



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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📍 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road
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🕒 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

Third Sunday of Advent



Christmas Mass Timings

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, Mon 25 Dec, the Mass timings are at 9.30 am /
11.30 am and 5.30 pm.

Distribution of 2024 Calendars & The Carpenter



The priests of the Parish have ordered the 2024 Catholic News Desktop
Calendars for all families.

The wardens will be distributing these after Mass along with the latest
copy of our Church newsletter, The Carpenter.

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

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

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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Mon 01 Jan 2024)

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(01 Jan)

On the first day of the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”.

As we start our new year, let us take a moment to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her “yes” to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.

It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.






As 01 Jan is a public holiday, there will only be one Mass at 8.00 am in the Main Church.

Franciscan Calendars on Sale @ Parish Office

For those who would still like to purchase a copy of the Franciscan Calendars, you can pick up a copy at the Parish Office @ \$20 each.
Proceeds go towards supporting their formation and studies, life and mission in Singapore and Malaysia and beyond, where the need is.

AROUND THE PARISH

Youth Advent Reflections (Sat 16 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



Laudato Si (Sat 16 & Sun 17 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. All proceeds will go to SSVP to support our Friends-in-Need.

DATES
Sat 16 Dec : 5pm to 7pm
Sun 17 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 17 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

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

2024 First Wednesday – Mass in Honour of St Joseph

MASS IN HONOUR OF
ST JOSEPH
2024

JAN
3

FEB
7

MAR
6

APR
3

MAY
FEAST
DAY

JUN
5

JUL
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AUG
7

SEP
4

OCT
2

NOV
6

DEC
4

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY @ MAIN CHURCH
7:30PM ST JOSEPH ROSARY | 8PM MASS

2024 First Friday Holy Hour : Theme - Virtues

FIRST FRIDAY
HOLY HOUR

Mass: 7.15pm • Holy Hour: 8pm

The Virtues

2024 THEME

JAN 05 • FEB 02 • APR 05 • JUN 07
JUL 05 • AUG 02 • SEP 06 • OCT 04 • DEC 06



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>



Pongal Celebration (Sat 13 Jan 2024 @ 7 pm)

The Parishioners of St. Joseph's church are cordially invited for

Pongal

Celebration


On Saturday, 13th January, 2024
@7pm

Cultural Performances: Traditional dance, folk music, Games and followed by Fellowship

Location: Community Hall, St. Joseph's Church, 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road, SINGAPORE 678116

Let's be Thankful to the Lord and to the Farmers for the Harvest!!

Register



AROUND THE PARISH

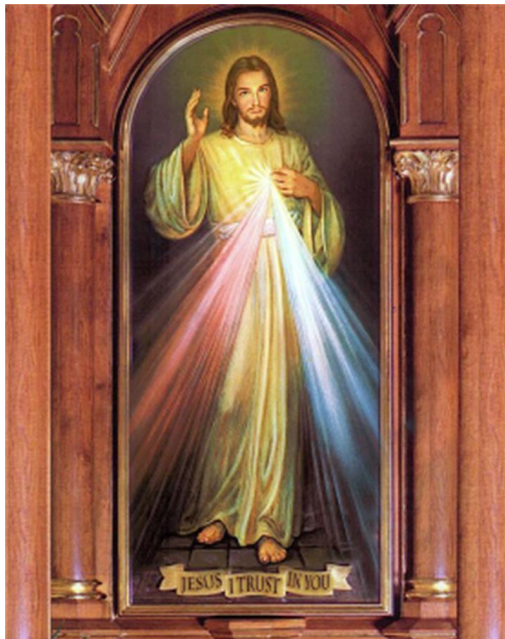
2024 Holy Hour for Vocations

Holy Hour for Vocations
(every 3rd Thursday of the Month)
Venue : Chapel of St Joseph
Time : 8 pm
Facilitated by SFXMS Seminarians

18 Jan	16 May
15 Feb	17 Oct
18 Apr	21 Nov



Divine Mercy 22nd Anniversary Mass



Divine Mercy
22nd Anniversary Mass

Fri 19 Jan 2024 in Main Church

Program:
7.00 pm : Divine Mercy Prayers
7.30 pm : Holy Mass
8.00 pm : Potluck (Canteen)
ALL ARE WELCOME

Please note that there will be no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel

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

PIETA Singapore (Tue 26 Dec)

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The monthly session, run by bereaved parents, is for prayer, reflection and the breaking open of the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to journey together in faith.

Our next monthly session will be face-to-face :
Date : Tue 26 December 2023
Time : 5:00pm to 6:45pm (Please note the change in time just for this month.)
Venue : Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre,
2 Highland Road, unit LG-01
Singapore 549102 (next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary)

Please email us for directions : pieta.singapore@gmail.com

facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>
website: www.PietaSingapore.org



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)



Lead Like Jesus (LLJ)

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



www.catholicleader.sg