



# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 19 Jan 2025 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Ordinary Time (Year C)

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8.00am to 9.00pm

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm  
Sat : 6.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat : 5.30pm (Sunset)  
Sun : 7.30am (Mandarin),  
9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

### CONFESSIONS

15 mins before all weekend Masses in  
the Reconciliation Rooms in Church.

## OTHER SERVICES

### ADORATION ROOM

Mon – Fri : 8.00am to 9.00pm  
Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm  
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

### COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

### MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

Sat : 4.30pm to 7.00pm  
Sun : 8.30am to 1.00pm  
Every 2nd Sunday : 8.30am to 1.00pm,  
5.30pm to 7.00pm

### DEVOTIONS

**Holy Hour** : First Friday @ 8.00pm  
in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

**Mass in Honour of St Joseph** :  
First Wednesday @ 8.00pm  
in Main Church

### Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri)  
in the Chapel of St Joseph

### Garden Rosary :

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

**Grotto Rosary** : Every 13th of the month  
after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

### Holy Hour for Vocations :

Every Third Thursday of the month in  
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

### Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest

### Ordinary Time



Despite its name, Ordinary Time is far from ordinary. The term 'Ordinary' refers to the fact that these Sundays are numbered sequentially (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc.).

Ordinary Time is divided into two segments. The first part begins on the Monday following the Sunday that celebrates the Baptism of the Lord and concludes on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The second part resumes on the Monday after Pentecost and continues until the evening prayer on the First Sunday of Advent.

During Ordinary Time, our prayers and readings delve into the public life of Christ, exploring his miracles, teachings, and other key events. This season also encompasses significant celebrations, including Corpus Christi, the Assumption of Mary, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day.

## Chinese New Year Mass Timing

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|                                                                       | CNY Eve         | CNY                                                                            | Public Holiday  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Date                                                                  | Tue 28 Jan 2025 | Wed 29 Jan 2025                                                                | Thu 30 Jan 2025 |
| Time                                                                  | 4.30 pm         | 8.00 am (M)<br>9.30 am<br>11.00 am<br>Distribution of<br>Oranges at all Masses | 8.00 am         |
| NB : There will still be the 6.30 am Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph. |                 |                                                                                |                 |
| Venue                                                                 |                 | Main Church                                                                    |                 |

## Blessing of Candles on Sun 02 Feb

Parishioners can bring their candles to the Parish Office prior to 2 Feb. Please label the candles with your name and contact number. The candles will be blessed at the 11.30 am and 5.30 pm Masses on Sun 02 Feb.

For parishioners who are not attending these two Masses, you can collect your candles the following week from the Parish Office.



Closed



| Parish Office                          | Canteen    |
|----------------------------------------|------------|
| Tue 28 Jan<br>Closed from 1 pm onwards | Sun 26 Jan |
| Wed 29 Jan : Chinese New Year          | Sun 02 Feb |
| Thu 30 Jan : Public Holiday            |            |

Tuesday Morning Manna (Tue 21 Jan @ 11.05 am)



**TUESDAY MORNING MANNA**  
presents

**MYSTERIES of the ROSARY:**  
**The Joyful Mysteries**

**Journey through Christmas with this video series**  
**filmed in the Holy Land!**

- January 7, 14, 21
- Tues 11.05am, St Joseph AVA Rm

Prayer thru Music (Fri 24 Jan @ 8 pm)



**Prayer thru Music** ©  
(brought to you by SAHOP)



**JUBILEE 2025**  
Pilgrims of Hope in Community



**❖ Praise & Worship**  
**❖ Spiritual Talk**  
**❖ Community Bonding**

*Mr Zerah Goh*  
*Executive Director (Montfort Centre)*



**“What is the best way to Pray”**

**24 January 2025 (Friday) 8PM**  
**@ Level 3, St Mary, AVA Room**  
**Parish Community Hall**

e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Pongal Celebration (Sat 25 Jan from 7 pm)



All are Invited for

# Pongal Celebration

May this harvest festival bring peace, happiness and prosperity in your life.

Saturday 25th January 2025  
@ 7pm  
Parish Community Hall

Join us to dance, sing, play games, enjoy yummy food and to have fun.



Scan QR code to Register



Venue : St.Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)  
620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
Singapore - 678116



Sunday of the Word of God (Sun 26 Jan)



## SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

26 JANUARY 2025

"I HOPE IN YOUR WORD" (Ps 119:74)

Visit the Faith & Bible Reflections Community booth after Mass to learn more about the Word of God!



During the weekend of the Sunday of the Word of God, members of ththe Faith & Bible Reflections Community will be around after Mass to provide more information on he Bible and their Bible study sessions. Please visit their booth outside the canteen after Mass or join their Whatsapp Community: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/CD50EiCOOpXK0FiGE5t8eb>

## Scripture Series : Part VIII – Book of Judith By Fr Ambrose Vaz



*Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.  
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)*

Time : 9 am to 10.45 am  
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room  
St Joseph's Church (BT)  
Dates : 06 / 13 / 20 / 27 Feb  
06 / 13 / 20 Mar  
(7 sessions)

No registration required. All are welcome.  
Do bring along your bibles.



### Children's Mass (Sat 8 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

## CHILDREN'S MASS

**SAT 8 FEB  
5:30PM  
MAIN CHURCH**

\*THERE WILL BE ROSARY AT  
4:50PM LED BY THE CHILDREN  
FROM THE LEGION OF MARY  
JUNIOR PRAESIDIUM.



Mass for the Sick (Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm)

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Sun 09 Feb @ 5.30 pm Mass



The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those who are **suffering from grave illnesses or greatly weakened by old age**.

If you or a family member would like to receive this Sacrament, please email [sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg) or call the Parish Office at 6769 1666 to register.

Closing date : 4 Feb 2025

Infant Baptism (Closing Date : 15 Feb)

2025 Infant Baptism  
Schedule

- Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: St. Joseph’s Church, Bukit Timah.
- Please download the ‘Infant Baptism Registration’ form (located under Services>Sacraments>Baptism) and submit the completed form along with the relevant documents to the Parish Secretary at : [sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)



| RITE OF BAPTISM<br>@ 1:30PM | PREPARATION SESSION 1<br>@1:30PM (Zoom)<br>For parents and godparent | PREPARATION SESSION 2<br>@1:30PM<br>(St Joseph AVA Room)<br>For parents and godparent | CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION: |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 6 APRIL 2025                | 2 <sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2025                                           | 30 MARCH 2025                                                                         | 15 FEBRUARY 2025               |



Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tues 21st January 2024 from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom



We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet over Zoom on Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jan to pray and support each other. (Please note the date change because of Chinese New Year’s Eve on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.)

Enquiries: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com)  
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>  
*Please email us directly for the Zoom link.*

Note: In February, we will be meeting in person at Catholic Family Life at Highland Road. Please email us for details.

This year, Christians around the world celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea.  
For the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2025 which will take place from 18 to 25 January globally.

Organised by the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) and St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street), there will be just one prayer service to bring together Christians from all over Singapore to unite with one mind  
and one heart in prayer and reflection on the theme: Do you believe? (John 11:26).

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025



Do You Believe?  
(John 11:26)

*An Invitation to All Christians*  
Come and join us in Prayer and Reflection

Date: 21 January 2025, Tuesday  
Time: 8 p.m.  
Venue: St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)  
143 Victoria Street Singapore 188020



# Helping You Find Peace, Power, and Passion

## Surviving Divorce #18

was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

For Men  
and Women  
Seeking  
Healing from  
Divorce

### Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings, and finances.

**Dates:** 21 Jan to 29 Apr 2025 (Tuesdays)

**Time:** 8 to 10 pm

**Venue:** Combination of zoom and face-to-face sessions at **Church of the Holy Spirit**,  
248 Upper Thomson Road, Singapore 574371

Registration

Cost: S\$60

<https://forms.gle/49fEdtFdGN2SpJbr7>



For More Information

<https://www.catholicdivorce.sg/events>

Email for queries: [catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com](mailto:catholicdivorce.sg@gmail.com)

Join us on this powerful journey to hope and healing!

My Personal Moral Compass (Commencing mon 3 Feb)





# My Personal COMPASS

with **Fr David Garcia, OP**

Navigate moral issues in 10 sessions.

COURSE DETAILS

3 FEBRUARY - 14 APRIL 2025

MONDAY

TIME 8:00 TO 9:30 PM

FEE \$100

VENUE | CANA AT CATHOLIC CENTRE 55 WATERLOO ST, LEVEL 3

SCAN ME NOW



NO CLASS ON 31 MARCH

Get introduced to the basics of morality, which are applicable to all and not just Christians. Come and build an ethical foundation so you can journey towards fulfilling your potential as a person made in the image of God.

Lead Like Jesus (Commencing 15 Feb)

## LEAD LIKE JESUS (LLJ)

**Date:** 15 & 22 Feb 2025 OR  
15 & 29 Mar 2025

**Time:** 9am - 5:30pm

**Venue:** Agape Village,  
7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

**Cost:** \$200/- (lunch & tea breaks  
for 2 days & workbook included)



CATHOLIC  
LEADERSHIP  
CENTRE





**Register at:** [www.catholicleader.sg](http://www.catholicleader.sg)

Effective leadership - whether on the job, in the community, at church or in the home - starts on the inside. Knowing who we are, and to whom we belong to. One deals with one's relationship to Christ. The other with one's life purpose.

A foundational module based on the servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ, exploring the 4 domains of leading like Jesus: the heart, head, hands and habits.

# Come and Encounter Jesus...

...who heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds  
(Psalm 147:3)

**REQUIREMENT:**  
**ATTENDED PRAYER**  
**EXPERIENCE RETREAT**  
**(PER)**

**SEMI - SILENT,**  
**STAY-IN RETREAT**  
**THUR 8.30am**  
**til**  
**SUN 6.30pm**

**REGISTRATION STARTS**  
**20 DEC 2024**



**FEE \$320**  
**(excluding 9% GST)**

**Conducted By**  
**JULIANA KOH**  
**& CSC RETREAT TEAM**

- Talks •
- Prayer Sessions •
- Wounds & their Effects •
- Healing of Past Wounds •
- Healing of Relationships •
- Healing of Emotional Wounds •
- Pray-over for Healing & Empowerment •



# IHR #05



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Encountering God • Healing Hearts • Empowering Lives

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## INNER HEALING RETREAT

### FEB 13 - 16 2025

# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

## FRIENDSGIVING: Praying Our Friendships (21 – 23 Feb)



Friendship is a sacrament of God’s love and a gift. In this uniquely crafted retreat, you are to bring a friend (could be a family member, a colleague, etc) and celebrate this gift together. You will also discover how Jesus continues to draw you into a deeper friendship with Him.

Register early using QR code

## Building Trust (Commencing 8 Mar)

### BUILDING TRUST (TRU)

Date: 8 Mar 2025 OR  
12 Apr 2025

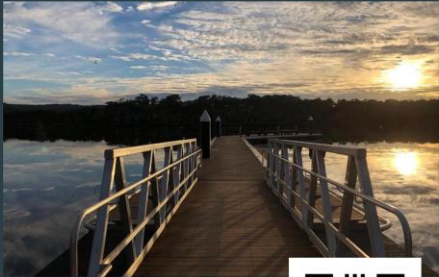
Time: 9.30am - 3:30pm

Venue: Agape Village, 7A Lor 8  
Toa Payoh, MPR1 (#03-09)

Cost: \$100/- (lunch included)



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LEADERSHIP  
CENTRE



Register at: [www.catholicleader.sg](http://www.catholicleader.sg)

Through conversations and interactive group activities, participants will develop a shared understanding of trust and take personal responsibility for how they can develop deeper levels of trust at an inter-personal and group level.

## Quieting The Soul (7 – 9 Mar)

Take some time out with the Lord as He invites you to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." [Mark 6:31]

This is a 3-day silent retreat suitable for beginners and busy people.

Register early using QR code.



Creating Safe Spaces (22 – 23 Mar)

# Creating Safe Spaces

*in Communities and Religious Institutions*



A Cenacle-organized workshop

**WHEN:** 22-23 March 2025; 9:00-5:00 pm

**WHERE:** La Salle House Conference Room

Facilitated by Fr. James Gascon, SJ

## Who should attend?

Leaders and members of Church ministries/Catholic organisations

Persons who accompany others  
*teachers, mentors, catechists, facilitators, etc.*



**REGISTER NOW**

This two-day workshop seminar introduces Safeguarding as Charism and Spirituality, starting with its theological and spiritual foundation. Abuse and all its forms will be defined. The dynamics of victimization and offending will also be explored. This workshop is highly recommended to all holding leadership positions in the Church.

As Pope Francis insists, “We are a sign that the ministry of safeguarding belongs to all of us as it is part of the Church's ministry, indeed of evangelization itself,” and without safe spaces and interior freedom from the heart, our Church will never be safe where the Gospel is freely proclaimed.

## Marriage Preparation Courses



This course, spanning over 6 half-day sessions on weekends, is designed to help couples build strong foundation for a lasting fulfilling marriage.



Couples intending to celebrate your union in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend MPC as early as possible before your wedding date

For more info : [www.mpcsingapore.com](http://www.mpcsingapore.com)



# CSC

## CELEBRATES JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 2025

ALL ARE WELCOME!



**RETREATS: CER** **CONVERSION EXPERIENCE RETREAT:**  
Encounter the living God, conducted by William Cardinal Goh

**PER** **PRAYER EXPERIENCE RETREAT:**  
Grow in your prayer life

**IHR** **INNER HEALING RETREAT:**  
Experience the healing love of Jesus

**IR** **INTERCESSION RETREAT:**  
Experience the power of intercessory prayers

**HR** **HOPE RETREAT(Young Adults):**  
Overcome hopelessness; Live in hope

**BR** **BREATHE (Youth in the Spirit Seminar):**  
Encounter the love of God & learn to live a life filled with the Holy Spirit

**2nd SAT VIGIL: COME AS YOU ARE**

"In those days, he went onto the mountain to pray, and he spent the whole night in prayer to God." (ref Luke 6:12)

**4th SAT MASS with HEALING SERVICE**

"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

**FRIDAY GROWTH: HOLY SAINTS  
WITNESSES OF HOPE, SHOW US THE WAY**

Make friends with the Saints and see their fullness of life and hope in all circumstances

**JAN** ST THOMAS AQUINAS  
ST JOSEPHINE BAKHITA  
ST PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

**13-16 FEB IHR** **FEB** ST BERNADETTE & OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
ST MAXIMILIAN KOLBE  
SEVEN FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER

**29-31 MAR PER** **MAR** ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY  
ST OSCAR ROMERO  
ST JOHN BP DE LA SALLE  
ST MAGDALENE OF CANOSSA

**APR** ST GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA  
ST LOUIS GRIGNON DE MONTFORT  
ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA

**MAY** ST CARLO ACUTIS  
ST DAMIEN OF MOLOKAI  
ST RITA OF CASCIA  
ST PHILLIP NERI  
BLESSED NICHOLAS BARRE

**6-8 JUN HR** **JUN** MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
18-22 JUN CER ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA  
ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA

**18-20 JUL PER** **JUL** ST MARIA GORETTI  
ST LOUIS MARTIN & MARIE AZELIE GUERIN  
ST IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

**30 JUL-3 AUG CER** **AUG** ST ALPHONSUS MARY DE LIGUORI  
23-24 AUG IR ST DOMINIC  
ST PETER JULIAN EYMARD  
ST MONICA & ST AUGUSTINE

**3-7 SEP CER** **SEP** OUR LADY OF SORROWS  
FR PIUS OF PIETRELICINA  
ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

**17-20 OCT IHR** **OCT** ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI  
ST TERESA OF AVILA  
ST JOHN PAUL II

**28-30 NOV PER** **NOV** ST LEO THE GREAT  
ST GIUSEPPE MOSCATI  
ST GIACOMO ALBERIONE

**4-7 DEC BR** **DEC** ST FRANCIS XAVIER  
ST JOHN OF THE CROSS  
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST

**Patroness of CSC, pray for us**

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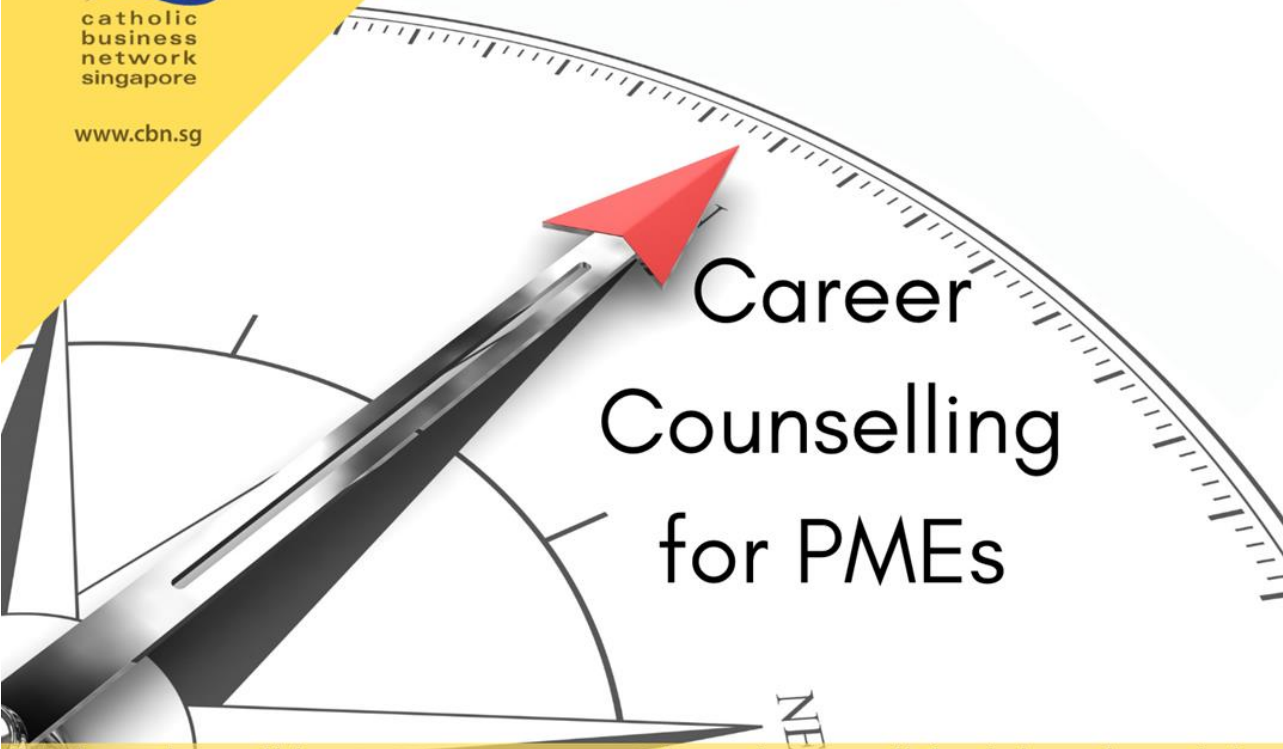
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# Career Counselling for PME

*"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7*

✓ CAREER EXPLORATION

✓ WORKPLACE WELL-BEING

✓ CAREER TRANSITION

✓ JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Sessions conducted via Zoom



Scan the QR Code to Register

*There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs. All PMEs are welcome*