

**My P@rish 150** - The Parish is producing a book that showcases the Church's space, people, and priests to celebrate our 150th Anniversary. We encourage everyone to participate in this community project. You can be a parishioner or a visitor to our church. My P@rish 150 is a book about you, for you, and by you.

There are three themes for the book: space, people and priests. They are open to your interpretation and definition.

Here are some prompts to help you in your story-telling:

What is your favourite spot in the church — does it inspire or comfort you?

What is your funniest experience within SPP?

Did a priest leave a deep or even life-changing impression on you?

Be free in the way you would like to share your story! Entries may be submitted in the following forms: prose, poems, paintings, photos, illustration, or song. Detailed specifications, more information and additional prompts may be found at <https://www.spp150.com/1st-project>. Please submit all entries to [myparishspp150@gmail.com](mailto:myparishspp150@gmail.com). When submitting your entry, please include your name, age, gender, handphone number and your email address. Please also include the year in which you started to attend mass in SPP. **Please submit your article soon.**

**SPP Columbarium** - To all the niche applicants & other persons concerned. The Parish Building is closed to the public for extensive renovation works which will include the columbarium. For the safety of the public, the columbarium will be closed. Subsequent niche blessings and internment of urns will take place on Saturdays (1.00pm to 3.00pm), on appointment basis only. For your safety, a maximum of 2 family members will be allowed to witness the niche blessing and internment (with the priest and the niche contractor), and will be required to put on personal protection gears when they enter the columbarium.

<b>Sunset Mass</b>	: 5.30pm
<b>Rosary</b>	: 4.30pm (Saturday)
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	: 8.30am (Mandarin), 11.00am (English), 2.00pm (Cantonese), 4.00pm (English)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	: 7.20am and 5.30pm
<b>Interspersory Prayer</b>	: 7.15pm (English, Thursday)
<b>Infant Jesus Devotion</b>	: 5.30pm (Thursday, followed by Mass)
<b>Divine Mercy Devotion</b>	: 12.30pm (Sunday Mandarin)
<b>Sion Adorers - Holy Hour</b>	: 7.45pm - 8.45pm (Saturday)
<b>Hour of Mercy</b>	: 3.00pm daily
<b>Secretariat's Operating Hours</b>	: Mon - CLOSED, Tues to Fri - 9.30am to 6.30pm, Sat & Sun - 9.00am to 1.00pm Lunch hours: 1.15am - 2.15pm. Closed on Public Holidays.

**Columbarium Opening Hours** : Please refer to SPP Columbarium announcement stated above.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** - The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be administered from 5.00pm - 5.20pm on weekdays and Saturday at the confessionals at the baptistery (back of the church). On Sunday, it will be available 30 minutes before each mass.

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# the apostles

Third Sunday of Lent

15 March 2020 Year A

**READINGS:** Sunday Missal (Year A) Pg 258

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:** MON 16 March 2020 - SAT 21 March 2020

**MON:** 2 KGS 5:1-15AB, LK 4:24-30 **TUE:** DN 3:25, 34-43, MT 18:21-35 **WED:** DT 4:1, 5-9, MT 5:17-19 **THU:** R1: 2 SM 7:4-5A, 12-14A, 16, R2: ROM 4:13, 16-18, 22, MT 1:16, 18-21, 24A **FRI:** HOS 14:2-10, MK 12:28-34 **SAT:** HOS 6:1-6, LK 18:9-14

**The weekend Masses will resume on 14 and 15 March at the usual timings. Do come early as there will be temperature screening and contact tracing forms to fill. Please be patient and cooperate with our volunteers.**

**The weekday Masses (Monday - Friday) and Saturday morning Masses will be suspended till further notice. The church will be closed to the general public on weekdays.**

## Introduction to The Letters of Saint Paul (Part 5 of 9)

### PAUL'S JOURNEYS AND LETTERS

#### Galatians. Romans. 57-58 A.D. (cont'd)

The letter to Corinth contrasted Christ as the Wisdom of God with the human wisdom of philosophers, but in the letters to Galatia and Rome, Paul contrasted the perfection people can achieve by purely human effort with Christ who is the Perfection of God. What Paul was trying to do was to correct the unbalance of the Greek outlook that relied too exclusively on reason, just as in the earlier letters he tried to correct the unbalance of the Jewish outlook that relied too heavily on the Law. Judaising Christians who had visited Galatia advised the pagan converts to have

themselves circumcised to ensure their salvation. This would have meant adopting all the prescriptions of the Law, Ga 5:2f, the implications of which, to Paul, made nonsense of Christ's redemptive work, Ga 5:4, and it was for this reason that he opposed the circumcision of his converts so violently. He maintained that the true value of the Law could be appreciated only by seeing its place in the development of God's plan, Ga 3:23-25. The Mosaic Law was good and holy, Rm 7:12, because it really did convey God's will to the Jews, but as law it was unable to provide anyone with the spiritual power necessary to obey it: all the Law could do was make people aware of sin and of the need they have for God to help them, Ga 3:10-22; Rm 3:20; 7:7-13. All human beings need this help, and it is necessarily a gift from God: it

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**NOTE: All SPP150 talks will be cancelled due to the coronavirus alert**

was promised to Abraham long before the Law was formulated, Ga 3:16-18; Rm 4, and has not been given in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection have created the human race anew: once polluted by Adam's sin, it now has Christ himself as its prototype, Rm 5:12-21. All human beings united to Christ by faith, and living the new life by sharing the Spirit of Christ, are made perfect gratuitously and so enabled to live in the way God wants human beings to live, Rm 8:1-4. This faith must result in the human person doing 'good works', but these will not be at all the same as those 'good works', commanded by the Law, on which Jews were so proud to rely; they will be works prompted by the presence of the Spirit, Ga 5:22-25; Rm 8:5-13, and they will be open to all who have faith, whether Jew or pagan, Ga 3:6-9, 14. The preparatory or Mosaic stage of religion is over, and Jews who claim they are continuing to fulfil the Law are in fact putting themselves outside the pale of salvation. Had God not permitted their blindness, however, the pagans would not have found themselves invited inside. This cannot be taken as meaning that God has failed to keep his promise to the Jews, it means that their failure to live up to God's original choice will not be permanent: some of them, the 'remnant' foretold by the prophets, have already become believers, and one day all of them will, Rm 9-11. Meanwhile, all converts without exception, whether they are Jews or not, must love and help each other as one family, Rm 12:1-15:13. The general outlines of this thesis were sketched in Ga; the details added in Rm are much deeper insights into mysteries such as the position of the human race as waiting for salvation, Rm 1:18-3:20; the spiritual struggle of

each individual to be saved, Rm 7:14-25; God's gift of salvation, Rm 3:24 and passim; what the death and resurrection of Jesus actually achieved, Rm 4:24f; 5:6-11, and how Christians share in this by dying and rising in faith and baptism, Ga 3:26f; Rm 6:3-11; the vocation of the whole human race to be children of God, Ga 4:1-7; Rm 8:14-17; the love and wisdom of God who, being perfect and faithful to his promises, only reveals his salvific will stage by stage, Rm 3:21-26; 8:31-39. Paul's thought is still basically eschatological – we are saved 'in hope', Rm 5:1-11; 8:24 – but, as in his letters to Corinth, the stress is on the already present reality of salvation: the Spirit that was promised is already processed, as 'first-fruits', Rm 8:23, by the Christian who from now on lives in Christ, Rm 6:11, and Christ in him, Ga 2:20.

The letter to the Romans is a magnificent though incomplete synthesis of Paul's theology: it does not exhaust his doctrine. The Lutheran controversy showed it was the most important of Paul's letters, but it would be a pity if this led people to neglect the other letters which are necessary to complete a really adequate review of all Paul's theological ideas.

Source: The Jerusalem Bible, 1966

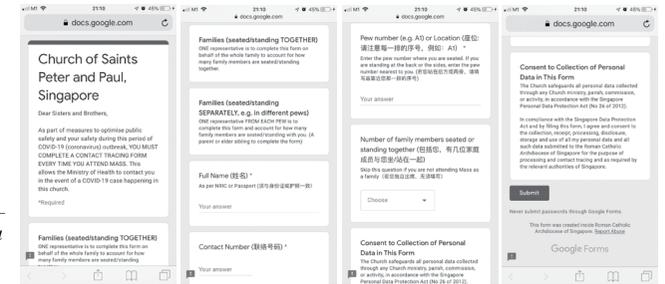
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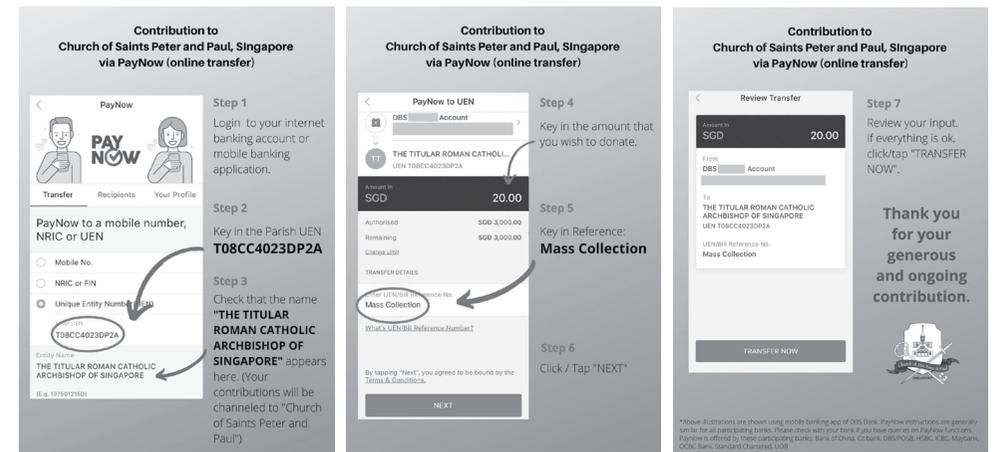
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