



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 07 December 2025 • Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

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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

Second Sunday of Advent



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Candle of Peace

*God of Peace,
shine your light in our hearts.
Prepare us for Christ's coming
and fill us with the peace
He brings.*



O God of Peace, we pray you to send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts at this time and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that He brings.

Pope's Intentions for the Month of December

*"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict,
especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace,
reconciliation, and hope."*

The Pope offered a prayer to the God of Peace that Christians surrounded by pain may feel the "gentle kindness of your presence and the prayers of their brothers and sisters in faith."

He prayed that God may help them strengthen fraternal bonds and become seeds of reconciliation that build hope and bridges of justice and mercy.

Pope Leo invited all Christians to pray that we may never grow indifferent to the suffering of other Christians, but rather that we may be builders of unity.

Vatican News

Advent Penitential Service at St Joseph's Church (BT)

Please note that the Advent Penitential Service for our Parish will be on Tuesday 09 Dec at 8 pm. Do make an effort to attend and prepare our hearts to welcome Christ this Christmas.

For the Advent Penitential schedule for the North District Parishes, please refer to page 4 of the bulletin.

Our Rosary Garden

Since the Rosary Garden was opened in 2017, worshippers can be seen saying the Rosary before or after Masses, especially during the First Saturday after the 5.30 pm Mass. Some visitors also say a prayer for our founding priest, Fr Anatole Mauduit, whose tombstone is also in the Rosary Garden that spreads across 775 square metres.

There is an interesting story behind the beautiful Rosary Garden. The idea for the Rosary Garden surfaced in 2007 but it was conceptualised in 2009 after a parishioner showed a brochure of the Rosary Garden in Florida. The working committee rejected the concept as it found the original Seminary-CTIS site unsuitable. Parishioners were then invited to submit entries to a design contest and a final layout evolved from a blend of ideas.

The original statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary was made from fibreglass, but this was replaced in 2025 with a marble statue donated by a parishioner. On the ground representing the actual form of the Holy Rosary, there are 59 large fibreglass beads with a reclining stainless-steel cross measuring 3.5 metres in length and 1.8 metres in width.

Near the crucifix is a mural that is 5 metres long and 2.6 metres wide, with art pieces depicting the four Mysteries of the Holy Rosary on the front side. The reverse side of the mural has over 100 religious art pieces representing Jesus, Mary, the Holy Family, angels, the Cross, the Eucharist and Saints.

The SJC Art Ministry, formed in June 2016, was actively involved in creating the murals for the Rosary Garden. The team sketched the art pieces; pressed and shaped each art piece by mixing putty and cement onto a terracotta file; used polyfoam pieces for better bonding and weight reduction; applied epoxy to each art piece at the pre-mounting stage; and mounted the whole mural.

On the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord on 25 March 2017, His Grace Archbishop William Goh celebrated Mass with parish and invited priests as concelebrants. His Grace then blessed the Rosary Garden, released a white dove and planted the ‘Happy Tree’ (*Garcinia subelliptica*).

When the dove flew, everyone who knew its ‘history’ was elated. The dove had appeared a few weeks before the official opening of the Rosary Garden when the Art Ministry members were struggling to complete the mounting of the icons, wordings and roses on the murals because of heavy thunderstorms and intermittent rain in February 2017.

The members prayed for divine intervention and the dove appeared. The church caretaker then, Anthony Joseph, found that the dove was unable to fly, put it into a cage to nurse it, and placed it outside the art room. He released the bird everyday, but it would not fly. Sunshine did appear in early March despite forecast for bad weather, enabling the Art Ministry members to complete the mounting of the murals.

The dove’s presence had an uplifting effect on the members who were desperate to complete the murals. The Holy Spirit was indeed guiding the members during the mural mounting process and ‘flew off’ at the blessing of the Rosary Garden.

The next time you are in the Rosary Garden for individual or group prayer, give thanks to the Holy Spirit, the Blessed Virgin Mary and the parish team that laboured to complete the Garden. May the Rosary Garden also draw you closer to God.

By Peter Ling



*Above left: The Art Ministry during the production and mounting process.
Above right: Archbishop William Goh releasing the dove.
Below: The original fibreglass statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary (left) and the current marble statue donated by a parishioner (right).*



Come Home to St Joseph's Church (BT)

Come Home to St Joseph's

Do you know someone who has been away from Church? Or someone you would like to share our faith with? Offer your prayer intentions for them this Advent and invite them for Christmas Mass and our 180th Anniversary celebrations to experience the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ!



You can drop your petitions in the box in the Cry Room.

Caroling for a Cause

Christmas Caroling for a Good Cause

Our 11:30 am Sunday Mass choir is spreading holiday cheer by singing carols at homes.

Catch us after the 11:30 am Mass, or reach out to :
Bibiana: 9431 8288 or Daniel: 9636 5597

All donations go straight to CHIJ SANCTUARY FOR CHILDREN.

Let's make this season extra warm together!



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Please note that there is no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.

Advent Cantata (Sat 6 Dec & Sun 7 Dec)

Advent Cantata

Explore the Advent themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love through traditional hymns and contemporary songs this Advent!

- Sat 6 Dec & Sun 7 Dec
- 7.00-8.00pm
- Parish Community Hall

All are Welcome! Invite your friends!



Enter the season of Advent more fully through sacred music and song. There will be an Advent Cantata on 6 and 7 December after the evening Mass featuring youth singers from our parish. The concert is free and all are welcome.

Sharing Christmas Joy (Collection : 7 & 14 Dec)



Sharing Christmas Joy

**The Society of St Vincent De Paul
thanks the Parish community
for the tremendous support to our Families-In-Need**

Collection of Christmas gifts

**Day & Date: Sunday, 7 & 14 December 2025
From 8.30am to 12.30pm @ St Joachim Room**

Please paste the gifting card on the gift box or put the gifting card together with goodie bag items or bookshop vouchers

Advent Reflections (Sun 07 Dec)

Advent Reflections

Youth Faith and Bible Reflection

**Every Sunday**
Nov 30
Dec 7, 14, 21

**2 to 3.30 pm**

**Online via Zoom**

**Age 15+**





Calling all youth 15+ years! Come and know more about the Advent Season and prepare your hearts to welcome Jesus at Christmas. Join the Youth Faith & Bible Reflections Community for more information: tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB

North District Advent Penitential Services

2025 North District Advent Penitential Services

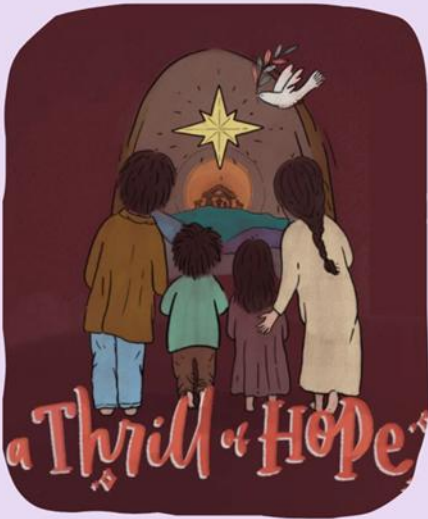
Day & Date	Time	Venue
Mon 08 Dec	8 PM	St Anthony
Tue 09 Dec	8 PM	St Joseph’s Church (BT)
Wed 10 Dec	10.30 AM & 8 PM	Christ the King
Thu 11 Dec	8 PM	Our Lady Star of the Sea
Fri 12 Dec	10.30 AM & 8 PM	Holy Spirit

Note :
Church of the Risen Christ is undergoing renovation and hence will not be scheduled this year.

Please make the effort to attend the penitential services to prepare our hearts to welcome Christ at Christmas.

Advent Reflections (9 and 10 Dec)

Prepare your hearts for Jesus' coming with Scripture reflections, sharing questions, and faith-sharing activities.



ADVENT REFLECTIONS



- Tuesday 8pm or Wednesday 9am
- Nov 25/26, Dec 2/3, 9/10, 16/17
- Online via Zoom

FAITH & BIBLE
REFLECTIONS



Join the Faith & Bible Reflections Community to reflect on the Sunday readings this Advent, and prepare for the coming of our saviour, Jesus! Join the Whatsapp Community for more information:
tinyurl.com/SJCBTFAB

Intercessory Prayers (cancelled on 10 Dec)

St Joseph Intercessory Prayer Group

“First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings should be made for everyone.” 1 Tim 2:1

Let us come before the Lord to pray for the needs of others and for our own needs

***There will be no intercessory prayer session
on 10 Dec 2025.***

See you on 14 Jan 2026, 7:30-8:30pm!

Christmas Fair (Sat 13 Dec and Sun 14 Dec)



Media Centre (Bookshop) : Christmas Fair

*Back by
popular demand!*

The Daughters of St Paul Media Centre (Bookshop) will extend the Christmas Fair for one more weekend on **Sat 13 Dec & Sun 14 Dec.**

Do drop by and pick up some delightful Christmas presents for your family and friends.



Art & Faith Talk : In the Company of Angels (Sat 13 Dec @ 10 am)



AN ART&FAITH TALK

In the Company of Angels

They are more than just messengers. Uncover what Scripture reveals about human encounters with angels.

Sat 13th Dec 2025 10.00am-12.00pm	St Joseph's Church (BT) St Mary AVA Room	Speaker: Patricia Tan
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Join Patricia Tan as she breathes life into paintings. weaving art into faith. Come experience the intersection of creativity and devotion, and leave inspired to see God's love expressed in colour.

Simbang Gabi (Wed 17 Dec)

St Joseph's Church
(Bukit Timah)
Rev Fr. Romeo Yu Chang, CICM

Date: 17 December 2025
(Wednesday)

Time: 7:15pm - Holy Rosary
7:40pm - Carols
8:00pm - Holy Mass

Address: 620 Upper Bukit Timah Rd,
Singapore 678116

By Bus (aft Assumption Eng Sch): 67,
75, 170, 178, 184, 961, 963, 970

By MRT: DT2 Cashew (Downtown Line)



Simbang Gabi
2025

Hope in Times of Darkness
"The light shines in the darkness..." John 1:5

Come and experience the rich Filipino tradition of welcoming the birth of Jesus.

Christmas& Year End Mass Timings

2025 Christmas & Year End Mass Schedules

Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Wed 24 Dec	8.30 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Wed 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Mandarin)
Wed 24 Dec	11.15 pm	Carolling (English)
Wed 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Thu 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Wed 31 Dec	5.30 pm	Thanksgiving Mass (followed by Fellowship)



Prayer thru Music (Fri 26 Dec @ 8 pm)



Prayer thru Music ©
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JUBILEE 2025
Pilgrims of Hope in Community

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding



Sharing by Rev Msgr Peter Zhang
"Image and likeness of God."

(Friday) 26 December 2025 @ 8:00pm,
Level 3, AVA Room, Parish Community Hall



e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Come and get to know your neighbours and pray together as a community.

Year End Fellowship Gathering (Wed 31 Dec @ 6.30 pm)

Year End Thanksgiving Gathering
Wed 31 Dec 2025 @ 6.30 pm
Parish Community Hall

As we close the year, let us come together as a community to give thanks to God for His many blessings.

As there are limited seats, registration is on a first-come first-served basis. Please scan the QR code to register.



Philippines Disaster Relief



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DISASTER RELIEF



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/PHDR

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FUNDRAISING APPEAL



CHARIS is making a heartfelt appeal to raise funds for the Philippines to support those affected by a series of catastrophic typhoons and earthquakes that have struck the country in recent months. It has claimed several lives and displaced many people from their homes leaving countless families struggling for food, clean water, and shelter. These funds will provide urgent relief and essential supplies to alleviate their suffering. Please render assistance.

ACMI Skills Development Courses

Skills Development Courses



Our courses aim to build **practical skills** in our **migrant domestic helpers**.

 Build confidence in **practical skills** such as **Financial Literacy**

 Classes conducted at **Agape Village** at Toa Payoh

 Ongoing registration till **10 Jan 2026**



 For any enquiries, visit **acmi.org.sg** or call **8600 3583**.

 Scan here for more details



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Feast Day Mass



Honouring the
Patroness of Unborn Children

FRIDAY, 12 DECEMBER 2025

Pro-life Rosary | 5:45 PM

Mass | 6:30 PM

Church of St Alphonsus
(Novena Church)



GIFT Appeal



**Walking Together in Hope:
One Body in Christ**

Help bring the light of Christ to all!

GIFT supports:

- the operations of key Catholic organisations
- evangelisation and formation initiatives
- scholarships
- clergy welfare
- building projects
- sinking funds for Archdiocesan and parish properties

Scan the QR code
to make a monthly pledge or
offer an ad-hoc contribution.



catholicfoundation.sg/give

One Body in Christ. Each of us is a member of the Body of Christ. When we give of ourselves and what we have, our Church becomes alive, strong and fruitful. Catholic Foundation invites you to support the work of several organisations, clergy welfare and the building of the Catholic Hub to build a more vibrant, evangelising and missionary Church.



CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD

- ARE YOU FACING LEGAL ISSUES OR DISPUTES AND FEELING LOST?
- DO YOU REQUIRE SOME HELP TO UNDERSTAND YOUR SITUATION AND LEGAL OPTIONS?
- HOWEVER, YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER OR DO NOT QUALIFY FOR OTHER PRO BONO SERVICES.

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NAVIGATING LEGALITY,
SECURING JUSTICE



SCAN QR CODE
TO REGISTER



Contact details

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- probono@clgsingapore.com

1. Online registration is required before an appointment will be given to you (*CLG reserves the right to accept/reject any application at its sole discretion)
2. In order for our lawyers to assist you better, you will be asked to provide some basic information / background of your legal matter.
3. If you have any queries on the CLG Pro Bono Legal Clinics, see contact details above

Marriage Encounter Weekend



Discover the Joys of a
Richer, Fuller Life Together!



2025 Weekend

Date Options*

- Feb 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Feb 14 - 16 (IndoME)
- Mar 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Mar 14 - 16 (HuaKen)
- Apr 4 - 6 (Eng)
- Jun 6 - 8 (Eng)
- Jun 20 - 22 (HuaKen)
- Aug 22 - 24 (IndoME)
- Aug 29 - 31 (Eng)
- Oct 3 - 5 (Eng)
- Nov 7 - 9 (Eng)
- Nov 21 - 23 (HuaKen)
- Dec 5 - 7 (Eng)

The Weekend (stay-in) begins on Fri at 8 pm,
and ends on Sun evening with Mass.

Yes, all you need is one Weekend!

*Conducted in English, Bahasa Indonesia
(i.e. IndoME) or Mandarin (i.e. HuaKen).



Singapore

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Singapore (WWMESG)
is an Affiliate of Catholic Family Life.

Find out more at
<https://tinyurl.com/WWMESGsignup>



Build a Strong Foundation for a Lifetime of Love

Getting married in the Catholic Church?
Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) offers **six focused, half-day weekend sessions** to help you and your partner grow closer and prepare for a strong, faith-filled marriage.

✨ **What to expect:**

- Practical tools for married life
- Deeper communication and connection
- Faith-based guidance rooted in Catholic values

 **Plan ahead – attend well before your wedding day!**

 Register or learn more: www.mpcsingapore.com

MPC 2026

Q1: 11 Jan - 01 Mar

Q2: 12 Apr - 17 May

Q3: 05 Jul - 16 Aug

Q4: 20 Sep - 25 Oct



Strengthen your bond. Grow in love. Start with Marriage Preparation Course.