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## **Parish Priests**

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### **Mass Timings**

Weekday 630am; 6pm Saturday 630am; 530pm Sunday

645am; 830am (Mandarin); 1015am; 12pm & 530pm

**Public Holiday** 9am

# **Parish Office**

Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday/Sunday 9am - 1pm **Public Holidays** 

Closed

#### Columbarium

Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm Saturday 1030am - 1pm Sunday Closed

**Public Holiday** 

Closed

#### Weddings

Preparations to be made 1 year in advance. Enquire at Parish Office

# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, 4 Dec 2022





Advent Hour of Prayer @ Chapel, 8pm Every Monday, let us come together and pray for the universal church.

> Christmas Eve, 24 Dec (Sat) Midnight Mass, 12am No 530pm Sat Sunset Mass

Christmas Day, 25 Dec (Sun) Mass times: 645am, 830am, 1015am, 12pm & 530pm

Thanksgiving Mass, 31 Dec (Sat) @ 8pm No 530pm Sat Sunset Mass

# Sunday Meditation 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year A Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

The ax lies at the root of the trees. (Matthew 3:10)

John the Baptist was enjoying great success in convincing people to respond to his call to repentance. People from all around Israel, and from every walk of life, were coming out to be washed clean of their sins and to recommit themselves to the law of the Lord. But things didn't go so smoothly when some Pharisees and Sadducees showed up. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance," John challenged them (Matthew 3:8). Don't come just for a washing. Actually change your life.

For John, repentance without change was like cutting off one branch of a tree when plenty of other branches are still bearing bad fruit. You need to take an "ax" to the entire root system that feeds all the branches (Matthew 3:10). You need to ask the Lord to cut away the foundational attitudes and root sins that keep feeding all the other sins.

What are these roots? They differ with each person. Maybe they include long-standing resentments, positions of pride and self-sufficiency and prejudice, selfish desires, or a lack of compassion. Whatever they are, we have to trust that as we ask the Lord to cut away these roots, we'll find freedom and a greater ability to change.

God wants to give us a new way of thinking and acting. He wants to replace our foolishness with his wisdom. He wants to give us insights into his love and all that he can do in our hearts. And he wants to give us strength to obey his commands. But we have to come to him and confess our need.

At Mass today, you will be invited to cry out, "Lord, have mercy." But you will also ask Jesus, "Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed." Jesus loves to forgive your sins, but he longs to heal your soul—your "roots"—even more. So welcome him in. Ask his Spirit to keep making you into a new creation.

"Come, Lord, teach me to bear fruit in keeping with my repentance."

Reflection from Word Among Us

# The Week in Church

Sunday, 4 Dec

No activities

Monday, 5 Dec

745pm – 9pm: RCIA Mandarin 8pm – 9pm: Hour of Prayer by Lectors

Tuesday, 6 Dec

5pm onwards: Prayer for the Priests

730pm – 9pm: Jesus Youth

8pm – 9pm: Christian Meditation

Wednesday, 7 Dec

9am onwards: Willing Hands

Thursday, 8 Dec

10am – 12pm: Catholic Praying Mothers

7pm - 930pm: Legion of Mary

- Our Lady of Charity

745pm – 915pm: Society of St Vincent de Paul Meeting

 $745 \mathrm{pm} - 930 \mathrm{pm}$ : RCIA English

Friday, 9 Dec

8pm – 9pm: Divine Mercy Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, 10 Dec

9am onwards: Willing Hands 9am – 1230pm: Holy Trinity Youth Fellowship 330pm – 5pm: Legion of Mary

- Queen of Angels

# The Week in Church

#### Other Timings

Daily Rosary Devotion

Weekdays: 530pm at Chapel Saturdays: 5pm at Main Church

Venues are subject to change, please enquire at the parish office.

# Parish Ministry

## **Ministry Recruitments**

## Primary Catechist (L1 – L6)

Feel called to work with children? Register your interest with the Primary Catechetical Ministry for L1-L6 Catechism. Email your interest to Bernadette at tayliansee@hotmail.com

#### Youth Catechist (L7 – L9)

Are you feeling called to work with youths? Register your interest with the Youth Catechetical Ministry for L7-L9 Catechism at this link: tinyurl.com/CHTCatechist22

#### Traffic Wardens

Our parish's traffic safety during weekend mass times requires your help to maintain order, even for an hour. Contact our Traffic Wardens at the parish office or htadmin@holvtrinitv.org.sg

## Holy Trinity Choral Ministry

A willing voice and a prayerful disposition are all that is required for singing at Mass. Contact Audrey with your interest at audrevchoo2015@gmail.com

## Hospitality Ministry

The Hospitality Ministry is recruiting, come join us. You can sign up at the church foyer after 1015am mass or contact Agus Wiwanto (98956438) or Matthew Yu (97465689).

# Parish News

# 2023 Pre-School Catechism Online Registration

Catechetical classes for pre-school children (5to 6-year-old in 2023) on Saturdays from 4pm -5pm. Registration link follows the same as 2023 L1 Catechism.

# Parish News

#### 2023 Pri 1 Catechism Online Registration

Registration is ongoing now till 31 Dec (Sat) for children born in 2016. Link: tinvurl.com/2023L1Catechism

## Spiritual Book Sales

3 & 4 Dec (Sat & Sun)

By Daughters of St Paul, the sisters will be at our parish with a wide range of spiritual and formation books, as well as audio-visual materials, for both adults and children. An opportunity for Christmas gifts to nourish faith and relationships.

## Events

## Katong Catholic Book Centre Christmas Market 2022

Saturdays: 19 & 26 Nov, 10 & 17 Dec, 10am -7pm

Sundays: 13 Nov – 18 Dec, 830am – 7pm Multi-Purpose Hall, Level 1 Pastoral Centre, Church of the Holy Family

KCBC's inaugural Christmas market for nativity sets, gifts, decorations, and limited editions. Enquiries via phone & WhatsApp: 6345 1413

#### Seeds of Growth

7 Dec (Wed), 10am – 1pm,

Office for Young People, 2 Lor Low Koon 536449

Formation program for JC, IB and Pre-U students. Come for a time of recollection and thanksgiving for the year. With prayer, input and fellowship from OYP.

Register: tinyurl.com/ovpSOGdec22

#### Breathe - A Youth & Young Adult Retreat 15 -18 Dec, (Tues - Fri)

Catholic Spirituality Centre, 1261 Upp Serangoon Rd, 534796

Retreat fee: \$140.00 (Financial Assistance is available)

Has there been dryness and you desire to revive your relationship with God? Calling all aged 18-35. Breathe is a retreat conducted by Catholic Spirituality Centre and SACCRE.

Register: bit.ly/cscsbreathe

# **Events**

Adventus: Hope Alive!

16 Dec (Mon), 10am – 1pm

Office for Young People, 2 Lor Low Koon
536449

Outreach program for Secondary school graduands of 2022. Listen to testimonies of various tertiary students and learn the different resources and communities which can help you in the next phase of your life journey.

Register: tinyurl.com/Adventus22

#### 14th School of Witness

<u> 10 Jan – 4 March 2023</u>

Office for Young People, 2 Lor Low Koon 536449

Fees: \$864

For young people between 18-30 years old. A live-in discipleship school where participants will be encouraged and challenged beyond their comfort zones to grow in awareness of God and in discipleship.