



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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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

*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.*

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 3rd 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).

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 th 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 4th 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)



Youth
ADVENT



REFLECTIONS

"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)

Get your copy now!
\$20 each

2024 Franciscan Calendars



The Friars will be selling their 2024 calendars during the
weekend of 9th and 10th 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)



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, 10 & 17 December
From 8.30am to 12.30pm @ St Joachim Room

Please paste the gifting card on the gift box or place the gifting card inside the bag with goodie bag items you are contributing

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)

Simbang Gabi 2023

St. Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Rev Fr Romeo Yu Chang, CICM

Date : 20 December 2023

Time : 7:20pm - 9pm

7:20pm (Holy Rosary)

8:00pm (Holy Mass)

THEME :

“Companions On The Journey”



AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Fri 22 Dec)



Prayer thru Music
brought to you by SAHOP

Guest Speaker:
Vicar-General Monsignor Peter Zhang

The First Christmas Spirit

“Live in Christ; Be a New Creation”
(God’s Blessings & United in Prayers)

Friday 22nd December 2023 @ 8pm
Level 3, AVA Room
Parish Community Hall



Tamil Carols



Wishing you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS



Dates & Locations

- 22 & 23 Dec
Yew Tee
- 29 & 30 Dec
Choa Chu Kang
- 5 – 7 Jan 2024
Bukit Panjang



தமிழ் பஜனை

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

Scripture Series : Part III – Ruth & Samuel

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By Fr Ambrose Vaz



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

Registration Link :

<https://forms.gle/ZiFfpF1UZPpUD9ncA>

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)



Rosary Schedule (wef December 2023)

All are welcome!

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



(1) Before Weekend Masses
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 13th 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.

Our Lady of Guadalupe (12 Dec)

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Feast Day Mass


Honouring the Patroness of Unborn Children


Venue: Church of Saints Peter and Paul

Date: 12 December 2023

Pro-life Rosary: 5.15pm

Mass: 6.00pm





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)

ADVENT RECOLLECTION



A Day of Prayer
A Cenacle Programme

This day, we will reflect and pray on the themes of **CONTRASTS and CONFLICTS** as we follow the Advent Scripture narratives being re-told in our daily living.

16 Dec, 2023 [Saturday]
8am to 5pm
Vigil Mass @530pm
Church of the Holy Family

Register here:





'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

TIMES

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



**MY PERSONAL COMPASS:
SHORTENED EDITION**

-BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

**Navigate moral issues from here
and now to eternity in 10 sessions**



18 Jan to 21 Mar 2024



7:30 to 9:30 pm



CANA at Catholic Centre,
55 Waterloo St. Level 3

Fee:

\$100



SCAN ME

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 <https://tinyurl.com/y38faeyr> or scan the QR code. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at mpmc@caritas-singapore.org

Landings (from 15 Feb 2024)

Light in darkness
He's waiting...
COME HOME




A 10-week *Landings* journey awaits every Thursday from **15 February 2024 to 9 May 2024**.

Landings is a reconciliation ministry based on compassionate listening. At Landings, we welcome returning Catholics back to the Church.

Venue: Annexe Hall, Church of St Ignatius
Time: 8pm to 10pm

 returning@landings.org.sg

 www.landings.org.sg



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.



DATES

17 & 24 Feb 2024

TIMES

9am – 5.30pm

VENUE

Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh

COST

\$200 per pax inclusive of GST
(lunch & tea breaks for 2 days and LLJ Workbook)

REGISTER AT



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