

## PASTOR'S CORNER

### The Privilege of Growth

I remember when I first started learning to play the guitar, I would watch other skilled musicians and be inspired to one day play the way they do. I would put in hours of practice to improve and I would be thrilled as I observed progress and gained the ability to play songs that I love. This leads me to wonder, what if we were this excited and motivated to grow in our spiritual life?

Scripture repeatedly highlights the privilege and opportunity of growth that every Christian has in Jesus. James 1:2-4 NIV says,

*"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."*

It should be considered our highest privilege and joy to grow in faith and character, even if that growth comes through bitter trials. When we grow we are gradually set free from the chains of sin and darkness that destroy our lives and we begin to experience the beauty of holiness.

Just imagine the quality of life you would have if you were a mature disciple of Christ. Practically speaking, we would:

- have divine joy and peace in our hearts
- be more loving and lovable
- be freed from bitterness and anger
- be less negative, judgmental and ungrateful
- have authentic, loving relationships
- be victorious over our sin and addictions
- be filled with the Holy Spirit
- experience the power of prayer
- be mighty in sharing the gospel and raising up more disciples

My prayer is that none of us would be content with our current state, but that we would have a burning desire through the Holy Spirit to reach ever greater heights in our Christian journey. I challenge you to pray until this desire is born in your heart.

Pastor Sheldon Imperio

## OFFICERS' SCHEDULE

DUTIES	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
Presider	Lowen Tenerife	Evelyn Regoso
Deacons	Jezreel Aure, Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo, Richard Caguioa, Generoso Oabel, Jerry Santander, Tony Bernardo	Jezreel Aure, Dennis Rey, Jerson Aure, Helmer Ferraren, Sam Ly, Jun Delos Reyes, Nimrod Jordan, Andrew Lancia
Deaconess	Malou Glipo, Melcah Basit, Emese Cocosila, Vandy Ly, Aurora Primero & Judy Ranin	Leonor Jaraba, Irene Abrece, Elsie Dela Cruz, Carol Echavez, Dorothy Jaraba, Erna Magsipoc, Marcelina Manalo
Fellowship Lunch	Group 5- A. Jordan & R. Esmara	Group 6- M. Jaraba & E. Magsipoc
Disposal	Eduardo Balance, Hector Guzman, Medel Hongo	Sam Ly, Jun Delos Reyes, Nimrod Jordan
Nurses	Dahl Docil & Joey Vizcarra	Cindy Salandanan & Nemely Lospe
Open/Close	R. Ramel /Nimrod Jordan	Armand Repizo/Vilmore Dela Cruz
Sunset	5:56 PM	6:05 PM

## AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

- 1:30 p.m. – Prayer Ministry
- 1:30 p.m. – Sabbath School Council Meeting at Multi-Purpose
- 2:30 p.m. – Second Congregation – Speaker: **Pastor Sheldon Imperio**
- 3:00 p.m. – Pathfinders
- 5:00 p.m. – Church Board Meeting

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

29 | Post-Valentine Banquet at Novotel Hotel, 200 Bass Pro Mills Drive, Vaughan, ON

### MARCH

- 1 | Stages of Discipleship one-day Training @ 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 1 | Food Bank @ 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- 7 | LAT Meeting @ 5:00 p.m.
- 13 | (OC) PF Basic Staff Training
- 14 | Safety Training @ 1:30 p.m.

## CONNECT WITH US

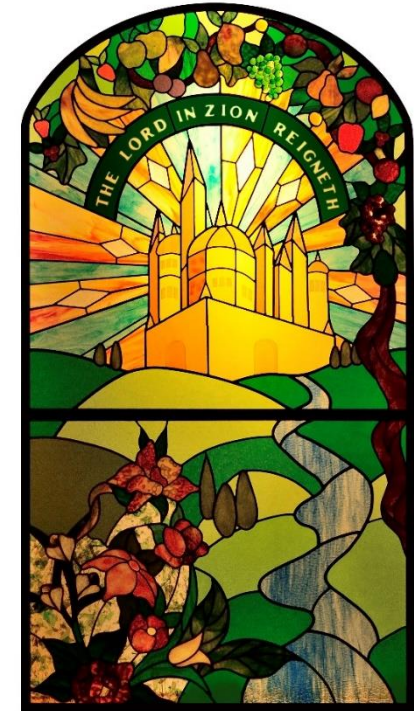
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Seventh-day  
Adventist™ Church  
Mount Zion Filipino



### Church Vision:

*"Be a church of Loving and Forgiving Ambassadors of God"*

### Church Mission:

*"To REACH everyone in our community with the Christ-centered Message of Hope and Wholeness"*

**February 22, 2020**

Sabbath School 9:15 am | Divine Worship 10:50 am | Second Service 2:30 pm  
Mid-Week Prayer 7:30 pm on Wednesdays | Vespers Meet 7:30 pm on Fridays

Song Service		Praise Team
	<b>“More About Jesus” SDAH#245</b> <b>“O, How I Love Jesus” SDAH#248</b>	
Welcome Remarks		Oliver Rey
Opening Song		Congregation
	<b>“Sweet Hour Of Prayer” SDAH#478</b>	
Scripture Reading	<b>Daniel 7:27, NKJV</b>	Lemuel Salandanan
Opening Prayer		Lemuel Salandanan
Mission Story		Video Presentation
Special Music		Yzsabel Salandanan
Lesson Review		By Classes
	<b>“From the Stormy Sea to the Clouds of Heaven”</b>	
Closing Song		Congregation
	<b>“Power In The Blood” SDAH#294</b>	
Closing Prayer		Ritchelle Casalan-Co

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE:

“Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (Daniel 7: 27 NKJV)

**CHORISTERS:** Eden Vizcarra and Team  
**PIANIST:** Aser Tamdang

FAMILIES FOR PRAYER

THIS WEEK	NEXT WEEK
<b>Gallano</b> , Pacita & Gerry	<b>Gheorghita</b> , Mac & Adriana
<b>Gamez</b> , Jay, Judy, Jessica & Justin	<b>Glipo</b> , Albert & Marilou
<b>Gania</b> , Judith	<b>Gorospe</b> , Teresita
<b>Ganzon</b> , Belle	<b>Gorospe</b> , Jeimer & Jazi
<b>Ganzon</b> , Ryan, Rose, Kina & Parker	<b>Gorospe</b> , Faith
<b>Ganzon</b> , Reggie, Rosalyn, Melia & Taiya	<b>Greico</b> , Romeo & Norma Caballero
<b>Garalde</b> , Alfredo, Trisha & Henri	<b>Grijaldo</b> , Joan Dee & Glenda

Prelude		Pianist
Welcome & Announcements		Lowen Tenerife
Call to Worship*		Lowen Tenerife
Introit*	<b>“We Have Come Into His House” CH#224</b>	Congregation
Invocation*		Pastor Sheldon Imperio
Children’s Welcome Song		Children’s Choir
Children’s Story		Thea Mae Villanueva & Nica Esguerra
Songs of Worship		Praise Team
	<b>“All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name” SDAH#229</b> <b>“Sweet By And By” SDAH#428</b> <b>“When We All Get To Heaven” SDAH#633*</b>	
Scripture Reading*	<b>Philippians 3:12-14</b>	Mikael Mendoza
Call to Prayer	<b>“This Is Holy Ground”</b>	CH#138
Intercessory Prayer		Evelyn Regoso
Prayer Response	<b>“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord”</b>	SDAH#684
Stewardship Video		
Offertory Reading & Prayer		Theoren Tenerife
	<b>Offering: Ontario Conference Advance</b>	
Offertory Music		Pianist
Introduction of Speaker		Lowen Tenerife
Message in Song		Mt. Zion Choir
Message from God’s Word		<b>Pastor Sheldon Imperio</b> <i>Assistant Pastor, Mount Zion Filipino Seventh-day Adventist Church</i>
	<b>“THE SPIRITUAL PARENT”</b>	
Song of Dedication*	<b>“Higher Ground” SDAH #625</b>	Congregation
Benediction		Pastor Sheldon Imperio
Song of Affirmation	<b>“I’ll Tell The World”</b>	CH#348
	<b>Praise Team Lead:</b> Dale Burnette-Splude & Team <b>Pianist:</b> Adriana Gheorghita <b>Organist:</b>	

\*Congregation stands

What is your NEXT STEP? (Spiritual Journey Plan)

- MID-WEEK PRAYER**  
Join us for Mid-week Prayer on Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. **Topic:** Back to Basic **Bible study text:** Romans 7: 14-25  
**Message of Hope:** Jesus is the only person who can free you from sin and death
- FRIDAY EVENING VESPERS**  
Please join us on February 28, 2020 @ 7:30 p.m. for Vespers. Please invite your family members and friends to come. Pastor Sheldon Imperio will cover a series for the month of February. You do not want to miss it.
- GOING GREEN**  
All members who join our fellowship lunch are asked to please bring their own reusable/paper plates (no styrofoam) and cutlery and wash them at home. Thank you for being a faithful steward of our environment.
- MOUNT ZION AFTERNOON CONGREGATION**  
Join us every Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 pm for a fresh way to grow in your faith and to connect with other genuine and caring people in a CARE Group setting.  
**Speaker:** Pastor Sheldon Imperio **Topic:** “A Healthy Church Part 2”
- PARENTS/YOUTH**  
Please check the youth room (2nd floor) for possible missing items from your households: 3 sweatshirts; 2 shoes(1 girl, 1 boy); 1 toque(gray); 2 Maharlika sweatshirts; 3 boy shirts(2 plaid, 1 black); 1 sleeping bag; 1 Vest(blue) and 1 banduria. Reclaim if yours. Thank you.
- POST-VALENTINE BANQUET**  
IMPORTANT EVENT FOR ALL COUPLES The Family Life and Social Departments are co-hosting this years Post Valentine Banquet Gala Event on February 29, starting at 6:30 PM . It will be a romantic evening for couples and those who are engaged. The venue will be at Novotel Hotels and Resorts, Concord Ballroom, 200 Bass Pro Mills Drive, Vaughan, Ontario. No children are allowed and strict dress code will be followed consisting of long evening gown for ladies and dark suit and tie for men. A delicious 6-course dinner is also included. Cost for the banquet is \$35 per person. Please remit your payments to Lyn Lucrida or Elsa Nepomuceno. Deadline for payment is Monday, Feb 24.
- KINGSWAY COLLEGE’S ANNUAL PREVIEW WEEKEND**  
Kingsway College is holding their annual Preview Weekend Open House on April 24-26, 2020. Find out about what Kingsway College has to offer! Students from grades 8-11 and their families are welcome to join us for this FREE weekend. Register now at [www.kingsway.college/preview](http://www.kingsway.college/preview) or call 905-433-1144 ext. 211.

Please submit all materials for bulletin no later than midnight every Monday to [bulletin@mtzion.ca](mailto:bulletin@mtzion.ca). This deadline will be strictly adhered to.