



Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

3rd Sunday of Lent, 23 March 2025

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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

Daily

6.30am - 6pm

Church Wedding

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



“Leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it... It may bear fruit next year.”

Luke 13:8-9

Hour of Prayer

24 March, 8pm, Chapel

Come and pray together for the universal church

Stations of the Cross

Thursday, 8pm at Chapel, in Teochew

Friday, 3pm at Chapel and
after 6pm Mass at Main Church, in English

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**Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11;
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9**

I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. (Luke 13:8-9)

In today's Gospel, Jesus concludes his call to repentance with a parable about a barren fig tree. The owner of the tree, after three years without any fruit, decides to cut it down. The gardener intervenes, however: "Sir, leave it for this year also, and I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future. If not you can cut it down" (Luke 13:8-9). The crowd listening to this parable likely recalled that Israel was called "the vineyard of the Lord," which "yields its fruit in season" (Isaiah 5:7; Psalm 1:3). They knew God was looking for his people to bear fruit in good deeds, but Jesus reminded them that God was also willing to show patience to sinners. In his mercy, he would "cultivate" and "nourish" them while he delayed their day of reckoning.

We all know that God is patient, but we don't know when our day of reckoning will come. Look what happened to the Galilean Jews that Pilate killed (Luke 13:1-3). The people who heard of this tragedy asked Jesus what these victims had done to deserve such a fate. Were they being punished for their sin? Jesus refutes this logic and reminds his listeners that they were no greater sinners than anyone else. Instead, he warns, this tragedy should urge us all to repent.

God calls us not only to repent, but to "produce good fruits as evidence of [our] repentance" as well (Luke 3:8). This

fruitfulness lies at the heart of Lent: Repent and be faithful to the gospel. The good news is that we are not left to bear fruit on our own. Jesus, our faithful Gardener, is here to help us face the areas of our lives that need repentance. He will tend the soil of our hearts, prune the branches that lead us to sin, and pour out his grace to help us grow.

"Thank you, Lord, for helping me to repent of my sins and bear fruit!"

Reflection from Word Among Us

Parish Activities

Monday, 24 March

7.45pm – 9.30pm : RCIA Mandarin
8.00pm – 9.00pm : Hour of Prayer

Tuesday, 25 March

7.30pm – 9.30pm : Legion of Mary
Mandarin
– 天主之母
8.00pm – 9.30pm : Christian
Meditation

Wednesday, 26 March

9.00am onwards : Church Cleaning
by Willing Hands
10.00am – 12.00pm : JOY Ministry
for the elderly

Thursday, 27 March

10.00am – 11.00am : Catholic Praying
Mothers
10.00am – 11.30am : Bible Sharing
Mandarin

- 10.00am – 11.30am : Legion of Mary
– Mary, Full of
Grace
- 7.00pm – 9.00pm : Legion of Mary
– Our Lady of
Charity
- 7.30pm – 9.30pm : Bible Sharing
- 7.30pm – 9.30pm : RCIA
- 8.00pm onwards : Stations of the
Cross (Teochew)
- 8.00pm – 9.30pm : Lectors
- 8.00pm – 9.30pm : Legion of Mary
Mandarin

Friday, 28 March

- 10.00am – 11.30am : Evergreen, for the
elderly, in
Mandarin
- 7.15pm – 9.15pm : Legion of Mary
Mandarin
– 圣母领报
- 3.00pm onwards : Stations of the
Cross
- After 6.00pm Mass : Stations of the
Cross
- 8.00pm – 9.00pm : Divine Mercy
Devotion

Saturday, 29 March

- 8.00am onwards : Church Cleaning
by Willing Hands
- 10.00am – 12.00pm : Holy Trinity Youth
- 1.30pm – 3.00pm : Legion of Mary
(Youth)
- 3.15pm – 5.00pm : Legion of Mary
- Queen of Angels
- 7.30pm – 9.30pm : Neocatechumenal
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

Hour of Prayer

24 March, 8pm, Chapel

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Lent Recollection

5 April, Saturday, 9am – 3pm,
Parish Hall



Inviting all parishioners for a Lent recollection with Fr Bernard Wee, OCD, with spiritual talks and reflections. Please scan the QR code for registration and more information.

Holy Trinity Penitential Service

8 April, Tuesday, 10.30am and 8pm
Main Church

Crucis Singapura 2025

12 April, Saturday

Jesus Youth invites all to a unique ‘Way of the Cross’ experience where participants walk barefoot (optional) across the island marking the sign of the Cross. Please register by 6 April at <https://singapore.jesusyouth.org>

Prayers for RCIA Preparation

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in RCIA who are preparing to receive the sacraments during Easter Vigil Mass on 19 April.

<https://tinyurl.com/rciaeaster2025>

Archdiocese Events

Choice Weekend Program

29 to 31 March
La Salle House,
490 East Coast Rd



For young adults aged 18 to 40. Choice weekend is a stay-in program to explore deeper relationships with family, friends, God and self. For registration or more information, please scan the QR code.

Events by Office for Young People, at 2 Lorong Low Koon

SHINE25 Retreat

1 to 5 April

Calling all Polytechnic, ITE and Private diploma students aged 16 to 25 for a Catholic encounter retreat. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/Shine25P>

Seeds Of Growth Sessions

5 & 12 April, 10am – 12.30pm

Calling all A-levels/IB students! There'll be worship, faith formation sessions, prayer, and fellowship. Come and grow in friendship with God, and fellow students!

Training courses by Catholic Leadership Centre

Companions

12 April and 17 May

Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh

As followers of Jesus, we are all called to accompany one another in our journey to holiness. Come experience this walk with us.

Heart-to-Heart Conversations

5 April or 3 May

Kingsmead Centre, 8 Victoria Park Rd

Listening is the foundation of accompaniment. This recollection provides participants the space to reflect and listen to God's Word.

To register or find out more for both courses, go to www.catholicleader.sg

Retreats by Cenacle Sisters, at La Salle House, 490 East Coast Rd

Paschal Triduum: Holy Week Retreat

17 to 20 April

Daily input sessions, spiritual direction, Sacraments and Liturgies for the Holy Week. More information and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/paschaltriduum2025>

Praying the Middle Years:

A Midlife Retreat

17 to 18 May

Who am I? How have my relationships impacted me? How would I like to live meaningfully and fruitfully? Undertake a spiritual journey towards a more intimate relationship with self, others and God. More information and registration:

<https://tinyurl.com/PTMY2025>