



# Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, Year C, 15 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.



“...He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

Luke 3:16

## Hour of Prayer

16 December, Monday, 8:00pm, Chapel

## 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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**Zephaniah 3:14-18;**

**Philippians 4:4-7;**

**Isaiah 12:2-6;**

**Luke 3:10-18**

*The Lord, your God, is in your midst.  
(Zephaniah 3:17))*

Did you ever rejoice in something that hadn't actually happened yet? Maybe you were looking forward to a dear friend's wedding or a visit from an out-of-town relative. Just the thought of what was to come made you smile!

In today's first reading, the prophet Zephaniah told the Israelites to "be glad and exult" because God was going to remove "the judgment against" them (3:14, 15). They were to rejoice even though they were still suffering the consequences of their rebellion against the Lord. Why? Because God had promised to rescue them, so it would come to pass.

Today is Gaudete Sunday, a day set aside during Advent for rejoicing. Although Christmas is still ten days away, we can begin rejoicing in Jesus' birth now. We can also look forward to Jesus' Second Coming, when he will establish a new heaven and new earth (Revelation 21:1). Like the Israelites, we don't know when that will happen, and yet we are called to rejoice in it. Why? For the same reason: because God keeps his promises.

We live in a fallen world, surrounded by much pain and sorrow. We may be going through a difficult time this Advent, so we may not feel much like rejoicing. But it is possible to rejoice in what has been promised to us. One day we will stand before the Lord, and he will wipe every tear from our eyes. On that day, we won't be able to contain our joy!

So try to follow St. Paul's advice from today's second reading to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4). Rejoice that the Lord loves you so much that he became man to save you. Rejoice that he is present in the Eucharist and wants you to be with him in the closest way possible. Rejoice in anticipation of life with God forever. Choose to rejoice today, no matter how you feel. Why? Because our Lord God always keeps his promises!

*"Jesus, I rejoice in you always, now and forever!"*

*Reflection from Word Among Us*

## Parish Activities

### Monday, 16 December

7:45pm – 9:30pm : RCIA Mandarin

8:00pm – 9:00pm : Hour of Prayer

### Tuesday, 17 December

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

### Wednesday, 18 December

9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning  
(Willing Hands)

10:00am – 12:00pm : JOY Ministry for  
the elderly

## Thursday, 19 December

- 10:00am – 11:30am : Catholic Praying Mothers  
10:00am – 12:00nn : Legion of Mary (Mary, Full of Grace)  
7.30pm – 9.30pm : RCIA  
8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors

## Friday, 20 December

- 7:15pm – 9:15pm : Legion of Mary Mandarin (圣母领报)  
8:00pm – 9:30pm : Lectors

## Saturday, 21 December

- 9:00am onwards : Church Cleaning & Lunch (Willing Hands)  
11:00am – 11:30am : Infant Baptism  
1:00pm – 2:30pm : Legion of Mary Youth (Mary, Star of the New Evangelization)  
3:30pm – 5:00pm : Legion of Mary (Queen of Angels)  
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. Classes will commence on 2 Feb 2025.

For more information:

<https://tinyurl.com/L1catechism2025>

### **Gaudate Sunday**

Every third Sunday of Advent, the church celebrates Gaudete Sunday. The name comes from the Latin word Gaudete, which means “rejoice”. Priests at Mass wear rose-colored vestments for the day as it is meant to celebrate the joy of anticipating Christmas.

## Archdiocese Events

### **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>

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

#### **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 Ave

A 2D1N retreat that unpacks Eph 6:1-24 the spiritual and practical implications for leaders.



For more information:

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