

Advent Reflection Booklets Now Available

The Advent theme is "Watching & Active Waiting in Communion" and Christmas theme is 'Celebrating in Communion'. Please take a copy of the booklet for your household. Also available online at: <http://bit.ly/one-advent-2018>

GIFT

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. 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

CROSSROADS

Date & Time: 5 Jan 2019, 9am - 6 Jan 2019, 1pm Venue: Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42 Contribution: \$180. A retreat for young people (20-35 y.o.) to consider where they have been and where they would like to go, and to prayerfully discern the choices in their lives. By Cenacle sisters. Please register at www.cenaclemission.com

Catholic News is conducting a survey to better serve our Catholic Community. Survey is available online at tinyurl.com/y9qq7kgj. The next issue of Catholic News will be available on the weekend of Dec 22-23.

The **Chancery Archives**, a department supporting the Archdiocese in records management and archives, is seeking self-motivated and detail-oriented interns who have academic training in historical research and/or are interested in history and heritage matters. Applicants should be students with minimum 'A' level or diploma qualifications, and should be able to commit to the internship for at least 3 months or longer. Kindly submit your resume, your available period for internship and a recent photo to chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg by 23 December 2018.

food for thought

John the Baptist teaches the path of repentance and announces Christ.

This Sunday's Gospel continues last week's focus on John the Baptist and his role in preparing the way for Christ. Recall that last week's reading described John's appearance in the desert and established his connection with the prophetic tradition of Israel. If we were to read Luke's Gospel continuously, we would learn about John the Baptist challenging the crowds who came to him and calling upon them to show evidence of their repentance. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Sunday Readings

First reading Zephaniah 3:14-18
 Responsorial Psalm Isaiah 12
 Second reading Philippians 4:4-7
 Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English) 12:30pm and 6:30pm
 Saturday (Sunset - English) 6:00pm and 7:30pm
 Sunday (English) 7:30am, 11:30am and 1.00pm
 Sunday (Tamil) 9:30am and 6:30pm
 Public Holiday (English) 9:00am
 Public Holiday (Tamil) 10:00am

Parish Activities

English

- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday) 5:15pm
- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays) 11.55am
- Monday and Wednesday 5.55pm (Sunday @ 10.55am)
- Holy Hour with Benediction (1st Friday) 7.00pm
- Sacred Heart Devotion (Friday) 7.00pm
- Divine Mercy (Tuesday) 5:45pm
- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays) 7:30pm
- Infant Jesus (Thursday) 5:45pm
- Charismatic (Friday) 7:45pm
- Divine Mercy (Saturday) 3.00pm
- Legion of Mary (Sundays) 9.45am

Tamil

- Infant Jesus (Tuesday) 4:30pm
- Divine Mercy (Friday) 5:45pm
- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday) 8:30pm
- Rosary and OLOL Devotion (Sunday) 8:30am
- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday) 9.30pm to 5.30am

Indonesian

- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday) 2.30pm
- KKIHS Youth Group (2nd and 4th Friday) 7.30pm
- Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday) 3.30pm

Filipino

- 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 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 7pm on Friday** 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 restoration of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will begin in April 2019. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back. Please give generously!

Advent Penitential Service For City District

17 Dec Mon Sacred Heart 8pm
 18 Dec Tue Novena Church 8pm



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

24th December 2018 Monday
 12.30pm: Mass (English)
Christmas Eve Masses
 8pm: Carolling & Pageant followed by Mass in English at 9pm
 11pm: Carolling in Tamil followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm



25th December 2018 Tuesday - Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)
 7:30am: Mass (English)
 9:15am: Mass (Tamil)
 11:30am: Mass (English)
 1pm: Mass (English)

31st December 2018 Monday
 12.30pm: Mass (English)
New Year's Eve Masses
 9pm: Mass (English)
 11pm: Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

1st January 2019 Tuesday - New Year's Day

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

Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.



Church Cleaning
 Date : Sunday, 23rd December 2018
 Time : 2.30pm
 Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
 All are welcome to help!
 Registration is not required.



Simbang Gabi 2018 @ OLOL

Organised by the Filipino Parish Communities in Singapore.
 19th to the 21st of December 2018 at Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.
 Mass in Tagalog at 8pm.

Catholic News Calendar 2019

The calendar for 2019 is still available. If you have not have one, please pick one up from the parish office!