

# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 10 Dec 2023 • Second Sun Advent (Year B)



Gate Opening Hours: 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)

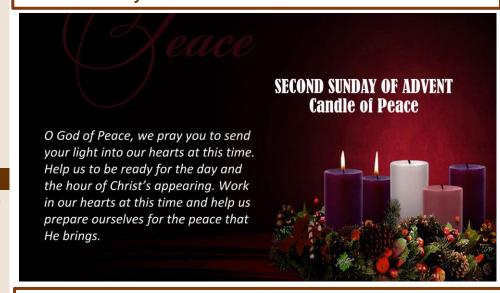
### Holy Hour for Vocations:

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**



### Year End Thanksgiving Gathering

### Year End Thanksgiving Gathering Sun 31 Dec after the 5.30 pm Mass 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.





### **Advent Penitential Services**

Please refer to page 2 for the North District Penitential Services. The Advent Penitential Service at our Parish will take place on Thur 14 Dec @ 8 pm. You are encouraged to come so that we can prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christ at Christmas.

### **Distribution of 2024 Calendars & The Carpenter**

We have ordered the 2024 Catholic News Desk Calendars for all families. You can pick up your copy on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent, along with latest issue of The Carpenter.

As there are limited copies, each family is only entitled to one copy (while stocks last).

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST (CONT'D)

### **Advent Penitential Services for North District Parishes**

### 2023 Advent Penitential Schedule

Day & Date	Time	Parish	
Monday 11 Dec	10.30 am & 8 pm	Holy Spirit	
Tuesday 12 Dec	8 pm	Our Lady Star of the Sea	
Wednesday 13 Dec	10.30 am & 8 pm	Risen Christ	
Thursday 14 Dec	8 pm	St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)	
Friday 15 Dec	10.30 am & 8 pm	Christ the King	
Monday 18 Dec	8 pm	St Anthony	

Please note the timings for the Advent Penitential Services across the North District Parishes. We encourage all to come for the Penitential Service.

### **Christmas and Year End Mass Schedules**

### 2023 Christmas & Year End Mass Schedules

Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Sat 23 Dec	5.30 pm Sunset Mass	
Sun 24 Dec	7.30 am / 9.30 am / 11.30 am 4.00 pm (no 5.30 pm Mass)	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun 24 Dec	8.30 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Sun 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Christmas Mass (Mandarin)
Sun 24 Dec	11.30 pm	Carolling (English)
Sun 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Mon 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 31 Dec	5.30 pm	Thanksgiving Mass

This year, the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent coincides with Christmas Eve. Please note that these are two different Holy Days of Obligation.

The Sunday Masses on 24 Dec are at 7.30 am / 9.30 am / 11.30 am and 4.00 pm (instead of 5.30 pm) The Christmas Masses on 24 Dec are at 9.00 pm (M) and Midnight.

On Christmas Day, the Mass timings are at 9.30 am / 11.30 am and 5.30 pm.

On Sun 31 Dec, the 5.30 pm Mass will also be regarded as the Thanksgiving Mass and after the Mass, those who have registered to join the Year End Gathering will proceed to the Parish Community Hall for the reception.

### Youth Advent Reflections (Sat 9 Dec)



"Prepare the way for the LORD" Isaiah 40:3

Inviting all youth to come together and prepare for Christmas by reflecting on the Sunday Gospel readings this Advent! For all Youth 13+ years.

Date: Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 8-9.30pm online via Zoom

Register: tinyurl.com/YouthAdvent2023



Christmas Fair (Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec)

### Media Centre (Bookshop): Christmas Fair

The Daughters of St Paul Media Centre (Bookshop) will be having their annual Christmas Fair on the weekends of :

Sat 9 Dec (4.30 pm -7.00 pm) and Sun 10 Dec (8.30 am - 7.00 pm)

Do drop by and you may be able to pick up some delightful Christmas presents for your family and friends.



Franciscan Calendars on Sale (Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec)

# Getyour copy now 2024 Franciscan Calendars





The Friars will be selling their 2024 calendars during the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Dec after all Masses.

Laudato Si (Sat 9 & Sun 10 Dec)



# LAUDATO SI' "Sale" of Pre-loved items

To encourage re-use in our community, we will be organizing a "sale" of the pre-loved item. Proceeds will go to SSVP to support our Friends-in-Need.

### **DATES**

Sat 2 Dec & Sat 9 Dec : 5pm to 7pm

Sun 3 Dec & Sun 10 Dec : 9am to 1pm & 5 pm to 7 pm

Venue: St Joachim Room (located at the base of the staircase to the main Church)

**SSVP Gifting (Sun 10 Dec)** 



Heartfelt thanks to all parishioners who have generously responded to this call to support our Families-in-Need. God Bless You.

Evacuation Drill (Sun 17 Dec @ 5.30 pm Mass)

# **EVACUATION DRILLS**

The next scheduled Evacuation exercise will take place on Sunday 17 December after the 5.30 pm Mass.

The purpose of an evacuation drill is to ensure a safe, orderly and rapid evacuation of all parishioners in the event of a fire or an emergency situation. It is also an SCDF requirement for at least one drill to be carried out annually.

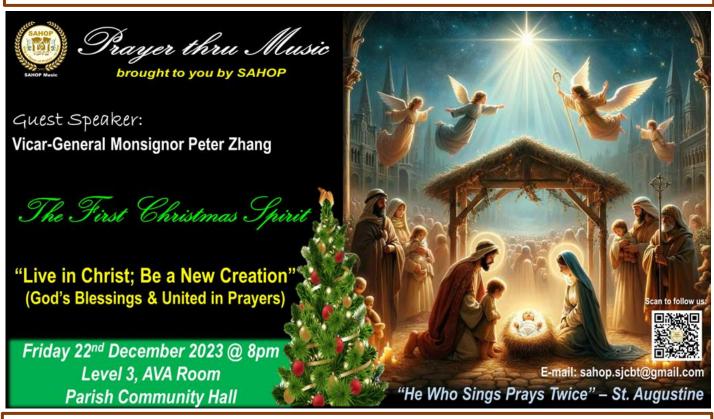
We seek parishioners co-operation to participate in the drill.



Simbang Gabi (Wed 20 Dec)



### **Prayer thru Music (Fri 22 Dec)**



### **Tamil Carols**



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உங்களை தேடி வருகிறது.....

You can invite the Tamil community to sing at your homes during this Christmas season.

They will be at these venues at the designated dates. Kindly Scan the QR code to Register.

For more info contact, Priya at 81390982

### **Dates & Locations**

22 & 23 Dec Yew Tee

29 & 30 Dec Choa Chu Kang

5 – 7 Jan 2024 Bukit Panjang



Scripture Series : Part III - Ruth & Samuel

# Scripture Series : Part III – Ruth & Samuel 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: Jan 11 / 18 / 25

Feb 01 / 15 / 22 / 29

Mar 07 / 14 / 21

(10 sessions)

Registration Link:

https://forms.gle/ZiFfpF1UZPpUD9ncA



### Rosary Schedule (wef December 2023)

Come join us as we pray the ROSARY in honour of our BLESSED MOTHER and ask for her intercession.



- (1) <u>Before Weekend Masses</u> Sat @ 4.50pm (except 1st Saturday) Sun @ 10.50am & 4.50pm
- (2) Every 1st Saturday of the Month Garden Rosary after the 5.30pm Mass
- (3) Every 13<sup>th</sup> of the Month Grotto Rosary after the 6.30 pm Mass (weekdays only)

Led by LOM Ministry
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

With effect from December, we will be reverting to the previous schedule for the recitation of the Rosary. There will only be one rosary session between the 9.30 am and 11.30 am Masses.

There will also be the recitation of the Rosary on Mondays – Fridays at 6 pm in the Chapel of St Joseph. *Ave Maria. Gratia Plena.* 

**Infant Baptism** 

# **INFANT BAPTISM**

### Year 2024



RITE OF BAPTISM @ 1:30pm	PREPARATION SESSION 1 @1:30PM (Zoom) For parents and godparent	PREPARATION SESSION 2 @1:30PM (AVA SJ room) For parents and godparent	CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
4 FEB 2024	7 JAN 2024	28 JAN 2024	15 DEC 2023

Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: St. Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah. Download the 'Infant Baptism Registration' form (under Services>Sacraments>Baptism) and submit your registration with the relevant documents to Parish Secretary.

Email: sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

### **SSVP Statement of Accounts**



Society of St Vincent de Paul Conference of St Joachim Statement of Income and Expenses for Nov 2023

> Donations \$ 22,899.82 Expenditures \$ 18,381.49 Surplus \$ 4,518.33

### Canteen Closure Dates



Please note that the Canteen will be closed on these Sundays.

Christmas Eve 24th of Dec and 31st Dec

### Media Centre (Bookshop) Closure Dates

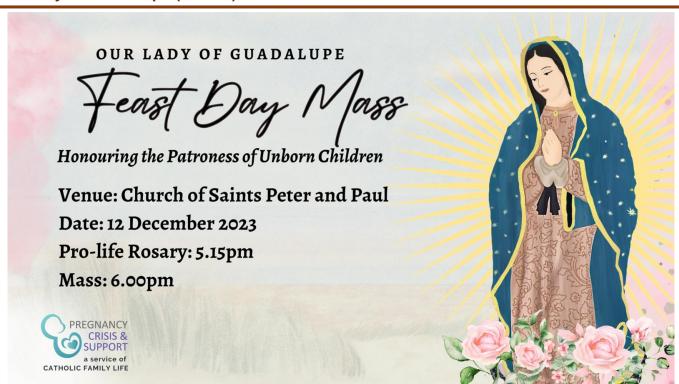


The Media Centre will be closed on 23 & 24 Dec and 30 & 31 Dec.

Wishing all parishioners a Holy Advent and a Blessed and Joyful Christmas.

### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 Dec)** 



The celebration will begin with Pro-life Rosary at 5.15pm followed by the Eucharistic Celebration at 6.00pm. There will be a Healing Prayer and Blessing of Pregnant Women after the mass.

"Each child has a place in God's heart from all eternity; once he or she is conceived, the Creator's eternal dream comes true." Amoris Laetitia, Pope Francis

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us!

**Advent Recollection (Sat 16 Dec)** 



### AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### 'Keep the Sabbath Holy' Retreat (SABB) - Preventing Leaders' Burnout



## 'Keep the Sabbath Holy' Retreat (SABB) Preventing Leaders' Burnout

A retreat by Catholic Leadership Centre to discover the Sabbath as a sustaining spiritual practice for busy leaders. Based on St Benedict's rule of life to balance & integrate one's physical, mental, emotional and spiritual life.



### **DATES**

Fri - Sun, 12 - 14 Jan 2024

#### TIME

Starting Friday 7.30pm & ending Sunday 5pm

### **VENUE**

St Damiano Franciscan Centre,
5 Bukit Batok East Ave 22

### COST

\$400 per pax inclusive of GST (Single-room accommodation & one spiritual direction session included)

### **REGISTER AT**



www.catholicleader.sg

### My Personal Compass: Shortened Edition by Fr David Garcia, OP



Come and get introduced to the basics of morality in an increasingly complex world. Build an ethical foundation to journey towards fulfilling your potential as a human person made in the image of God. To register, please visit our website at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y38faeyr">https://tinyurl.com/y38faeyr</a> or scan the QR code. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at mpmc@caritas-singapore.org

Landings (from 15 Feb 2024)



Landings Singapore presents a new 10-week programme for Catholics seeking a reconnection to the faith. It runs from 15 February 2024 through 9 May 2024. All sessions will be held in person at the Church of St Ignatius on Thursdays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. We invite you to register your interest at returning@landings.org.sg or visit www.landings.org.sg

### Lead Like Jesus (LLJ)



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A foundational course based on the servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ. In the sessions, we will explore the 4 domains of leading like Jesus: the heart, head, hands and habits.



