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Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

1st Sunday of Advent, 3 December





Mass Timings Weekday 6:30am; 6pm Saturday 6:30am; 5:30pm

Sunday

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin); 10:15am; 12pm & 5:30pm

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

Public Holidays
Closed

Columbarium

Monday - Friday 9am – 6pm

Saturday 10:30am - 6pm

Sunday

Open during Mass timings

Public Holiday Closed

Weddings

Wedding bookings to be made 1 year in advance. Please enquire at the Parish Office.



"So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming..."

Mark 13:35

Hour of Prayer Monday, 4 Dec

8:00pm, Chapel

Penitential Service Friday, 8 Dec 10:30am, 8:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass Sunday, 24 Dec 10:30pm (Carolling) 11:00pm (Mass) **Christmas Day Mass**

Monday, 25 Dec 6:45am 8:30am (Mandarin)

> 10:15am 12:00pm

5:30pm

Sunday Meditation 1st Sunday of Advent, Year B Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19; 64:2-7; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, 28; Mark 13:33-37

Be watchful! Be alert! (Mark 13:33)

Today we begin our Advent journey and prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. So you'd expect today's Gospel to refer to his birth. But Jesus isn't talking about Christmas when he says, "Be watchful! Be alert!" (Mark 13:33). He's urging his disciples to be vigilant as they wait for his return. We might wonder, Why are we hearing about the Second Coming? Isn't Advent about Jesus' first coming? Well, yes. But as St. Bernard of Clairvaux once said, we can ponder three "comings" of the Lord during Advent.

First, there's Jesus' coming as a baby in Bethlehem. So we can enter into the Jewish people's longing for the Messiah. Next, there's his Second Coming in glory at the end of time. We can be watchful as we ready our hearts for Jesus' return. Finally, we can experience a third coming of Jesus—his coming into our hearts right now. In fact, it is this coming of Christ that undergirds all that we do during this holy season.

Jesus comes to us every day. He isn't passive; he doesn't wait for us to climb some mountain to find him. He is the initiator. He actively pursues us and seeks us out. That's why he became a man; that's why he promised to be with us always (Matthew 28:20). And that's why he seeks to come into our lives this Advent.

Jesus comes to remind us to pause in our busy lives. He comes to inspire us to pray or read his word. He reminds us that he is with us, even when we feel alone. He stirs our conscience so that we want to turn away from sin and toward his mercy. He comes to us in a friend or stranger in need of kindness. Jesus is constantly seeking ways

to come to us. And the more alert we are to his coming now, the more ready we will be when he comes again.

So be alert! The Lord who loves you is walking beside you. Will you notice him?

"Jesus, King of kings, reign in my heart today and always."

Reflection from Word Among Us

Parish Activities

Sunday (3 Dec)

4:00pm - 5:00pm: Legion of Mary

for children (Mother of Holy

Innocents)

Monday (4 Dec)

 $7{:}30pm-9{:}30pm \quad : Jesus \ Youth$

 $7{:}45pm-9{:}30pm \quad : RCIA \ Mandarin$

8:00pm - 9:00pm : Hour of Prayer

Tuesday (5 Dec)

7:30pm - 9:30pm: Legion of Mary

Mandarin (天主之母)

Wednesday (6 Dec)

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:00am – 12:00pm : JOY Ministry,

for the elderly

Thursday (7 Dec)

9:30am - 12:00pm: Mandarin Bible

Study

10:00am - 11:30am: Legion of Mary

(Mary, Full of

Grace)

10:00am – 12:00pm : Catholic Praying

Mothers

7:30pm-9:30pm: Legion of Mary

(Our Lady of Charity)

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA

7:45pm-9:30pm: Society of St

Vincent de Paul

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Lectors

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Legion of Mary

Mandarin (圣母升天)

Friday (8 Dec)

Penitential Service 10:30am and 8:00pm

Saturday (9 Dec)

9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:30am - 12:30pm: Holy Trinity

Youth

1:00pm - 2:30pm: Legion of Mary

Youth (Mary,

Star of the New Evangelisation)

3:30pm - 5:00pm: Legion of Mary

(Queen of Angels)

 $6:45pm-8:15pm \quad : Tamil\ Monthly$

Prayer

7:30pm-9:30pm: Neo-

Catechumenal

Way Mass

Other Timings

Rosary Prayer before Mass

Weekdays: 5:25pm @ Chapel

Saturday & Sunday: 4:55pm @ Main Church **Parish News**

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Come and pray together for the universal church.

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Catechism Registration 2024

Registration for Level 1 Catechism is open for children born in 2017 via mycatholic.sg. Instructions can be found on tinyurl.com/catechism2024.

Divine Mercy Devotion

There will be no Devotion on 8 Dec. It will resume on the following week, 15 Dec at 7pm.

Charismatic Prayer Community and Christian Meditation

The communities are on a break for December. Activities will resume in January 2024.

Archdiocese Events

Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass

12 Dec, Church of Sts Peter and Paul Rosary @ 5:15pm,

Mass @ 6:00pm

Inviting parishioners to join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Unborn Child, with Pro-Life Rosary followed by Mass and blessing of pregnant women after Mass.

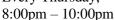
School of Witness 2024

9 Jan 2024 to 2 Mar 2024 Office for Young People

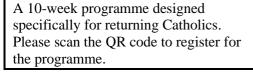
The School of Witness is an 8-week live-in discipleship school for young people (18 to 30 years old) that aims to provide an environment of faith where participants are encouraged and challenged to go deeper in their walk with Jesus and to witness to His love and light. Register at bit.ly/sow24.

Landings, for Returning Catholics

15 Feb 2024 to 9 May 2024 Every Thursday,



Church of St Ignatius



'Keep the Sabbath Holy' Retreat Preventing Leaders' Burnout___

12- 14 Jan 2024 St Damiano Franciscan Centre

5 Bukit Batok East Ave 22

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. Please scan the QR code to register for the retreat.

Family Conference 2024

Seminary Buildingo

27 Jan 2024, 9:00am – 5:00pm St Francis Xavier



In our very connected secular world, we are living disconnected lives in need of strategies to integrate our Catholic faith and values into our family life. Join us for the conference as we aim to address the challenges and opportunities of modern family life. Please scan the QR code to register for the conference.