

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 19 December @ 8pm
6.15pm Evening Mass as usual

Services at WEST DISTRICT Churches

Tue 18 Dec @ 8pm St Ignatius Church
Thur 20 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Mary of the Angels
Fri 21 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Francis of Assisi



MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Monday, 24 Dec



6.30pm: Christmas Pageant & Family Mass
9.00pm: Caroling & Mass (Mandarin)
11.30pm: Caroling & Midnight Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, 25 Dec

* 7.30am * 9.15am * 11am * **NO 6.15pm Mass** *

PARISH Holy Hour

First Friday of the month

4 January 2019, 8pm @ Main Church

Come, let us adore the Lord as a parish community.



INFANT BAPTISM ON SUNDAY, 6 JANUARY 2019

Preparatory Session: Sunday,
30 December 2018 at 12.45pm @ St Michael Rm

Compulsory for parents & godparents
***Registration close on 23/12.**



Church of the Holy Cross THANKSGIVING MASS & YEAR END COUNTDOWN PARTY

Monday, 31 December 2018

Bilingual Thanksgiving Mass at 9pm,
thereafter Party at the Foyer.

\$5 Entrance Fee. Tickets are available for sale this weekend.

Please visit ticket booth outside the church. Join us for games, songs, food, lucky draw and fancy dress (movie Characters). See you there!



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.

15 & 16 Dec 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading
Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Second Reading
Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel
Luke 3:10-18

Reflection



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REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy. This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

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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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REGISTRATION FOR SEC 1 CATECHISM FOR 2019

All incoming students for Sec 1 Catechism for 2019 are asked to register using the link below. Please register by 30 Dec 2018.

To register, please use the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/2019HCsec1> or scan this QR Code:
***incoming Sec 2s and Sec 3s need not register.**



BE A FACILITATOR

CATECHISM FACILITATOR RECRUITMENT (SECONDARY LEVEL)

We warmly present you an opportunity to help build our future church.

TO HELP YOU DISCERN, WE'RE CONDUCTING A TRIAL
FACILITATORS WORKSHOP JUST FOR YOU.

To register, log on to **<https://goo.gl/mjLjrj>** or scan the QR code
or contact Aaron 8228 9138 / Stephanie 9729 6712



BOOK OF PSALMS By Fr Ferdinand Purnomo OCD

MORNING SESSION

16 sessions: 22 January–28 May 2019

Tuesday mornings, 9:30am-11:30am
at 2 Highland Road, #03-17 CAEC Building, S549102

EVENING SESSION

15 sessions: 21 Jan-27 May 2019

Monday evenings, 7:30pm-9:30pm
at CANA, Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187954

Organised by Archdiocesan Biblical Apostolate

Course description and registration: <https://bit.ly/2GfwK6L>

Email: aba_secretariat@catholic.org.sg Tel: 62800354



CHILDREN'S EUCHARISTIC ADORATION (CEA)

(STARTING JAN 4, 2019)

When: **Every 1st Friday of the month, 7.45pm-9pm**

Where: **St Michael's room**

Who: **Children 5-12 year olds**

(1-4 year olds must be accompanied by parents)

Children's Eucharistic Adoration (CEA) is dedicated to leading children into the mystery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, through a simple structure of prayer and silent adoration. All are welcomed!



HEROES

*"If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die,
we die for the Lord." (Rom 14:8)*

HEROES is a Youth Discipleship programme that helps youths aged 15-19yrs to discover the HERO within them. Through fun, engaging, activity-based sessions, youths are formed in human and spiritual formation so as to better equip them to face life's challenges and realities, and live in freedom as heroes for Christ!



Dates: Sunday 6 & 20 Jan, 3 & 17 Feb, 3 Mar 2019

Time: 11.30am-1.30pm (followed by lunch)

Venue: Church of the Holy Cross, Room #03-10

Sign up at tinyurl.com/holycrossheroes

STUDENT INTERNS

The Chancery Archives, a department supporting the Archdiocese in records management and archives, is seeking self-motivated and detail-oriented interns who have academic training in historical research and/or are interested in history and heritage matters.

Applicants should be students with minimum 'A' level or diploma qualifications, and should be able to commit to the internship for at least 3 months or longer.

Kindly submit your resume, your available period for internship and a recent photo to chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg by 23 December 2018.

Abundance By Nicholas Lye

FAITH FORMATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS (18-35 YRS)

Friday 7.45 - 9.45pm @ Church of the Holy Cross, Room 03-08

28 Dec 18: Christian Singlehood - "Sad and lonely?"

25 Jan 19: Personal Vocation - "One and only?"

22 Feb 19: Personal Discernment - "Not about me?"

Sign up at tinyurl.com/abundanceholycross

CHARISMATIC RENEWAL **MOVEMENT**

* No activity till 8th of January 2019 *

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2018

Christmas Eve, 24 December
Monday @6.30pm

CHILDREN AND ADULTS OF
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.