



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 15 Dec 2024 • Third Sunday of Advent (Year C)

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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



The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday and this week, we will light the pink candle which represents joy. It marks a shift in the tone of Advent from penitential reflection to joyful anticipation, inviting believers to rejoice as Christmas draws nearer.

Christmas Mass Timings

2024 Christmas & Year End Mass Schedules

Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Tue 24 Dec	8.30 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Tue 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass (Mandarin)
Tue 24 Dec	11.15 pm	Carolling (English)
Tue 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Wed 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Tue 31 Dec	6.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass (followed by Fellowship)

Year End Gathering

Year End Thanksgiving Gathering Tue 31 Dec @ 6.45 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.



The Carpenter (32nd Edition)



**THE
CARPENTER**

**DECEMBER
ISSUE
NOW
AVAILABLE**

Read about our latest news and updates from the second half of the year, and see how our community has grown and evolved!
You can pick up your copy this weekend from the entrances of the Church.

Catholic News Calendar (distribution on 21 and 22 Dec)

**The Priests of the Parish
are presenting each family
with one copy of the**

**2025 Catholic News
Desktop Calendar**

- Inspiring scripture verses
- Beautiful sacred artwork
- Church date reminders



You can collect your copy after the weekend Masses on 21 and 22 Dec while stocks last.
Please be considerate and collect only ONE copy per family.



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, 8 & 15 December 2024
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

SSVP thanks all parishioners for their overwhelming support.
All gift cards were already taken up by 11 am on Sunday 17 Nov.

Youth Advent Reflections (Commencing 8 Dec)



FAITH & BIBLE
REFLECTIONS presents:

YOUTH ADVENT REFLECTIONS

(Secondary to Tertiary)





Let's come together and reflect on the Sunday Gospels!

- Sun 2-3.30pm, 1/8/15/22 Dec
- St Mary AVA Room

Calling all youth in secondary, tertiary and NS! Let us come together and prepare for Christmas with our weekly Advent Reflections. We'll be reflecting and sharing on the Sunday Gospels, every Sunday 2-3.30pm at St Mary AVA Room.
Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/YFABAvent2024>

Mysteries of the Rosary (Tue 10 Dec)



**TUESDAY
MORNING MANNA**
presents

MYSTERIES of the ROSARY:
The Joyful Mysteries

**Journey through Advent with this
video series filmed in the Holy Land!**

Starting 26 November
Tues 11.05am, St Joseph AVA Rm



As we prepare our hearts this Advent to welcome Jesus, come and learn about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary through this video series filmed in the Holy Land. Every Tuesday morning, 11.05am at St Joseph AVA Room. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/JoyfulMysteries2024>

Online Advent Reflections (Tue 10 Dec & Wed 11 Dec)




FAITH & BIBLE Community presents:
REFLECTIONS

Online Advent Reflections

**Join us in reflecting on the
Sunday Advent readings**

Tues 8pm or Wed 9am
Starting 26 November
Online via Zoom



Join the Faith & Bible Reflections Community of St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) for weekly online sessions to reflect and share on the Sunday Advent readings.

Every Tuesday 8-9.45pm or Wednesday 9-10.45am (you can attend either), online via Zoom from 26 November to 18 December 2024. For ages 20+.

Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCBTAdvent2024>

Simbang Gabi (Wed 18 Dec)

Simbang Gabi 2024

Singapore

St. Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Rev Fr Romeo Yu Chang, CICM

Date : 18 December 2024

Time : 7:15pm - 9pm

7:15pm (Holy Rosary)

8:00pm (Holy Mass)

**Address : 620 Upper Bukit Timah Rd
Singapore 678116**

MRT : Cashew Station (Blue Line)

**Bus : 67,75,170,176,178,184,961
963,970**

Theme :

**"Thy Will Be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven
(A request for God's will to be fulfilled)"**



Simbang Gabi is a beloved Filipino Christmas tradition that consists of a series of nine dawn Masses, beginning on December 16 and ending on Christmas Eve, December 24. The term "Simbang Gabi" literally means "night Mass" in Filipino.

One of these nine Masses will be held in St Joseph's Church. Come and experience the rich cultural heritage of the Filipino people. All are welcome!

Prayer thru Music (Wed 18 Dec)



Prayer thru Music®

(brought to you by SAHOP)

**Embracing the
Season of Hope
-Advent &
Christmas!-**



**Rev Msgr Peter Zhang
(Vicar General)**



- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding

**18 Dec 24 (Wednesday) 8PM
@ St Mary AVA Room, Level 3,
Parish Community Hall**

e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Christmas Visit to Dormitory (Sun 29 Dec)



Christmas Visit to Dormitory

Join the Parish Befrienders Group as we visit a dormitory this Christmas season to share meals and gifts with the migrant workers.

Date: Sunday 29th Dec

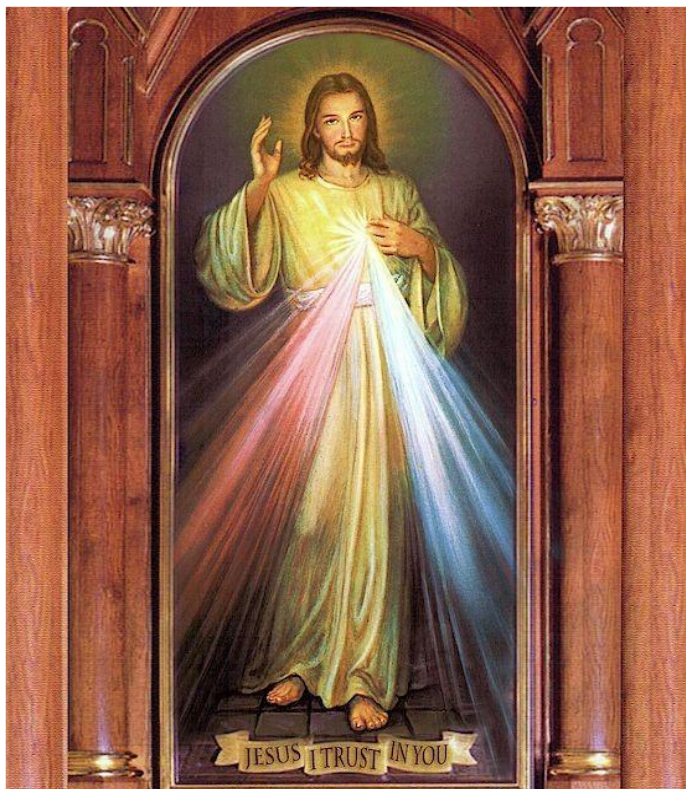
Time: 5–9pm

*For those 18 years and above



The Parish Befrienders Group (PBG), in collaboration with the Archdiocesan Commission for the Pastoral Care of Migrants & Itinerant People (ACMI), invites parishioners 18 years and above to visit a dormitory on Sunday 29 December to share meals and gifts with the migrant workers. Please register your interest at: tinyurl.com/PBGVisit2024

Divine Mercy Anniversary (Fri 17 Jan 2025)



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

*23rd Anniversary
Eucharistic Celebration
and Thanksgiving
7:30pm
17 January 2025*

AROUND THE PARISH

Pilgrimage to Italy / Rome (6 – 20 June 2025)



Jubilee Year 2025

(Walking) Pilgrimage **ITALY/ROME**

6-20 June 2025
US\$2900/- (land only)

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR
Fr Prasanna



During the 2025 Jubilee Year, our parish is organising a walking pilgrimage through Italy to Rome from 6 to 20 June 2025. For itinerary and registration information, please go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/JubileePilgrim2025>

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

PIETA (Tue 17 Dec @ 7.30 pm)

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents



Tue 17 December from 7:30pm to 9:15pm (please note that this is not the 4th Tuesday of the month) at Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, S. 549102. This is located next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet to pray and support each other.

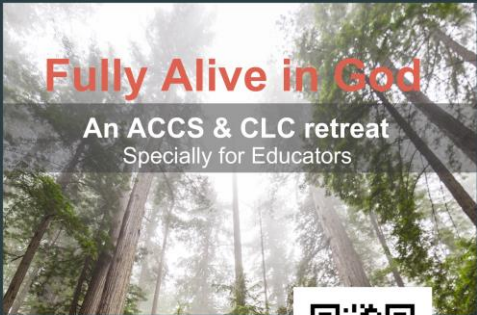
Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

Note: We will be on Zoom for the January 2025 session. Please email us for the Zoom details.

Fully Alive in God Retreat (Thu 26 Dec)

FULLY ALIVE IN GOD RETREAT (FAR)

Date: 26 Dec 2024
Time: 9am - 5pm (with Mass)
Venue: Catholic Junior College,
Training & Development Centre
Cost: \$30/- (lunch & GST included)
after \$45 subsidy by ACCS



Register at: www.catholicleader.sg

An end-of-year retreat for Catholic educators to take stock of where God has been present in their lives in 2024, and to prepare for the year ahead. This retreat invites us to return to what is fundamental in assessing how we've lived out our calling – our relationship with God and our relationship with Self. Organised in partnership with the Archdiocese Commission for Catholic Schools.

26 December 2024 at CJC Training & Development Centre. \$30/- per pax including GST & lunch (after subsidy of \$45 per pax by ACCS)

Encounter (Sat 18 Jan 2025)

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"

Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course

ENCOUNTER

Living As Missionary Disciples

Are you called to be a Catholic Missionary Disciple?

Are you called to support our overseas brothers and sisters in need or interested in mission trips abroad? Join us and discover "what", "why", and "where" your calling may be, to be open and have a courageous heart in becoming a missionary disciple.



Saturday, 18 Jan 2025
 9AM – 4PM
 Church of Divine Mercy
 Love Offering of S\$10
(Lunch is Provided)

Find out more:

bit.ly/CHARISOHFC-5

The Overseas Humanitarian Foundation Course is a face-to-face learning experience that allows participants to explore their lives' faith journeys and answer the call to be living missionary disciples. The course features speakers like Fr. David Garcia, O.P., Khoo Peng Beng, and Christopher Chan. It will be held on 18th January 2025, from 9am to 4pm at Church of Divine Mercy.



Verbum Dei Family Camp

15 - 17 MARCH 2025
HARRIS RESORT WATERFRONT BATAM

Struggling to hear God's voice or find time for family prayer? Come away and discover what God has in store for you this upcoming 2025 March school hols! Experience a faith-filled adventure for the whole family this Lent and re-discover the plans and wonders God has for your family. Hear from fellow Catholic parents about their life experiences on how to grow closer to God as a family. Kids' programmes for ages 3 – 12 years will be provided, including a special bonfire on Saturday night! We promise a spirit-filled getaway for the whole family with plenty of fun, food and fellowship!

Date: 15 - 17 March 2025 (3 days, 2 nights)

Venue: Harris Resort Waterfront, Batam

Cost:

Twin/Triple - Sharing :

\$290 per adult (above 12 yrs)

Child w Bed : \$190 per child (5 - 11 yrs)

Child w/o Bed : \$135 (5 - 11 yrs)

(Extended Stay @ \$75 room/night with
Breakfast for two)

Return ferry ride to Batam & land transfer
included

Meals: Full board (2 x breakfast, 2 x lunch,
2 x dinner included)

Registration Closing Date: **11 November 2024**

For enquiry, please contact **Michelle @ 9683 0817** or **Diana @ 9689 0919**

Email: vdeifamilies@gmail.com

Scan the QR code or visit <https://tinyurl.com/VdeiFC2025> to register.





Career Counselling for PME

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Mt 7:7

- ✓ CAREER EXPLORATION
- ✓ WORKPLACE WELL-BEING
- ✓ CAREER TRANSITION
- ✓ JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Sessions conducted via Zoom



Scan the QR Code to Register

There will be a nominal charge of \$10 to cover administrative costs. All PMEs are welcome