



ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

Church of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 18 December @ 8pm
6.15pm Evening Mass as usual

Services at WEST DISTRICT Churches

Mon 16 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Francis of Assisi
Tue 17 Dec @ 8pm Church of St Mary of the Angels
Thu 19 Dec @ 8pm St Ignatius Church



MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve - Tuesday, 24 December

7.15pm: Family Mass (Pageant/Caroling at 6.45pm)
9.30pm: Mandarin Mass (Caroling at 9pm)
12.00mn: Midnight Mass (Pageant/Caroling at 11.30pm)

Christmas Day - Wednesday, 25 December

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



Note: The information provided in the latest issue of the Catholic News for our Christmas Masses dated 8 Dec 2019, was wrongly printed. The correct timings are: **7.30am, 9.15am & 11am.** All masses are in **English.**

MASS TIME FOR NEW YEAR 2020

New Year's Eve (Dec 31, Tuesday)

Mass at 9pm

1st Jan 2020, Wednesday (Public Holiday)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

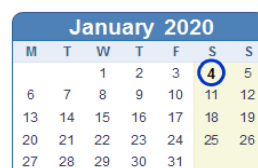
* Mass at 8am and 9.30am* * No 6.15pm Mass *



CHANGE OF MASS TIMINGS ON SATURDAYS

Effective Saturday, 4 January 2020

New timings: 4.00pm: Novena, 4.45pm: Mass (English)
6.30pm: Mandarin Mass (Remain unchanged)



INFANT BAPTISM

Sunday, 5 January 2020

Preparatory Session: Sunday, 29 December at 12.45pm

@ St Michael Room

Compulsory for parents & godparents



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.

14 & 15 Dec 2019

**Third Sunday
of Advent**

First Reading

Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Gospel

Matthew 11:2-11

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.



REASON TO REJOICE

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co

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INDISCRIMINATE PARKING
along Clementi Ave 1 during church services.



LTA WARNS: DO NOT park your car

- a. within 3 meter fire hydrant, 6 meter junction and 9 meter bus stop,
- b. at road bends, entrances or exits of any access,
- c. at zebra-controlled areas.

Parishioners are encouraged to park your car within Casa Clementi car park.

LTA warns that fine and demerit points will be issued without hesitation if vehicles found parking indiscriminately along Clementi Ave 1.

GIFT PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

This weekend, being the 3rd weekend of the month, there will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to support the organisations and projects of the archdiocese.

More information is available at catholicfoundation.sg



CATECHISM REGISTRATION FOR 2020 INTAKE

GOOGLE FORM FOR NEW REGISTRATION

<https://forms.gle/zU6aLVlDDaRmtnjz7>

Catechism Registration for 2020 intake for children from pre-primary, primary and secondary levels is now open.

Please register online by scanning the QR Code.

Catechism will start on Sat 11 Jan 2020 for secondary levels and on Sun 9 Feb 2020 for the pre-primary & primary levels.

Children who are already attending catechism in the parish do not need to register for 2020.



LIFESPRINGS CANOSSIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE

100 Jalan Merbok, Singapore 598454

OPEN HOUSE

Come and see where and how the nuns live!

December 21 (Sat) & 22 (Sun) (from 2-5pm)

Appreciate RSVP Tel: 64662178

Website: www.lifespringscanossian.com

Have you personally experienced God's goodness in your life
Is this something you would like to share with others?

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Starts February 15, 2020 Saturdays at 10 am to 12 noon



Invite your friends to attend RCIA,
send them the RCIA form
available at <https://tinyurl.com/RCIA-form>
or scan the QR code.



For enquiries, please contact Agnes Tiong
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2020 COUNTDOWN CELEBRATION

31 December 2019, Tuesday

Thanksgiving Mass at 9pm

(thereafter follow by the countdown)

10pm - 12.15am, at Church Canteen

Tickets: Adults: \$6 / Children: \$4

Tickets are available for sale this weekend,
please visit the stall at the church entrance.



CAROLING BOOKINGS ARE OPEN!

Dates: 16th – 20th, 23rd & 26th December



Edify and CCYC are spreading the Christmas joy this season with a fun medley of caroling songs this year! Invite them to perform in your homes for an extra festive atmosphere!

Do contact Claire at 97482371 via WhatsApp if you're keen.

Slots are limited, so book early today!

GOOD FOOD, GOOD CAUSE AT CROSSINGS CAFÉ



Support a Catholic social enterprise that serves hearty and affordable local and western fare. The café provides employment opportunities for the disadvantaged, and donates all profits to charity. Enjoy a good meal with your friends and family at Crossings Café (#01-01 Catholic Ctre, 55 Waterloo St, S187954).