

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of the Holy Cross
Friday 15 December @ 8pm
6.15pm Evening Mass as usual



Services at WEST DISTRICT Churches

Thurs 14 Dec @ 8pm Blessed Sacrament Church
Mon 18 Dec @ 8pm St Ignatius Church
Tues 19 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Mary of the Angels
Wed 20 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Francis of Assisi



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

For the month of December will be on 17th December 2017
The Children's Liturgy team is expanding and we are looking for more volunteers to help us out.
If you are 18-35 years young, join us!
Contact Melissa at 91063455



RECRUITMENT FOR CATECHIST MINISTRY

If you are a baptized, confirmed catholic who frequents the sacrament of eucharist regularly, keen to be a good witness for Christ and work with either children 5-12 or youths 13-15, we are interested to hear from you :

***Facilitators for Secondary Level Catechism Team**
(work with youths age 13-15)

Please email us at secondary.catechistministry@gmail.com

***Catechists/Assistant Catechists for Primary Level Catechism Team**
(for children 5-12 years old.)

Please email us at sg.holycross.catechists@gmail.com

MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 Dec

7pm: Year End Thanksgiving Mass

Christmas Carols @ 6.30pm

9.30pm: Mandarin Mass / Christmas Carols @ 9pm

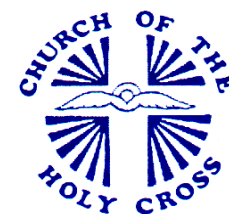
12mn: Midnight Mass / Christmas Carols @ 11.30pm



Christmas Day Monday, 25 Dec

* 7.30am * 9.30am * 11.30am

* **NO 6.15pm Mass** *



Church of the Holy Cross

450 Clementi Ave One Singapore 129955 www.holycross.org.sg

OUR VISION: To be a communion of communities with intentional disciples centred on Jesus Christ, commissioned to evangelize and to serve.

9/10 December 2017

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11

Second Reading

2 Peter 3: 8-14

Gospel

Mark 1: 1-8

Reflection

NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive.



Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am
Vespers - 6pm, Mass - 6.15pm

Saturday:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am
Novena - 4.15pm
Sunset Mass - 5pm
Mandarin - 6.30pm

Sunday:

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
Tagalog (Every 2nd Sun) - 2.30pm

Public Holiday:

Morning Mass @ 8am
No Lauds before Mass

P.A.R.I.S.H Holy Hour:

Every 1st Friday at 8pm

Prayer Room Opening Hours:

Everyday - 7am to 10pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

15 minutes before evening Masses on Saturday and all masses on Sunday.

Infant Baptism:

@12.45pm 1st Sunday of:

Jan, Mar, May, July, Sep & Nov.

Funeral Arrangements:

Please check with the Parish Office for the availability of the Priest and Church before confirming the timing for cremation or burial.

Wedding:

Please contact the Secretariat, at least six months before for availability of dates.

Para Counselling Services:

Call 63820688 from Monday-Friday between 10am - 5pm to make an appointment.

2nd Collection

1st week of the month - for the Apostolate of St Vincent de Paul.

3rd week of the month - for GIFT Program of Catholic Foundation.

PROJECT G.O.D.

Project G.O.D. (Gift of One Dollar) is our parish annual fund raising initiative undertaken by our Sec 3 Youth Confirmants.

The beneficiary for this year is **CLARITY**.

CLARITY is a Catholic charity that serves persons with mental health issues to live meaningful lives through support, therapy, acceptance and recovery.

Fund Raising Activities:

⇒ **New Orchid hybrid — auction of painting**

A water colour painting of a new orchid hybrid named after Church of The Holy Cross is offered for silent auction.

Please visit the Parish Office from 3 Dec to view the painting and make a bid.

Closing date for the bidding is 25th Dec 2017.

The Parish will inform you if you have submitted the highest bid.

⇒ **2nd Collection**

There will also be a 2nd collection this weekend for Project G.O.D. by the Sec 3 Youth Confirmants.

⇒ **Christmas Chocolates Sales**

Quality products @special market prices.

Order today at the bookshop & collect on 16/17 December.



GIFT Advent 2017

Next weekend, 16/17 December, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT campaign.

Contributions to Gift will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organizations and building projects.

More info is available at www.gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal

Charismatic Renewal Healing Rally

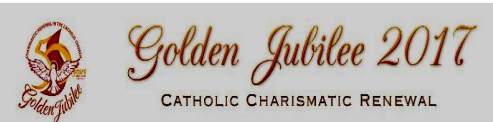
Topic:

"Stirring Up Spiritual Gifts"

On Wed, 13 Dec 17 @ 7.30pm to 10pm

At Church of the Holy Cross

Speaker: Jim Murphy



CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION

Organized by the Cenacle Sisters.

Sunday, 17 December 2017,

9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Choice Retreat House,

47 Jurong West St 42 S649368

An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare our hearts for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord

Registration:

cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

Website: www.cenaclemission.com



Christmas Carolling

The **Caritas Christi Youth Choir** and **Edify** are eager to bring the Joy of Jesus' Birth to your homes this Christmas!

Invite us to your homes to sing traditional Christmas Carols and Hymns

Let God's love fill your household through these songs.

Sign-up slots are available:

from 17th to 21st December 5pm - 9pm

22nd December 7pm - 10pm

Please sign up at our booth at the church's entrance, or grab a flyer for more information.

Contact: Christine (8126 9103), Nathanael (9274 9162)



HOLY CROSS FAMILY YEAR END THANKSGIVING MASS & COUNTDOWN PARTY 2018

SUNDAY, 31st December, Mass at 9pm; party at 10pm @ Canteen

Program:

- ♦ Special Family Blessing
- ♦ Holy cross got talent
- ♦ Herald in 2018 with your love ones



Please purchase ticket at the booth outside the church.

TICKET: \$5/PERSON (Includes Supper, Party pack, Kiz countdown fun)

* We are calling for talent within Holy Cross to come forward
For Holy Cross's got talent. Please call Pauline 96615137 *

Sale of Catechism Books for K2 to Sec 3

On 3, 10, 17 and 31 December
At Catechist Room,
9am - 12noon

Price:

K2 to P6 @ \$35

Sec 1 @ \$37

Sec 3 @ \$38

(please bring exact amount).

***For Sec 2,
no book needed***

Next Infant Baptism

Sunday, 7th Jan 2018

Preparatory Session: Sun 17 Dec
at 12.45pm @ St Michael Rm

Compulsory for parents & godparents



Personal Moral Compass Course 2018

by Rev Fr David Garcia, OP.

It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules.

Thursdays, starting on 4 January 2018;
7:30pm to 9:30pm, in Agape Village,
7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.