

of the Holy Trinity

4th Sunday of Advent, 24 December

Catholic Church

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#### **Priests**

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#### **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** 

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.

"Let what you have said be done to me." Luke 1:38

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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year B 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29; Romans 16:25-27; <u>Luke 1:26-38</u>

May it be done to me according to your word. (Luke 1:38)

Mary's words to the angel can seem easy and somewhat romantic to us. But to her they were anything but. They represented a seismic shift in her life. When she spoke these words, she was agreeing to take up a mysterious new life filled with a host of unknowns. No longer would she be a humble housewife and mother in the model of so many of the women she had known.

Instead, she would become the Mother of God, and nothing would ever be the same. She would have only one child whom she would prepare to become Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world. What's more, she would go through life bearing the misunderstanding and judgments of friends and family members.

Imagine how frightening this could have been for Mary. She had no example to follow because nothing like this had ever happened before! She couldn't ask her mother or an aunt to show her how to walk this path. Her rabbi might offer some guidance, but the idea that God even had a Son would have been foreign to him.

But as unique as Mary's situation was, it is also very familiar. Who among us hasn't felt at times as if we were walking a path that no one else has walked? Who hasn't felt at times as if we were all alone, with no one to guide us? We may not have responded as sinlessly as Mary did, but just the fact that she has gone before us can bring us great comfort.

Mary knows what it's like to have her life turned upside down. She knows what it's like to walk a lonely road and to be misunderstood. But even on Christmas Eve, as she faced the prospect of giving birth in a stable, she continued to trust in God's care. Now assumed into heaven, she offers us her compassion, support, and intercession, especially when we feel lost and alone. She never tires of teaching us and caring for us.

"Holy Mary, Mother of God, help me to walk the path of trust as I await the coming of your son."

Reflection from Word Among Us

## Parish Activities

#### Sunday (24 Dec)

Christmas Eve Mass 10:30pm (Carolling) 11:00pm (Mass)

#### Monday (25 Dec)

Christmas Day Mass 6:45am, 8:30am (Mandarin),10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:30pm

#### Tuesday (26 Dec)

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

Mandarin (天主之母)

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Mandarin Lectors

#### Wednesday (27 Dec)

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:00am - 12:00pm : JOY Ministry,

for the elderly

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

Mandarin (圣母升天)

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Thursday (28 Dec)	
9:30am – 12:00pm	: Mandarin Bible Study
10:00am – 11:30am	: Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace)
7:30pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary (Our Lady of Charity)
7:45pm – 9:30pm	: RCIA
8:00pm - 9:30pm	: Lectors
8:00pm – 9:30pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (天主之母)
Friday (29 Dec)	
9:30am – 11:30am	: Evergreen, for the elderly (Mandarin)
7:15pm – 9:15pm	: Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母领报)
Saturday (30 Dec)	
9:00am onwards	: Church Cleaning (by Willing Hands)
10:30am – 12:30pm	: Holy Trinity Youth
1:00pm – 2:00pm	: Legion of Mary Youth (Mary, Star of the New Evangelisation)
3:30pm – 5:00pm	: Legion of Mary (Queen of Angels)
6:40pm – 7:30pm	: Rosary Prayer at Grotto
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**

# **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. Registration closes on 31 Dec 2023.

## Charismatic Prayer Community, Christian Meditation and Divine Mercy Devotion

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

# **Archdiocese Events**

# My Personal Moral Compass Shortened Edition

18 Jan to 21 Mar 2024, 7:30pm – 9:30pm

CANA at Catholic Centre, Level 3

My Personal Compass returns in a shortened edition this year. 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. Please register via the QR code or tinyurl.com/MPCSE2024.

# Let's Gather, Meditate and Celebrate the New Year

4 Jan, 7:30pm – 9:30pm Church of the Holy Cross Auditorium



A New Year meditation event led by Peter Ng and Fr Eugene Vaz. Closing date for registration is on 18 Dec. Please register via the QR code or <a href="mailto:tinyurl.com/wccmSGjan2024">tinyurl.com/wccmSGjan2024</a>

# Five Strategies for Living out Virtues by Office for Catechesis

27 Jan, 9:30am – 5:00pm 28 Jan, 9:30am – 4:30pm CANA The Catholic Centre

This 2-day formation aims to empower catechists and parents to encourage those in their care to live more authentic and meaningful lives by creating safe, caring and learning communities. Please register via the link: tinyurl.com/virtuesofc.

#### Kaleidoscope of Love: ACMI's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music Album



As part of our anniversary celebration, the "Kaleidoscope of Love" music album was put together to celebrate the lives of migrants and itinerants, radiating forth the beautiful message of fraternity and friendship. Visit rebrand.ly/KaleidoscopeofLove or scan the QR code to get your copy today!

#### **Scripture by Office for Catechesis**

24, 31 Jan

2, 21, 28 Feb

6, 20 Mar

 $7{:}30pm-10{:}00pm\\$ 

Church of St Ignatius

In this basic course, catechists will discover the fundamental principles that undergird and animate the great themes of Sacred Scripture. The following fundamental principles will be covered over seven sessions. Please register at tinyurl.com/ofcscripture.