



# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C, 8 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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



'A voice of one that cries in the desert: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight'

Luke 3:4

### Hour of Prayer

9 December, Monday, 8:00pm, Chapel

### Holy Trinity Penitential Service

11 December, Wednesday, Main Church  
10:30am and 8:00pm

### Christmas Eve Mass Timing

24 December, Tuesday, Main Church  
10:15pm (Caroling), 11:00pm (Mass)

### Christmas Day Mass Timings

25 December, Wednesday, Main Church  
6:45am, 8:30am (Mandarin), 10:15am, 12pm, 5:30pm

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**Baruch 5:1-9;**

**Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11;**

**Psalms 126: 1-6;**

**Luke 3:1-6**

*God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled. (Baruch 5:7)*

Today's first reading contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylon. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims that "every lofty mountain" will be flattened and that "the age-old depths and gorges" will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have a direct route, straight through the desert, back home (Baruch 5:7).

This was such good news! The only established road between Babylon and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring his people back to him that he promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazing, he promised to join them on the journey, "leading Israel in joy . . . with his mercy and justice for company" (Baruch 5:9)!

What a perfect way to describe the miracle of Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on our own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us his "mercy and justice." Visiting the land of our exile, he now extends his hand and promises to lead us into his heavenly home.

Baruch tells us that God has "commanded" the mountains to flatten out and the chasms to be filled in (5:7). And when God speaks, creation obeys! No amount of pride or selfishness, no matter how tall, can withstand his command. No sin, no matter how grave, can carve a ravine too deep for him to fill. Jesus has paved a "new and living way" so that we can finally come home (Hebrews 10:20)!

*"All praise to you, Lord, for coming to our rescue!"*

*Reflection from Word Among Us*

### Parish Activities

#### Monday, 9 December

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Hour of Prayer

#### Tuesday, 10 December

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

8:00pm – 9:30pm : Christian  
Meditation

#### Wednesday, 11 December

*Holy Trinity Penitential Service*

*10:30am*

*8:00pm*

*Main Church*

## Thursday, 12 December

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

## Friday, 13 December

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

## Saturday, 14 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

### **Catechism Registration 2025**

Registration for Level 1 Catechism is open for children born in 2018. Please login to your <https://mycatholic.sg> account to register.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/L1catechism2025>

## Archdiocese Events

### **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 information:  
<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>

### **Retreats by Catholic Leadership Centre**

#### **1. Fully Alive in God Retreat**

Date: Thursday, 26 December  
Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: Catholic Junior College

An end-of-year retreat for Catholic educators to reflect on 2024 and prepare for the year ahead.



#### **Ephesians 6: Armour of God Retreat**

Date: 8-9 February 2025

Venue: St Francis Xavier

Retreat Centre, 199 Punggol Seventeenth  
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A 2D1N retreat that unpacks Eph 6:1-24 the spiritual and practical implications for leaders.



For more information:

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