

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

Let us come together to give thanks to God for all the blessings received and all that is to come in the new year.



1st Jan 2018 NEW YEAR Public Holiday

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

* Mass at 8am * * No 6.15pm Mass *

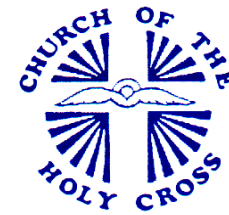
Charismatic Prayer Group

Come PRAISE and THANK the LORD with us
on Tuesdays 7.45pm @ St. Michael Room at Level 1

Topics for Talks in January 2018

- 2 Jan: My Journey to God - a review of last year's experience.
- 9 Jan: True-Living - Sharing Jesus' Peace
- 16 Jan: True-Living - Sharing Jesus' Love - by Fr Anthony Vinay
- 23 Jan: True-Living - Sharing Jesus' Joy
- 30 Jan: Fellowship & Thanksgiving

* All are welcome *



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.

30/31 December 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

First Reading
Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3

Second Reading
Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel
Luke 2: 22-40

Reflection

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas.



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The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself. Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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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.

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.

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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.

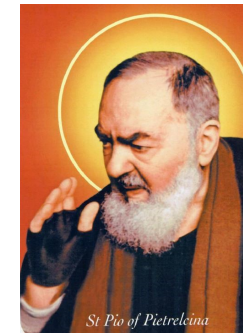


Marriage Encounter (ME) Festive Promotion

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



DEVOTION TO ST PIO

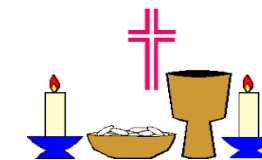
Church of the Holy cross

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

Inaugural devotion: 14 Jan 2018 @4pm

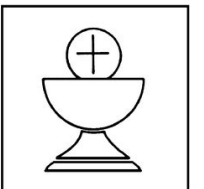
LUNCHTIME MASS

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



PARISH Holy Hour

Friday, 5 Jan
8pm
Main Church



CHINESE CATECHISM CLASS 2018

Mandarin catechism will be opened for Primary 1 children in January 2018.

Class Session: **Every Saturday** (Except public holidays / school holidays.)

Time: **5pm - 6pm**

Date of Commencement: **Saturday, 20 January 2018**

Parents who wish to enroll their children for the above class should use the registration form (in Chinese) available at the main entrance of the church and the Secretariat. Please submit the completed form to the Secretariat by 10 January.

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

