



# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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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

## Feast of the Holy Family



The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, serves as a poignant reminder of the importance of family in our Christian faith. By honoring the Holy Family, the Church presents them as a model and patron for all Christian families, inspiring us to emulate their love, devotion, and obedience.

As we reflect on the Holy Family, parents are reminded of their sacred duty to love, nurture, and guide their children, while children are encouraged to obey and honor their parents with love and respect, in thought, word, and deed. The example of Jesus, who was obedient to Mary and Joseph, teaches us the value of humility, respect, and selflessness within our family relationships.



## Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Pope Francis opened the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica on Christmas Eve thereby officially inaugurating the 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope. It will continue until the closing of the Holy Door on 6 January 2026, the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord.



Every 25 years, the Church observes a Jubilee year in honour of the birth of Jesus. For us, Jubilee 2025 is a time of forgiveness and reconciliation, when we are invited to restore our relationship with God and with each other.

Pope Francis has expressed his desire for the People of God to participate fully in the Jubilee's proclamation of hope in God's grace.

As we prepare to enter into 2025, our parish will be organising a number of events to celebrate the Jubilee Year including a Lenten Walk to the Holy Door as well as a Pilgrimage to Rome.

The Cathedral of the Good Shepherd will be the local pilgrimage site for the Archdiocese of Singapore throughout the Holy Year. Cardinal William Goh will be celebrating the opening Mass for the beginning of the Jubilee Year in Singapore on Sat 28 Dec.

**Year End Gathering (Tue 31 Dec @ 6.45 pm)**

# 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.



This will take place after the 6.00 pm Mass in the Main Church.

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (01 Jan 2025 @ 8 am)**

## Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Wed 01 Jan @ 8 am in Main Church)

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.



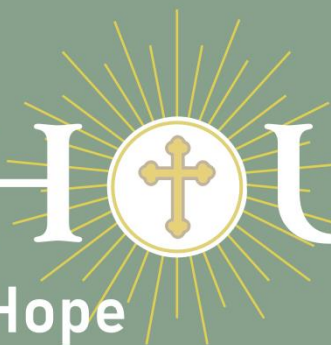
Please note that the Mass in Honour of St Joseph will be cancelled because the Solemnity will be celebrated instead.

First Friday Mass and Holy Hour (Fri 03 Jan 2025)

FIRST FRIDAY

# HOLY HOUR

Praying as Pilgrims of Hope



Mass: 7.15 pm • Holy Hour: 8 pm

Friday 03 Jan 2025

Topic : Holy Name of Jesus

Presenter : Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna



JUBILEE 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Holy Hour for Vocations (Thu 16 Jan 2025 @ 8 pm)

Holy Hour for Vocations

Thu 16 Jan 2025

Time : 8 pm

Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

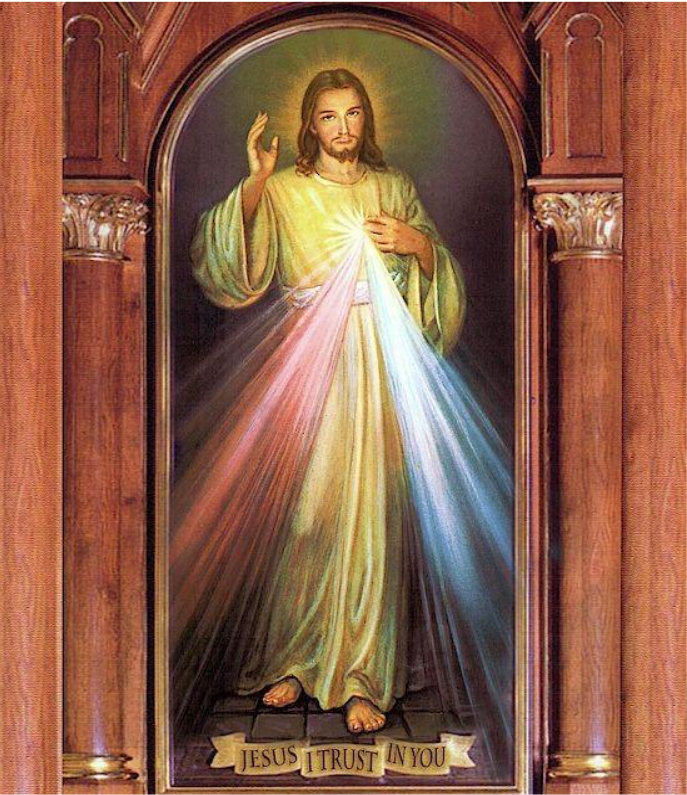
The seminarians from St Francis Xavier Major Seminary will be leading the Holy Hour every third Thursday of the month to pray for Vocations.

Please come and join them to pray for vocations to the priesthood!





Divine Mercy Anniversary (Fri 17 Jan 2025)



# DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

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

The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at 7.00 pm.  
Please note that there will be no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.

Art & Faith Talk on the Nativity (Sat 18 Jan @ 3 pm)

An  
Art&Faith  
Talk



## Art of The Nativity

Sat 18th Jan  
3.00-5.00pm  
St Joseph AVA  
Room (L2)

Speaker:  
Patricia Tan

Artists have depicted the Nativity, Adoration of the Shepherds and of the Magi in stunning beauty. Seeing with the eyes of faith, we can find spiritual value beyond the paintings' aesthetics. See and fall in love with the art that reminds us of the great love of God who became one of us.

Join Patricia Tan in her Art & Faith series as she shares her insights on the paintings depicting the Nativity.

AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Fri 24 Jan @ 8 pm)



**Prayer thru Music** ©  
(brought to you by SAHOP)



**JUBILEE 2025**  
Pilgrims of Hope in Community



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

**Mr Zerah Goh**  
*Executive Director (Montfort Centre)*



**“What is the best way to Pray”**

**24 January 2025 (Friday) 8PM**  
**@ Level 3, St Mary, AVA Room**  
**Parish Community Hall**

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Chinese New Year Mass Timings

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	CNY Eve	CNY	Public Holiday
Date	Tue 28 Jan 2025	Wed 29 Jan 2025	Thu 30 Jan 2025
Time	4.30 pm  NB : There will still be the 6.30 am Mass in the Chapel of St Joseph.	8.00 am (M) 9.30 am 11.00 am Distribution of Oranges at all Masses	8.00 am
Venue	Main Church		

**新年快樂**  
Happy Chinese New Year



	Primary Catechesis	Secondary Catechesis
Commencement date	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025	Sun 09 Feb 2025
Time	3.00pm	9.30 am
First Day Assembly	Parish Community Hall	Parish Community Hall
Parents Briefing (Compulsory)	Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025 3.00 pm to 5.15 pm Parish Community Hall	Sun 02 Feb 2025 9.30 am to 11.30 am Parish Community Hall

Please take note of the dates for the commencement of Primary and Secondary Catechism.  
Parents are required to attend the briefings on the dates specified above.

Scripture Series : The Book of Judith (Commencing Thu 6 Feb)

Scripture Series : Part VIII – Book of Judith  
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 : 06 / 13 / 20 / 27 Feb  
06 / 13 / 20 Mar  
(7 sessions)

No registration required. All are welcome.  
Do bring along your bibles.



The Fruits of Meditation (Wed 15 Jan 2025)



World Community for  
Christian Meditation  
SINGAPORE

A NEW YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT

*Peace & Joy*

THE FRUITS OF MEDITATION


**Peter Ng | Fr Eugene Vaz**

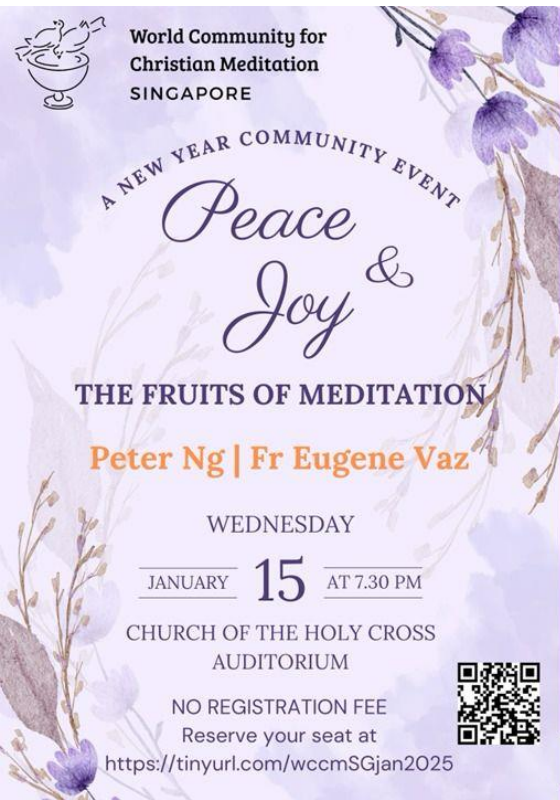
WEDNESDAY

JANUARY **15** AT 7.30 PM

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS  
AUDITORIUM

NO REGISTRATION FEE  
Reserve your seat at  
<https://tinyurl.com/wccmSGjan2025>





## A New Year Community Event

organised by **WCCM Singapore**

Date: 15 January, 2025 (Wednesday)  
Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm  
Venue: Church of the Holy Cross Auditorium

NO  
REGISTRATION  
FEE

Scan QR code to  
reserve your seat



Enquiries: [wccmsingaporenews@gmail.com](mailto:wccmsingaporenews@gmail.com)

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:**



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CHARISOHFC-5](https://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.

FRIENDSGIVING: Praying Our Friendships (21 – 23 Feb)



Friendship is a sacrament of God’s love and a gift. In this uniquely crafted retreat, you are to bring a friend (could be a family member, a colleague, etc) and celebrate this gift together. You will also discover how Jesus continues to draw you into a deeper friendship with Him.

Register early using QR code

Quieting The Soul (7 – 9 Mar)

Take some time out with the Lord as He invites you to "come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." [Mark 6:31]

This is a 3-day silent retreat suitable for beginners and busy people.

Register early using QR code.







# 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*