC-Family is a good role model for us. We, the Filipino Catholic Group hosted a birthday celebration for her on 27th July 2025. May the graces of the Almighty God be with her and her family always. Special thanks to all the communities of SJC (AP, BNG, FCG, FPG, LOM, and SCC) for all the efforts and support to make this event successful. Thank you and God bless everyone.

Article written by: Irmalyn Aivarez Ecol, Filipino Catholic Group



Stewards Of Creation

<p>Rights and Responsibilities</p>  <p>To all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.</p> <p>John 1:12</p>	<p>Human Dignity</p>  <p>I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful.</p> <p>Psalms 139:14</p>	<p>Option for The Poor and Vulnerable</p>  <p>Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves... defend the rights of the poor and needy.</p> <p>Proverbs 31:8-9</p>	<p>Solidarity and Peace</p>  <p>Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.</p> <p>Matthew 5:9</p>	<p>Community and Participation</p>  <p>You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than this.</p> <p>Mark 12:31</p>	<p>Dignity of Workers</p>  <p>'The Lord blesses our work so that we may share its fruits with others.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 14:28-29</p>	<p>Stewardship of God's Creation</p>  <p>'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.'</p> <p>Psalms 24:1</p>
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Heavenly Father

We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging the beauty and wonder of Your creation. Help us to be faithful stewards of this precious gift, caring for the earth and all its inhabitants.

Guide us in our efforts to nurture the environment, promote justice, and protect the vulnerable. May our actions reflect Your love and compassion, inspiring others to join in safeguarding the world You have entrusted to us.

Amen.

Prayer entry by: Arlene Loable Phoda (Filipino Prayer Group)



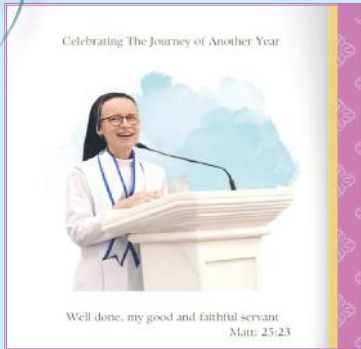
Love is something like the clouds that were in the sky before the sun came out...you cannot touch the clouds, you know; but you feel the rain and know how glad the flowers are to have it after a hot day. You cannot touch love either; but you feel the sweetness that it pours into everything." - Annie Sullivan

Photography: Clouds

By: Brenda Galfo SJTWs Community

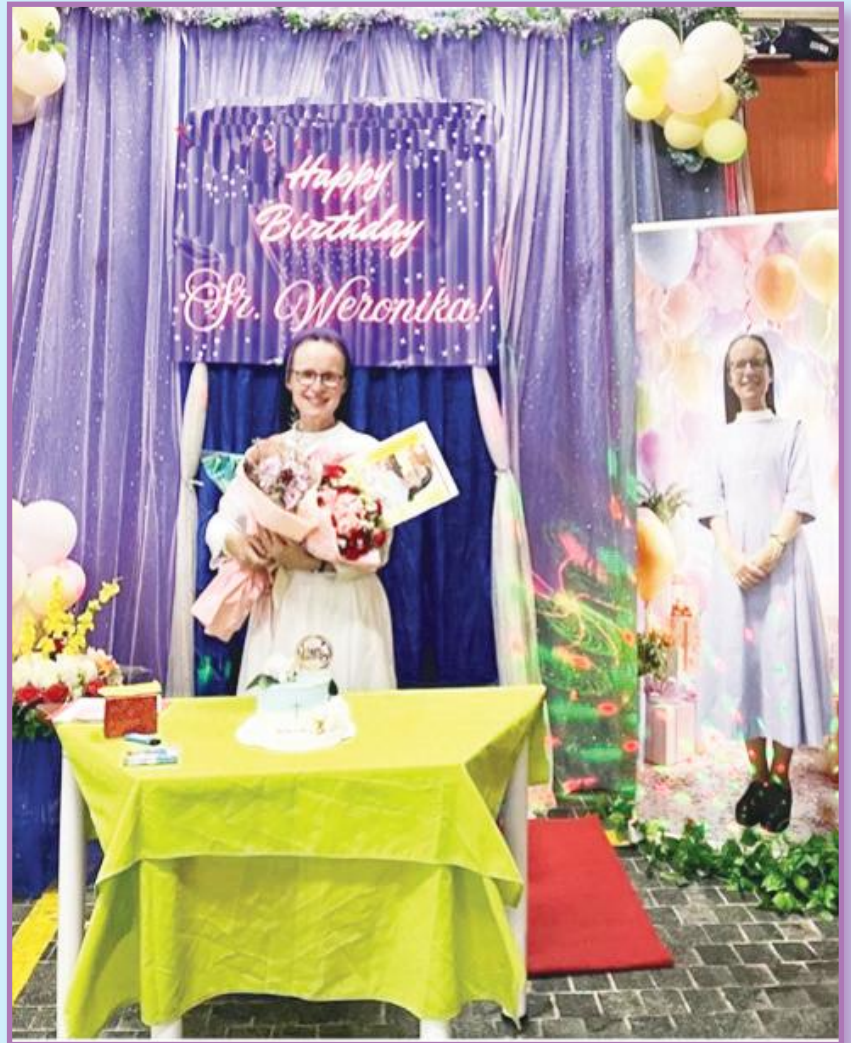
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Happy Birthday



July 19th was an afternoon full of joy as several of our parish communities celebrated the birthday of our beloved Sr. Weronika Maria Klebba SSpS.

Hosted by Legion of Mary, Door of Heaven Presidium, with the support of the Divine Mercy Choir and St. Joseph the Workers' community, this special celebration included warm messages from three community leaders, joyful songs and dances of each community, "heavenly" decoration and



delicious food. Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. Jerry Perocho, SVD, shared an encouraging message and blessing to Sr. Weronika and all August celebrants.

Sr. Weronika, we are grateful for your presence in our community and St. Joseph's Church, for your talent, teachings and encouraging wisdom which bring sunshine to us all.

May God continue to bless you with wisdom and good health always.

"Wszystkiego najpiękniejszego w dniu Twojego święta! Niech ta wyjątkowa chwila będzie jak gwiazda na nocnym niebie — jasna, piękna i wskazująca drogę do nieskończonych możliwości."

"Happy most beautiful day of your life! May this special moment be like a star in the night sky – bright, beautiful and pointing the way to infinite possibilities."

Article by: Brenda Galfo, St. Joseph the Worker's Community Coordinator

to Sr. Weronika!



With SJC-Heads



Black Nazarene Group



Apostleship of Prayer



Filipino Prayer Group



Filipino Catholic Group



The Sowers Charismatic Community



Legion of Mary



SJC-Dancers

聚會招風雨 雀躍調心情

本年度聖若瑟堂剛已領聖洗的慕道班團友們，於7月1日公眾假期間，與談神父和溫修女等共廿餘人到石澳天主教靜修舍參觀，舉行彌撒及午膳。

春天忙完，夏季已至，談神父為我們預備了早上的彌撒，特供了神聖的氛圍，即使忽晴忽暗的天色，讓人暫時屏蔽日常，產生脫離生活瑣事，與天主親近的好時機。當我們看到驟雨，會感受到自己不僅是大自然的一員，乃至宇宙一部分，從而獲得一種與萬物連接，天人合一的好時候。響雷強烈會短暫激起人對自然環境的感知，觸發對自身與天主的渴望。

貴人招風雨，伴隨雨水，空氣負氧離子濃度增加，使人體神經系統放鬆，心情愉悅，在座各位有說有笑。趁雨勢減弱，溫修女和一行五組朋友們舉起雨傘，浩浩蕩蕩向餐廳方向出發打卡。走進石澳餐廳稍事休息後，大家鍾意飲番杯茶食件pizza、享受沙律雞翼薯條牛扒意大利粉的美味，輕輕鬆鬆舉杯交談，童心未泯的唱番首歌，共享超級無敵chill的中午。

當天出席聚會的好朋友月餘於平台集體討論，分享活動資訊，思想交流共鳴。找到歸屬感，實在心情雀躍。從聖經篇章人們得知，我們喜歡安全的環境下互動互愛。所以在這天歡聚一堂，好讓在耶穌基督內，常常相親相愛，同心合意，更讓我們沐浴在主愛中好好學習和休息。







*Baptism/
Confirmation*



August 23 Christela Tu
August 30 Valerie Rupp

St. Joseph's Church, 37 Garden Road



BIBLE VERSES

Look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:2

聖經金句

希12:2 雙日常注視著信德的創始者和完成者耶穌：祂為那擺在祂面前的歡樂，輕視了凌辱，忍受了十字架，而今坐在天主寶座的右邊。

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In Loving Memory

Funeral / Memorial Mass:

July 23	Pierre
July 24	Monica Sung
July 26	Paul Wong
August 2	Paul Tong
August 15	David Choi
August 16	John Chan
August 20	Anna Tsao Yue
August 23	Peter Kong
August 27	Maureen Chu
August 29	Daphne Da Rosa
August 30	Joseph Cheng

天主的愛在萬事萬物中 溫元 修女



天主藉著聖經對我們啟示祂的言語，也藉著世界萬物啟示祂的生命，因為一切的創造物，都因著祂的愛成型而存在。人類作為天主的受造物，有幸成為世界萬物的管理者，去分享天主的生命，同時也代替天主管理受造物，成為天主救恩計劃的一部分，因為天主的愛存滿整個宇宙萬物。天主說：「讓我們照我們的肖像，按我們的模樣造人，叫他管理海中的魚、天空的飛鳥、牲畜、各種野獸、在地上爬行的各種爬蟲。」天主祝福他們說：「你們要生育繁殖，充滿大地，治理大地，管理海中的魚、天空的飛鳥、各種在地上爬行的生物！」(創1: 26, 28) 因此，我們是受造物的管理者，而非萬物的擁有者，只有天主才是這一切的擁有者。

天主藉著一切的創造物與我們人類保持一個關係，也用祂完美無缺的創造物來維持與我們的關係，並希望我們合理的享受創造物來回應與天主的關係。要知道一切的創造和形成，都來至於天主，也都屬於祂，並都藉著天主而聖化和祝福，從而達到圓滿。作為萬物的受造物，我們是為了光榮讚美天主；天主也透過我們的生活、我們所管理的萬物，來彰顯祂的慈悲和榮耀。所以，當我們使天主的創造物滅絕、污染或破壞祂所形成的生態系統，就是在破壞我們與天主的關係，甚至於我們自己的生命。

如何成為天主眼中一個受造物的合格管理者，要求我們去履行耶穌交給我們的誡命，那最大的誡命就是“你應全心、全靈、全意，愛上主你的天主；你應當愛近人，如你自己”(瑪竇 22:37, 39)。這是成為一個合格的管理者最基本的要求，因為我們每一個人都生活在關係中，同天主的關係也展示在我們與其他弟兄姊妹的關係中，因為天主珍視祂與我們之間的關係，使我們成為祂的義子義女，去管理大地。

已故的教宗方濟各，於2015年發表的《願你受讚頌》通諭中，強調氣候變遷是人類共同的挑戰。因為愛護天主的創造物和照顧我們共同的家園，不僅僅是社會的正義、宗教的信仰，更是我們生存的最後希望。天主藉著世界的創造物來展示祂的慈愛和旨意，讓我們透過世界萬物去感受天主的臨在，並以天主為中心，去服務我們身邊的需要和世界的渴望。

在這禧年的慶祝中，我們呼吁聖若瑟堂區的所有家人們，從日常生活中的小事做起，成為一個希望的管理者，用管理萬物的心去關懷世界的需要和我們心靈的渴望，因為只有在天主內，我們才可以做好一個創造物的管理者。

