

Registration for Catechetical Sessions for 2018

Catechetical sessions for 2018 will commence on 21 January 2018.

K1 to Pri 5 - 9.30 am

Pr 6 to Sec 4 - 11.00 am

Registration Forms are available on-line at lourdes.sg. Please download the Form, complete it, attach a copy of the child's birth certificate and drop them off at the Parish Office.

Registration will close on 29 December 2017.

Recruitment of Catechists and Parent Volunteers

If you are drawn to working with children and youth, and would like to volunteer with the Catechetical Ministry, please fill in the registration form available on our church website, lourdes.sg.



GIFT Advent 2017

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese. More info is available at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

food for thought *John gives testimony that he is preaching and baptizing in order to prepare for the coming of another.*

This Sunday's Gospel invites us to continue our reflection on the person and mission of John the Baptist. Today we depart from the Gospel of Mark and read a selection from the Gospel of John.

The Gospel for today combines a brief passage from the prologue to John's Gospel with a report about John the Baptist. As in Mark's Gospel, the Gospel of John contains no birth narrative. Instead, John's Gospel begins with a theological reflection that has come to be called the "prologue." This prologue places the story of Jesus in its cosmological framework. It speaks of Jesus' existence with God since the beginning of time. In John's Gospel, Jesus is presented as the fulfilment of the Old Testament and the culmination of the Word, the light that is coming into the world's darkness.

Following this prologue, John reports on the ministry of John the Baptist. We learn about the attention that John the Baptist received from the Jewish authorities. Messengers from the Jewish priests, the Levites and the Pharisees question John about his identity and the meaning of the baptisms that he is performing. John's Gospel uses these questions to establish the relationship between Jesus and John the Baptist. John the Baptist is not the Messiah, nor is he Elijah or the Prophet. In John's denials, we hear echoes of the kind of messianic expectations that were common in first-century Palestine.

The only affirmative response that John the Baptist gives is when he quotes the prophet Isaiah. Upon answering the next question, John announces that the saviour they seek is already among them, but as yet unrecognized. John's response highlights for us an important Advent theme: Jesus has already come into the world as our savior. During Advent, we pray that we will be able to recognize Jesus' presence in our midst. Advent also reminds us that Jesus will come again to fulfil the promise of salvation. We pray that we will continue to be watchful as we anticipate that great day.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete, a Latin word which means "rejoice," is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass. This theme is echoed in today's second reading from the first Letter to the Thessalonians. It is a reminder that Advent is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.



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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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First reading
Responsorial Psalm
Second reading
Gospel

Sunday Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
Luke 1:46-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English)	12:30pm & 6:30pm
1st Friday	7:30pm
Sat (Sunset - English)	6:00pm & 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am & 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am & 6:30pm
Public Holiday (English)	9:00am
Public Holiday (Tamil)	10:00am

Parish Activities

English	- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday)	5:30pm
	- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays)	11.55am
	- Monday & Wednesday	5.55pm
	- Holy Hour with Benediction(1st Friday)	6.30pm followed by Mass 7.30pm
	- Sacred Heart Devotion	6.30pm followed by Mass (All other Fridays)
	- Divine Mercy (Tuesday)	5:45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays)	7:30pm
	- Infant Jesus (Thursday)	5:45pm
	- Charismatic (Every Friday)	7.45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Sundays)	9.45am
Tamil	- Infant Jesus (Tuesday)	4:30pm
	- Divine Mercy (Friday)	5:45pm
	- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday)	8:30pm
	- Rosary & OLOL Devotion (Sunday)	8:30am
	- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday)	9.30pm to 5.30am
Indonesian	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	1.00pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd & 4th Friday)	7.30pm
Filipino	- Filipino Christian Professionals	8.00pm (1st Friday Mass)
	- Light of Jesus Bible Sharing (Monday)	7.30pm

Important Parish Information

Wedding Arrangements Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.

Infant Baptism Every 4th Sunday in English and every 3rd Sunday in Tamil @ 4.00pm. Register at the Parish Office.
Please provide photocopy of church marriage certificate of parents, birth certificate of infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.

Mass Intentions Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office **by 3pm on Wednesday** for the following week's intentions.

Lourdes Prayer Hall For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624

Anointing Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.

Holy Communion for the Homebound Register with the Parish Office.

Kindly be aware of people who profess to pray over others in the Parish Grounds, and/or in your homes for the purpose of soliciting funds without the approval of the Archdiocese and Priests of the Parish.

The building project of Our Lady of Lourdes parish is at present under review, and its fund raising project is being put on hold until further notice by the Archdiocese.

For further enquires, kindly email the Parish Secretariat at olpastoral@gmail.com or ololsec@gmail.com

Advent Penitential Service For City District

18/12 Mon Novena Church 8pm
19/12 Tue Church of St Michael 8pm



Church Cleaning

Date : Sunday, 17th Dec 2017
Time : 2.30pm

Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

24th December 2017

7.30am : English Mass
9.30am : Tamil Mass
11.30am : English Mass
1pm : English Mass

24th December 2017 - Christmas Eve (Sunday)

Please note the following Christmas Eve Masses do not fulfil the Sunday obligation

9:00pm : English Mass
11:00pm : Caroling followed by Tamil Mass @11.30pm



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25th December 2017 - Christmas Day (Monday)

- Day of Obligation
9:00am : English Mass
10:30am : Tamil Mass

31st December 2017

7.30am : English Mass
9.30am : Tamil Mass
11.30am : English Mass
1pm : English Mass



31st December 2017 - New Year's Eve Thanksgiving Mass (Sunday)

9:00pm : English Mass
11:00pm : Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Tamil Mass @ 11.30pm

1st January 2018 - New Year's Day (Monday)

9:00am : English Mass
10:30am : Tamil Mass

Simbang Gabi @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Tagalog Mass on Dec 20 & 21 @ 8 pm.
Simbang Gabi is a traditional nine-day devotional series of Masses practiced by Roman Catholics and Aglipayans in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary.

