

SOW 2020 YOUTH OUTREACH CANCELLATION

Upon advice we are cancelling all School of Witness (SOW) 2020 outreaches including Nox Gaudii @ Cathedral, in view of the coronavirus situation.

We will be videoing our preachings, testimonies and creativity items prepared by the SOW participants to continue the work of evangelisation in this season.

Let us continue to pray for the effective containment of the coronavirus situation and for the protection of all affected.

For inquiry contact our Youth Coordinator
Jonathan at 82330392

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 @ 9824 5926 or email agnestiong31@gmail.com

We need more sponsors to join us.
Please contact Agnes Tiong @ 9824 5926 for more information.



ASH WEDNESDAY — 26 FEBRUARY

This is a day of penance, marked by fasting and abstinence.

Mass Timings:

Eve, Tuesday 25 February

6.15pm, 8pm (Mandarin)

Wednesday, 26 February

6.15am, 12.15pm, 6.15pm and 8pm

FIRST FRIDAY OF LENT — 28 FEBRUARY

Stations of the Cross 7.30pm, Mass 8pm



INFANT BAPTISM

Sunday, 1 March 2020

Preparatory Session: Sunday, 23 February at 12.45pm
@ St Michael Room

Compulsory for parents & godparents



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.

15 & 16 February 2020

**Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

First Reading

Sirach 15:15-20

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel

Matthew 5:17-37

REFLECTION

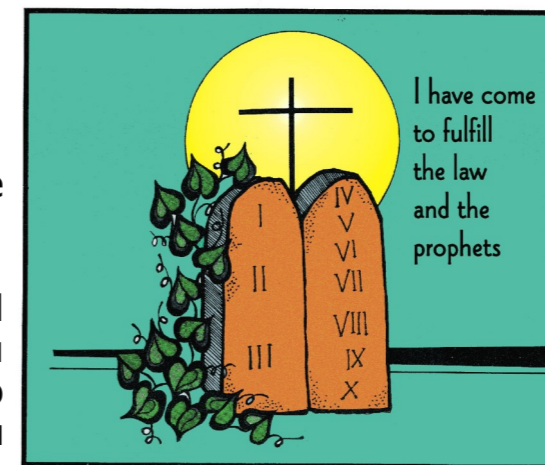
CHOICE

"If you choose you can keep the commandments," Sirach tells us. God "has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch

forth your hand" (Sirach 15:15, 16). This is a great mystery: God does not control us so completely that we cannot choose our own path. We have certain boundaries, of course, but no one but we can choose our way within those boundaries.

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of our freedom and our responsibility for our lives. He calls us to look beyond the words of the commandments, all the way to their meaning. Look beyond the adultery to the selfishness that poisons our love. Look beyond the murder to the anger that eats away at our compassion. Look beyond the perjured testimony to the lies and deception that drive our behavior.

Our vocation is to choose life for ourselves, and to choose a path through our part of the world that helps make life possible and more abundant for others as well.
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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 - 4pm
Sunset Mass - 4.45pm
Mandarin - 6.30pm

Sunday:

7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am & 5pm
Tagalog (Every 1st 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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CHANCERY NOTICE

Guidelines for Catholic Church in tackling the Wuhan Virus outbreak.

RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES FOR INFECTION CONTROL IN ARCHDIOCESE

1. Parishioners returning from mainland China are to go on 14 days' leave of absence (LOA), starting from the day after arrival in Singapore.
2. Holy Communion is to be received by hand until further notice.
3. Any person who is unwell or exhibits symptoms of flu is exempted from attending Masses where crowds are present.



With the current threat of Coronavirus, the priests of the Parish will not be greeting parishioners in the usual manner of shaking hands after mass, till the situation improves. We seek your kind understanding.

CATECHISM 2020 - ALL LEVELS SUSPENDED



Due to Wuhan Virus epidemic, catechism sessions for all levels will be suspended till further notice.

HOME VISITS to CLEMENTI AVE 3

The parish team will be conducting home visits in the near future to parishioners of Clementi Ave 3, Blk 426 – 462.

HOME VISITS

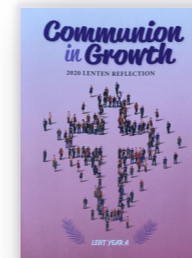


For those staying in the designated apartment blocks, please register with the parish. Kindly provide your name, contact and address to Secretariat hp: 9729 9087 or email holycross@singnet.com.sg

TAGALOG MASS - CHANGE OF TIMING



Tagalog Mass will be celebrated on 1st week of the month instead of 2nd week with effect from 1st March 2020.



LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLET 2020

The Lenten Reflection booklets are now available for NCCs, Ministries, families and other Faith Sharing Groups. All Ministry leaders are advised to collect their copies from Warden's room.



PIETA Day of Reflection for Bereaved Parents

Saturday 29 February 2020

**9.30am to 4.30pm at SFX Seminary Building,
618 Upper Bukit Timah Road**

If you have suffered the death of your child, come and draw comfort from our Lord through prayer and reflection. Register with your name and contact details before 18 February 2020 via PietaDayOR@gmail.com or SMS/Whatsapp Audrey at 92990113.

HOLY CROSS CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT

Come SING PRAISES, THANK the LORD and PRAY for healing with us. on Tuesdays 7.45pm @ All Saints Hall, Level 1

TOPICS FOR TALKS IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2020

"Help Build Our Church with the Charismatic Gifts of the Holy Spirit" 1 Cor 12

- 18 Feb: **Gift of Prophecy** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco
- 25 Feb: CRM Fellowship
- 3 Mar: **Gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco
- 10 Mar: **Discernment of Spirits** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco
- 17 Mar: **Faith and Miracles** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco
- 24 Mar: **Prayer for Healing** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco
- 31 Mar: **Fruit of the Spirit** by Gerard & Jessica Francisco

All are welcome!

*Praise
and give thanks to
the
Lord*

GIFT PROGRAM OF CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews or parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at catholicfoundation.sg

