



# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C, 1 Dec 2024

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## Mass Timings

### Weekday

6:30am; 6pm

### Saturday

6:30am; 5:30pm

### Sunday

6:45am; 8:30am (Mandarin);  
10:15am; 12:00pm and 5:30pm

### Public Holiday

9am

## Parish Office

### Monday - Friday

9am - 6pm

### Saturday/Sunday

9am - 1pm

### Public Holidays

Closed

## Columbarium

### Every day

6:30am - 6pm

### Public Holiday

Closed by 10am

## Church Wedding

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



‘Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Luke 21:36

## Hour of Prayer

2 December, Monday, Chapel

8:00pm

## Holy Trinity Penitential Service

11 December, Wednesday, Main Church

10:30am and 8:00pm

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**Jeremiah 33:14-16;**

**1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2;**

**Psalms 25:4-5, 8-10, 14;**

**Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

*I will raise up for David a just shoot.  
(Jeremiah 33:15)*

Happy Advent! This season of waiting and preparation is just what we need to get ready to welcome the Lord at Christmas. Yet Advent can so quickly become filled with parties, gift buying, and card writing, as well as apprehension or fears concerning difficult family situations. So how can we better embrace this season and the grace God has in store for us? Today's first reading gives us a beautiful image that can help us: "a just shoot" rising up to give us new life (Jeremiah 33:15).

Jesus, the true "just shoot," wants to help us embrace a sense of peaceful waiting and joyful expectation in the midst of all the busyness and crowds. As we set aside time to be with him, he can help us lift our eyes to the heavens and ponder the star that is approaching Bethlehem and the empty manger that is waiting for the Savior.

He can also help us "prepare the way of the Lord" in our hearts (Luke 4:1) as we consider the ways in which our lives have become cluttered with self-centeredness or anger or pride. Jesus, the "just shoot," can give us the grace to see our sins and our anxieties more clearly and to bring them to him for forgiveness and healing.

If you're feeling the weight of the expectations and perhaps the tensions of the coming weeks, you're not alone. Say yes to God's invitation—to the disarming,

gentle, "just shoot" that can bring you new life. Say yes to the One who longs to give you rest in the midst of the pressures in your life.

This Advent, commit yourself to trusting in Jesus, the "just shoot." Let him meet you where you are, lead you to deeper surrender, and make you ready to receive his presence at Christmas!

*"Lord, your ways are so different from my ways. Help me to receive all the grace you have for me this Advent."*

*Reflection from Word Among Us*

## Parish Activities

### Monday, 2 December

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin  
8:00pm – 9:00pm : Hour of Prayer

### Tuesday, 3 December

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Legion of Mary  
Mandarin  
(天主之母)  
8:00pm – 9:30pm : Christian  
Meditation

### Wednesday, 4 December

9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning  
(Willing Hands)  
10:00am – 12:00pm : JOY Ministry for  
the elderly

## Thursday, 5 December

- 10:0am – 11:30am : Catholic Praying Mothers  
10:00am – 12:00nn : Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace)  
7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA  
8:00pm – 9:30pm : Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母升天)  
8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors

## Friday, 6 December

- 7:15pm – 9:15pm : Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母领报)  
8:00pm – 9:00pm : Divine Mercy Devotion

## Saturday, 7 December

- 9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning & Lunch (Willing Hands)  
9:00am – 10:00am : Society of St Vincent de Paul  
1:00pm – 2:30pm : Legion of Mary Youth (Mary, Star of the New Evangelization)  
7:30pm – 9:30pm : Neo-Catechumenal Way

## Other Timings

### Rosary Prayer before Mass

Weekdays: 5:25pm at Chapel

Weekends: 4:55pm at Main Church

### Prayer for Priests

Tuesdays: 4:50pm at Chapel

## Parish News

### **Catholic Aids Response Effort (CARE)**

CARE caters to the well-being of People Living (PLWHA) with HIV/AIDS as well as raising public awareness to promote greater compassion and understanding of PLWHA. World AIDS Day is commemorated on 1st December. You can support their mission by donating through the QR code:



### **Catechism Registration 2025**

Registration for Level 1 Catechism is open for children born in 2018, beginning from this Sunday, 1 December. Login to your <https://mycatholic.sg> account to register.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/L1catechism2025>

## Archdiocese Events

### ACMI Skills Development Courses

Registration for Jan-Jun 2025 courses are open from now till 8 December!  
Courses are held at Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh.

Contact: 8600 3583

More info on courses:

<https://rebrand.ly/skillsdevelopmentcourses>

### Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass by Catholic Family Life

Date: Thursday, 12 December  
Time: 5:30pm (Pro-Life Rosary),  
6:30pm (Mass)  
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Parishioners are invited to join in the celebration and honouring of the "Patroness of the Unborn Child".

### Outreach to ITE By Office for Young People

Date: Friday, 13 December  
Time: 2pm - 5pm  
Venue: Catholic Centre, Level 8,  
55 Waterloo Street

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/OYPITE24>

### Mass to Launch the Ordinary Jubilee of the Holy Year 2025

Date: Saturday, 28 December  
Time: 6pm  
Venue: Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

For more info:

<https://tinyurl.com/chancerynotice-28nov>

### School of Witness 2025 by 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 trust in their walk with Jesus and witness to His way and life.

9 January 2025 – 8 March 2025

Application close on 2 December 2024.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/Sow25>