

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

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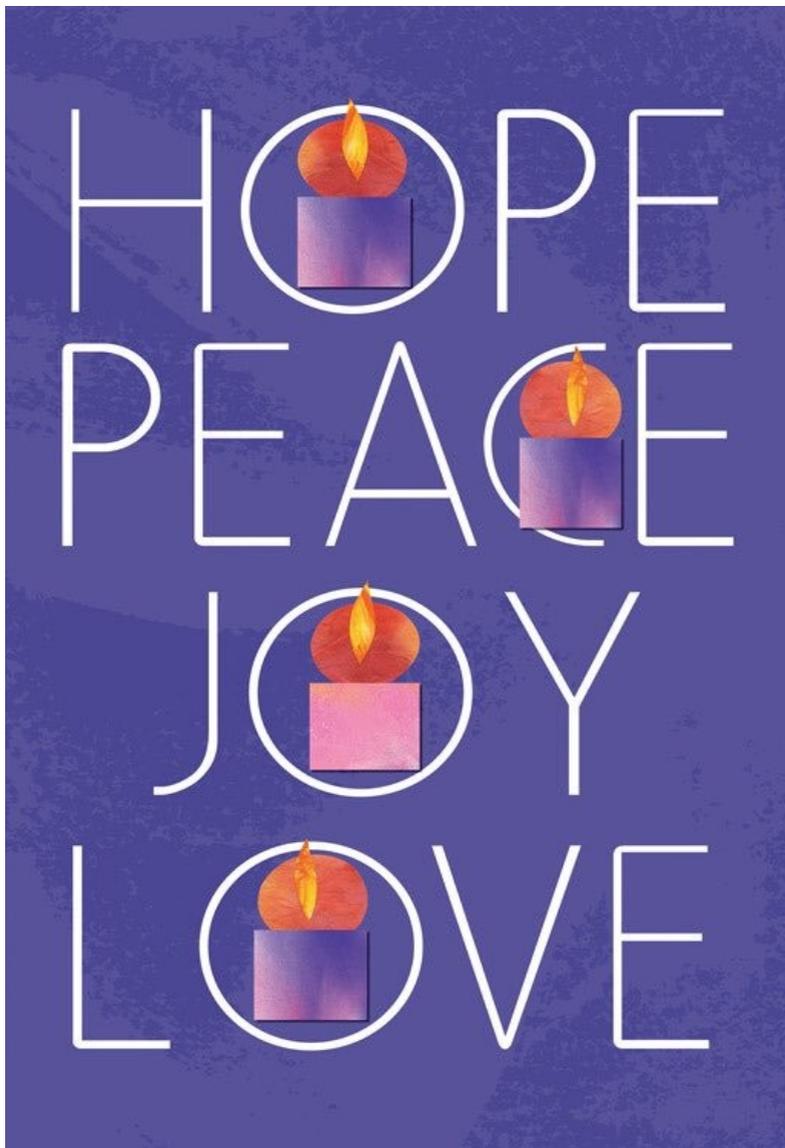
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24 DEC 2017

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday Readings

First reading	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 88, 2-5, 27 and 29
Second reading	Romans 16:25-27
Gospel	Luke 1:26-38



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 ololpastoral@gmail.com or ololsec@gmail.com*

Holy Hour

When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now. - St Teresa of Calcutta

Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month.

5th January 2018 @ 6.30pm followed by Mass.



Public Holiday

Monday, 25th December 2017.

***Parish office will be closed.**

***Main Entrance Gates will be closed from 12noon.**

Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

24th December 2017

7:30am : English Mass
9:30am : Tamil Mass
11:30am : English Mass
1:00pm : English Mass

24th December 2017 - Christmas Eve (Sunday)

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

8:00pm : Caroling in English
9:00pm : English Mass
11:00pm : Caroling followed by Tamil Mass @11.30pm

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
1:00pm : 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)

8:15am : Rosary (English)
9:00am : English Mass
10:30am : Tamil Mass

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**Fr. Michael Sitaram, Fr. Paul Yeo
and Fr Nithiya Sagayaraj
would like to wish
all parishioners a holy Christmas
and a blessed New Year.**



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.



The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.

One of the challenges of faith is to recognize God's plan for us and to remain open to God's will and God's actions in our world. Filled with God's grace, Mary models for us the kind of faith that is needed to cooperate in God's plan of salvation. Like Mary, we are given the awesome opportunity to cooperate in God's saving plan. On this final Sunday of Advent, our Gospel invites us to consider how our preparations for Christmas have made us more aware of God's grace working in our lives.

Gather together your family and talk about what you have been doing as a family to prepare for Christmas. How have these preparations helped you to better celebrate the central mystery of Christmas, the Incarnation? Our Gospel today talks about how Mary was prepared for her role in Christ's birth. Read today's Gospel, Luke 1:26-38. Consider the question: What enabled Mary to say yes to God? Which of your Advent activities have made you more aware of God's grace in your life? Conclude in prayer together that God's grace will enable your family to be more faithful and obedient to God. Pray together the Magnificat.

