

*Blessed Christmas and A Happy New Year!
May the coming year be full of joy
and happiness to you & family.*

Fr Henry, Fr Robertus and Fr Anthony Vinay

KEEPING VIGILANT IN CHURCH

In this Season of Peace and Love, let us be mindful of our responsibility for each other, and remain vigilant of acts against Love. Consider the following security tips:

1. If you notice any person behaving in a suspicious manner, report it to a Warden or Hospitality Minister.
2. If you notice an unattended bag or observe someone about to leave a bag unattended, alert a Warden or Hospitality Minister.
3. Be familiar with the Church's fire exits before Mass begins. Follow the instructions of Wardens if there is an evacuation.
4. Do not panic and rush when you're being evacuated. Remember your safest way to safety is an orderly way.
5. If you see something threatening safety and security in your Church, say something to someone in charge.

HOLY CROSS YEAR END THANKSGIVING

MASS & COUNTDOWN PARTY 2018

Sunday, 31st December,
Bilingual Thanksgiving Mass at 9pm
Party at 10pm @ Canteen
Activities for children will be also organized.
Let us come together to give thanks to God
for all the blessings received and all that is
to come in the new year.

WELCOME BR NICHOLAS LYE

Seminarian Br Nicholas Lye is
posted to our parish for his
pastoral training with effect from
2 January 2018.

Lets show our welcome and
support for him while he awaits
the days of ordination to the
diaconate and priesthood.

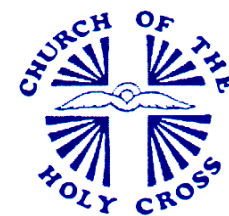
MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Sunday, 24 Dec

7pm: Family Mass / Christmas Pageant @ 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

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

23/24 December 2017

First Reading

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Second Reading

Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel

Luke 1: 26-38

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays:

Lauds - 6.15am, Mass - 6.30am
Vespers - 6pm, Mass - 6.15pm
Lunchtime Mass - 12.15pm

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.

Reflection



FELIZ NAVIDAD

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GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house" that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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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.

ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLICAL APOSTOLATE SINGAPORE

Presents 2 Courses by Msgr Ambrose Vaz
at Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, S549102

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

16 & 23 January 2018 (Tuesdays), 9.30 am TO 11.30 am, Cost: \$20

BOOK OF JEREMIAH

30 January – 22 May 2018

Tuesdays only (Except 13 March and 1 May – 15 Sessions)

9.30 am to 11.30 am, Cost: \$120



For more information/registration:

Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg

Tel: 62800354 (Office hours: 9.00am to 1.00pm)

Sale of Catechism Books for K2 to Sec 3

On 31 December at Catechist Rm, from 9am to 12noon.

Price: K2 to P6 @ \$35 / Sec 1 @ \$37 / Sec 3 @ \$38 (please bring exact amount).

For Sec 2, no book needed



Book Sharing

Collection of Call to Faith and Zanzig Catechism books which are used and in good condition will done on Jan 6 and Jan 7. Boxes will be placed at the Foyer for the books to be left.

Incoming batch of Catechism students are welcome to get a used book from the boxes for their lessons for 2018. Please support this sharing project.

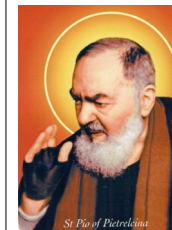
Personal Moral Compass Course 2018

by Rev Fr David Garcia, OP.

The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules. This course is organized under Caritas Singapore.



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



DEVOTION TO ST PIO

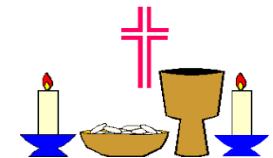
Church of the Holy cross

Every 2nd Sunday of the Month
@4pm, St Michael Room

Inaugural devotion: 13 Jan 2018 @8pm

LUNCHTIME MASS

With effect from 2 Jan 2018,
we will have Lunchtime Mass
on weekdays at 12.15pm.



Marriage Encounter (ME) Festive Promotion

Give your spouse or loved ones a special gift this festive season.
For this December and January only, get ME vouchers from
Cana (55 Waterloo St, Level 2) at half-price of \$25.

Book a ME Weekend and pick up communication skills for a stronger marriage. Slots are still open for the Jan 5-7 (**fast selling out!**),
Feb 2-4 and March 2-4 Weekends.

E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org



PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD.

Our next monthly session is on

**Tue 26 Dec 2017, 7:30pm at Agape Village,
Toa Payoh Lorong 8.**

Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

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 :

*** Small groups Facilitators for Secondary Level**

(work with youths age 13-15)

Email us at secondary.catechistministry@gmail.com

***Catechists/Assistant Catechists for Primary Level**

If you can't teach, you can still help up as assistant catechist.

(for children 5-12 years old)

Email us at sg.holycross.catechists@gmail.com

