





# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 30 Jul 2023 • 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time (Year A)

 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
Singapore 678116

 Gate Opening Hours:  
8.00am to 9.00pm

 [stjoseph-bt.org.sg/](http://stjoseph-bt.org.sg/)

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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 open foyer of the main 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

### Msgr Peter Zhang, CDD

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary

Let us offer our congratulations to Msgr Peter as he celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest on 26 Oct 2023.

A Thanksgiving Mass has been planned on Sun 29 Oct at 5.30 pm and this will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7 pm in the Parish Community Hall. Please refer to the announcement below for registration details. Thank you for your prayers and understanding.



SACERDOS ALTER CHRISTUS

### Msgr Peter Zhang, CDD

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary (2003 – 2023)

Sunday, 29th October 2023

• Mass: 5.30pm • Buffet Dinner: 7.00pm

Welcome to the celebration and praise God together for His gift of priesthood.


Tickets for Buffet dinner at \$20 per person.

Online registration opens on Monday, August 7th at 12.00 noon.

As the capacity of the venue is limited, tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you for your understanding!



 [bit.ly/msgrpeter](https://bit.ly/msgrpeter)

## Upcoming Events

**First Wed : Mass in Honour of St Joseph** (ref page 2)

**First Fri : Mass and Holy Hour** (ref page 2).

## Scripture Series

**Part I : Leviticus / Numbers / Deuteronomy**

**Every Thursday starting from 4 Aug**

**9 am to 10.45 am @ St Joseph AVA Room**

Fr Ambrose Vaz will be journeying through the whole bible starting with Leviticus. Refer to page 3 for registration details.

## Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Intercessory Prayers

### Igniting Discipleship

**Wed 16 Aug @ 8 pm**

The APC team will be leading the prayers in our Parish on Wed 16 Aug. Please do come and join us. More details can be found on page 3. Light refreshments will be served after the event.

**First Wednesday Mass in Honour of St Joseph (resuming on 2 Aug)**

**MASS IN HONOUR OF  
ST JOSEPH**



**Every First Wednesday  
Main Church**

**2 Aug / 6 Sep / 4 Oct / 6 Dec  
7.30 pm : St Joseph Rosary  
8.00 pm Mass**

To honour our patron saint, we will pray the St Joseph rosary at 7.30 pm followed by Mass at 8.00 pm.

The 6.30 am Mass in the Chapel will continue.

There will be NO 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel.

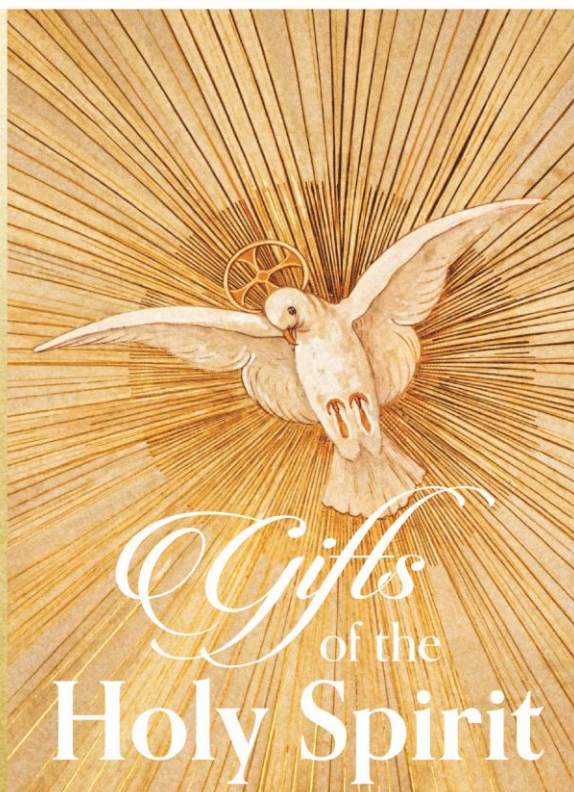
**First Friday Mass and Holy Hour (Fri 4 Aug)**



**FIRST FRIDAY  
Mass and Holy Hour**

**Mass : 7.15pm  
Holy Hour : 8.00pm**

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| » 3 Feb 2023 | » 1 Sep 2023 |
| » 2 Jun 2023 | » 6 Oct 2023 |
| » 7 Jul 2023 | » 3 Nov 2023 |
| » 4 Aug 2023 | » 1 Dec 2023 |



Fr Joseph Zhang, CDD will facilitate the Holy Hour and he will share on the Gift of "Knowledge".



Scripture Series by Fr Ambrose Vaz)

Scripture Series :  
Part I – Leviticus / Numbers / Deuteronomy



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


The Scripture Series by Fr Ambrose Vaz is back in St Joseph’s Church (Bukit Timah).  
Time : 9 am to 10.45 am  
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room  
St Joseph’s Church (BT)  
Dates : Aug : 03/10/ 17/24/31  
Sep : 14/21/28



Registration Link :  
<https://forms.gle/cwToiEaEr8KqNQYw8>

Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Intercessory Prayers

APC INTERCESSORY PRAYERS 2023





# Igniting

OUR CHURCH

*"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*  
1 John 5:14

Let us come together to pray for and as a diocese as we work towards the Archdiocese 10-year pastoral plan.

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| <b>Igniting Synodality</b>               | <b>Igniting Discipleship</b>           | <b>Igniting Families &amp; Communities</b>      | <b>Igniting Evangelisation &amp; Mission</b> | <b>Igniting Support &amp; Structures</b>      |
| City District Church of the Sacred Heart | North District St Joseph's Church (BT) | East District Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace | City District Church of St Bernadette        | West District Church of St Mary of the Angels |
| Wed, 19 July 2023, 8pm                   | Wed, 16 Aug 2023, 8pm                  | Wed, 20 Sept 2023, 8pm                          | Wed, 18 Oct 2023, 8pm                        | Wed, 15 Nov 2023, 8pm                         |



Infant Baptism (deadline for registration Fri 11 Aug)

2023 Infant Baptism Schedule

- Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please submit the registration form to the Parish Secretary.
- Registration forms can be obtained from our Church website : <https://stjoseph-bt.org.sg/services> under the section on Infant Baptism



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| Rite of Baptism        | Preparation Session 1<br>@ 2 pm<br>(Online Session)<br>For parents & godparent | Preparation Session 2<br>@ 2 pm<br>(St Joseph AVA Room)<br>For parents & godparent | Closing date for registration |
|------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Sun 1 Oct<br>@ 1.30 pm | Sun 3 Sep 2023   | 24 Sep 2023  | Fri 11 Aug 2023               |

Boys' Town 75th Anniversary Church Collections 2023 (12 – 13 Aug)

BOYS' TOWN  
75th Anniversary  
CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Helping children and youth in need since 1948 **2023**



MAKE A LOVE OFFERING!  
DONATE VIA PAYNOW:

Using your bank's payment app, you can donate to us by scanning the QR code or keying in our UEN No.:

**BOYS' TOWN FUND RAISING**  
**UEN: 201534576H007**

For tax deduction purposes, kindly key in your information using the template below under **"Reference"**

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Physical collections will be on a weekend in **August 2023**.  
Look out for our friendly Boys' Town Staff who are more than happy to assist you with any inquiries you may have!



Staff/volunteers from Boys' Town will be in the parish during the weekend of 12th & 13th Aug 2023 to raise funds for their programmes and operations.

Together, we can help make a difference in these young lives!

We thank you for your kindness and support!

# RECRUITMENT FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## A Note from our Parish Priest

Many of our Liturgical Ministries are looking for new members to join them. We will be posting their notices in bulletin for your reference. If you are interested in helping with any of the Ministries, please do approach the members for assistance.

It takes a community to build a parish; there are many parts, but one body. We all have a role to play to build the Kingdom of God. Whatever service you can render, is welcome.

I look forward to your participation.

## Hospitality Ministry Recruitment

Interested in Joining Us?

We strongly encourage and welcome all who wish to serve the Lord by being a member of the Ministry of Hospitality.

If you are a Catholic and above 21 years of age, willing to serve the Lord through this ministry, we will be happy for you to join us.

Please drop us a mail at: [hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com) or speak to any of our ministry members after the Mass.

Thank you!

### Hospitality Ministry Recruitment



## 9.30 am Choir Recruitment



# St Joseph's 9:30AM Choir


We need You ! Singers & Musicians  
Every sunday 11.15am @ St Cecelia

For more information, drop Imbert (9618 7970) a message!



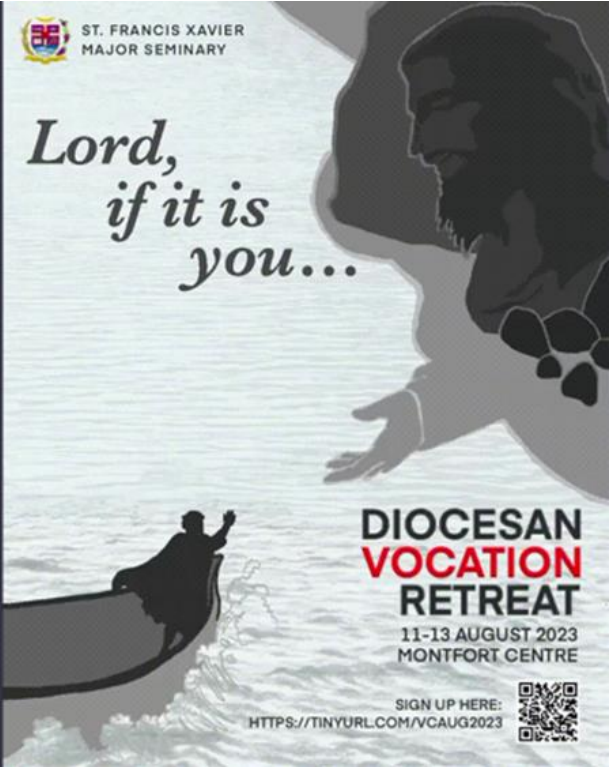
SFXMS Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat (11 – 13 Aug)

SFX Major Seminary Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat  
Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 (Stay-in)  
Open to men ages 21-35. Priority for first-timers.  
Sign up at [tinyurl.com/vcaug2023](https://tinyurl.com/vcaug2023) or visit [seminary.catholic.sg](https://seminary.catholic.sg) for more information




ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
MAJOR SEMINARY

*Lord,  
if it is  
you...*



**DIOCESAN  
VOCA  
TION  
RETREAT**  
11-13 AUGUST 2023  
MONTFORT CENTRE

SIGN UP HERE:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VCAUG2023](https://tinyurl.com/vcaug2023)



For those who are interested in just finding out more about the diocesan priesthood, it is highly recommended that you attend this 3-day-2-night retreat, it serves as an excellent introduction into the life of a priest and also the seminary.

As there are limited seats over at the retreat centre, please do sign up soon as the slots fill up fast. You may scan the above QR code, or find the link to the sign-up form on Catholic SG or the Seminarians Instagram or Facebook platform

Landings (4 Sep – 14 Nov)



**PHONE** now

Whether you've been away from church for a short while or a long time, know that you are never alone. We are here for you, ready to listen, support, and uplift you. Reconnect with your Catholic roots and rediscover the love and mercy of our faith.

Missed Call

A new 10-week Landings journey awaits 4 September through 14 November 2023. Contact us to find out more.

 [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg)

 SCAN ME

[www.landings.org.sg](https://www.landings.org.sg)

Welcoming Home Catholics Seeking A Reconnection

Landings Singapore presents a new 10 week programme for Catholics seeking a reconnection to the faith.

It runs from 4 September 2023 through 14 November 2023, every Monday or Tuesday from 8pm to 10.00pm.

All sessions will be held in person at Church of the Holy Spirit or Church of Queen of Peace.

We invite you to register your interest at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or visit [www.landings.org.sg](https://www.landings.org.sg)

Spirituality for the 2nd Half of Life (8 – 10 Sep)



A Cenacle Programme



SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 2ND HALF OF LIFE –  
**THE MIDLIFE TRANSITION**

Sept 8-10, 2023 (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon)

Venue: La Salle House

For ages between 40 to 60yo



Rest, Relish & Recharge! By the Beach (21 – 24 Sept)



**Beach Retreat**

*Rest,  
Relish &  
Recharge!*

**Sept 21-24, 2023**



By Cenacle Sisters, Singapore  
 [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

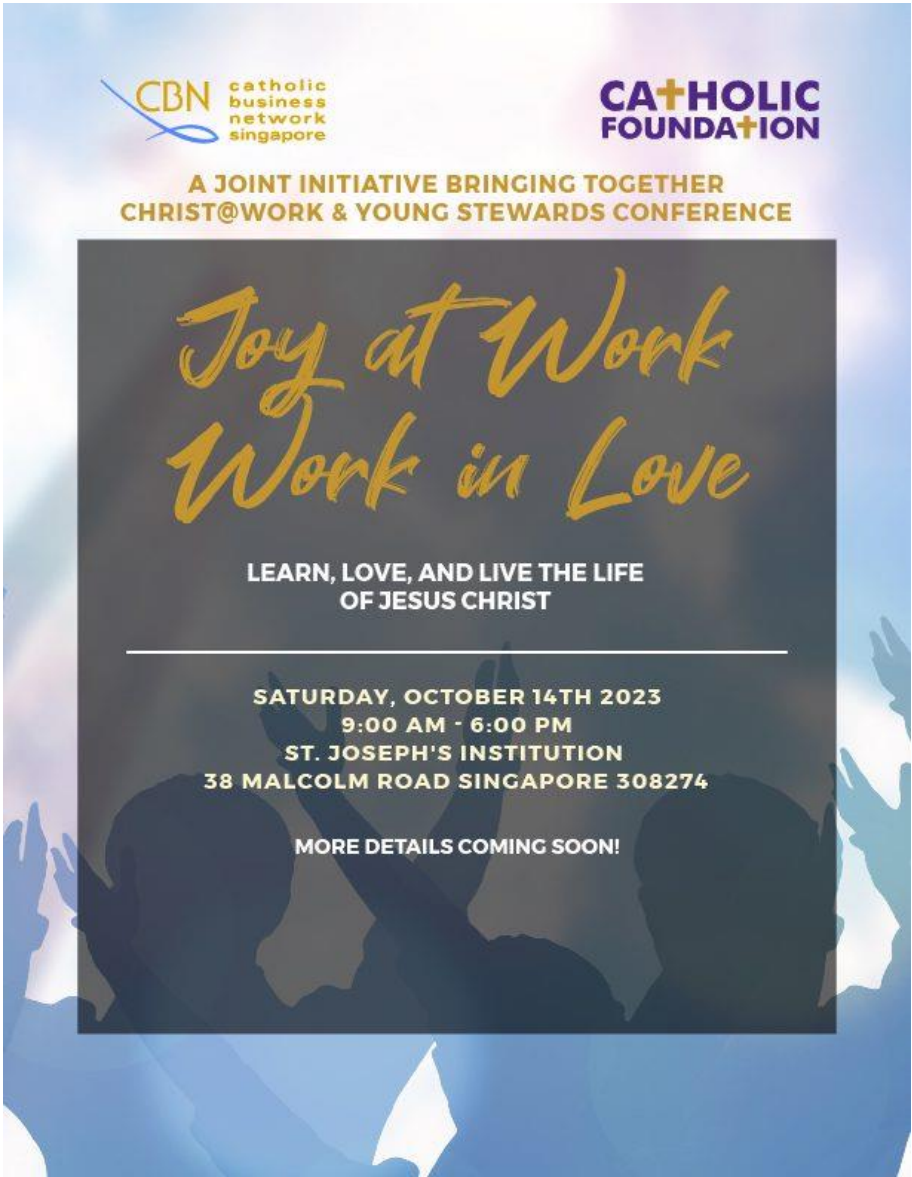
Feeling tired from work, daily routines and ministry?

Almost at the brink of burn-out yet having no-where safe to go?

Let us go to a quiet place and rest in the Lord. This retreat is suitable for active servers and/or those taking a break from ministry to grow & deepen our relationship with self and with God.

Accompanied by Sr. Kriz & team, through an arrangement of leisure activities, these days of reflection and prayer hope to find God in all things & time.

Young Stewards Conference (Sat 14 Oct)



Quieting the Soul by Cenacle Sisters and Team

A silent 8-full day or 5-full day retreat set in the beautiful environment of the Seven Fountains Retreat Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Three choices of dates (includes travel time) :

- 1) 8 days – Nov.26 – Dec. 5, 2023
- 2) 5 days – Nov. 29 - Dec -5, 2023
- 3) 5-days – Dec. 7 – Dec. 13, 2023

Closing date: 15 September or when registration is full

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