



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 22nd December 2019. Time: 2.30pm
Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help! Registration is not required.

Recruitment of Lectors

If you have a desire to give a voice to the written words of Scripture, to participate faithfully in the celebration of the Eucharist and to sincerely live the Gospel message in your life, we welcome you to join as a Lector. Contact us at helenrc24@yahoo.com or lucynetto@gmail.com

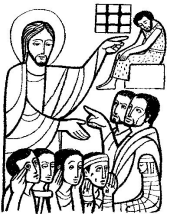
PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith. For the month of December, our monthly session is on Tue 17 December 2019, 7:30pm to 9:00pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Our contact details are email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com and we can also be found on facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

Commencement of School Year Mass, 2020

This year, 7 principals have been newly appointed to head our Catholic schools. ACCS invites all educators to join us at Mass to commemorate the occasion and to pray for all our Catholic schools and pre-schools. The event will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday, 5 January 2020 at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. His Grace, Archbishop William Goh will be the main celebrant. As parking is limited on the Cathedral grounds, you are advised to park your vehicle in carparks around the vicinity.

food for thought

Jesus tells John the Baptist of the signs of the kingdom that are being worked through him and praises John as more than a prophet.



The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

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15 DEC 2019

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A PRAYER FOR THE Third Sunday of Advent

Joy-filled Giver of Life,
let the anticipation of your birth
fill us with overflowing joy.
May our excitement and anticipation
be a sign to the world
that you are always near.

Amen.





Sunday Readings

First reading Isaiah 35:1-6,10
 Responsorial Psalm Psalm 145:6-10
 Second reading James 5:7-10
 Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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

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 (Last Friday of the month) 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 soon. 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

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
15 Dec Sun 8.45am & 5.30pm (both in Tamil)
17 Dec Tue Our Lady of Lourdes 8pm (English)

16 Dec Mon Novena Church 8pm

Advent Reconciliation Service!

Prepare for the Christmas Season by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent!



Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

24th December 2019 Tuesday

12.30pm: Mass (English)

Christmas Eve Masses

8pm: Carolling followed by Mass in English at 9pm

11pm: Carolling in Tamil followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

25th December 2019 Wednesday - Christmas Day (Day of Obligation)

7:30am: Mass (English)

9:15am: Mass (Tamil)

11:30am: Mass (English)

1pm: Mass (English)

31st December 2019 Tuesday

12.30pm: Mass (English)

New Year's Eve Masses

9pm: Mass (English)

11pm: Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

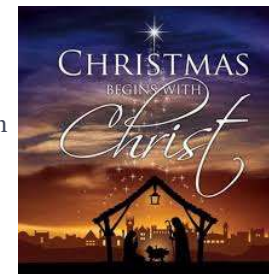
1st January 2020 Wednesday - New Year's Day

9:00am: Mass (English). Rosary Recitation at 8.15 am.

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.



Simbang Gabi 2019

15 Dec Church of St. Vincent de Paul
 16 Dec Blessed Sacrament Church
18 Dec Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
19 Dec Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
20 Dec Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
 21 Dec Blessed Sacrament Church
 22 Dec Blessed Sacrament Church

All Masses in Tagalog at 8pm.

Organised by the Filipino Parish Communities in Singapore.



Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

*"Lay your head on My shoulder, rest and regain your strength. I am always with you."
 Tell him that I had let him see your weakness during your confession to show him what you are of yourself." (Diary, 498)*

Come and pray with us every Tuesday at 5:45pm (Divine Mercy in Tamil on Fridays at 5.45pm) and on every Saturday at 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy and Great Grace, in the main worship hall of the Church. Bring your prayer petitions!