

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

The Holy Family, 31 December

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Mass Timings Weekday

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 Everyday

630am – 6pm

Public Holiday

Closed by 10am

Weddings

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



Heart of Jesus, I adore you.
Heart of Mary, I implore you.
Heart of Joseph, pure and just.
In these three hearts,
I place my trust.
O Holy Family pray for us!

Sunday Meditation The Holy Family, Year B Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 104:1-7, 8-9; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40

The child's father and mother were amazed. (Luke 2:33)

"Amazed." That's how Mary and Joseph reacted when Simeon said that their son would be "a light for revelation" and "glory for . . . Israel" (Luke 2:32). They knew that Jesus was special, but seeing a prayerful, holy man treat him with such awe and reverence left them speechless. Who was this child whom God had given them?

This is a perfect image for today's feast of the Holy Family. For all that Mary and Joseph had already experienced, Jesus was still a mystery to them. And he would continue to be a mystery. They would be "astonished" when they found him, at twelve years old, debating with the scribes in the Temple (Luke 2:48). Surely Mary was surprised when Jesus seemed to rebuke her for trying to see him (8:19-21). And imagine her shock when she saw him crucified!

So how did Mary and Joseph respond to the great mystery of their child? With prayerful, open hearts. Luke says that Mary—undoubtedly along with her husband—reflected "in her heart" every time a new challenge arose (2:19). They knew they didn't have all the answers. They needed to be open to God's plan for Jesus rather than respond quickly and rashly based on their own ideas.

What a model for us! Whether we are relating to our parents, our spouse, or our children, we should always approach them with a sense of awe and humility. Because they are "wonderfully made" by God himself, they deserve to be treated with respect and honor (Psalm 139:14). May we never try to impose our plans on them. May

we instead be open to God's work in them and love them as he loves them.

Amazed. Prayerful. Humble. Imagine how much peace could flow in families this coming year if we all followed the Holy Family's example!

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for all families this year!"

Reflection from Word Among Us

Parish Activities

Monday (1 Jan)

New Year's Day Mass 9:00am, Main Church

Tuesday (2 Jan)

7:30pm – 9:30pm : Legion of Mary Mandarin

Mandarin (天主之母)

Wednesday (3 Jan)

9:00am onwards : Church cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

Thursday (4 Jan)

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 8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors

Friday (5 Jan)

7:15pm – 9:15pm : Legion of Mary

Mandarin (圣母领报)

8:00pm - 9:30pm: Divine Mercy

Devotion

Saturday (6 Jan)

9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning

(by Willing Hands)

10:00am - 11:30am : Society of St

Vincent de Paul

Ration Day

11:00am-12:30pm:Legion of Mary

Mandarin (天主之母)

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

Youth (Mary, Star of the New

Evangelisation)

 $3:30pm-5:00pm \quad : Legion \ of \ Mary$

(Queen of

Angels)

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.

Holy Trinity Youth

The community will be on a break for the month of January 2024.

Archdiocese Events

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 25th 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, participants 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.