



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.

Is God calling you to be a Catechist?

Would you like to see a more Vibrant, Evangelising and Missionary Church with Families who Pray? Be a Catechist – **YOU** can make a difference.
Email lucynetto@gmail.com with your queries.

2019 Love in the City - Minister of Loneliness

Have you registered? Bring your friends and family! Come and watch this 75 minutes drama presentation of a journey on the Camino de Santiago. Brought to you by Walk on Water Productions and the Office for the New Evangelisation. A meaningful way to celebrate Christmas and to welcome a new year! Register: <https://tinyurl.com/2019loveinthecity>. Show Time: 2:30pm
Date: 28 December 2019 Venue: Agape Village (Multi-purpose Hall)

Make your marriage a priority!

“Marriage is a project to be worked on together ... and a process of growth.” - Pope Francis (Amoris Laetitia, no. 218, 221). Good marriages can always be made better. To deepen and refine your couple relationship, sign up for one of the coming Marriage Encounter Weekends: 3-5 Jan 2020; 6-8 March 2020; 20-22 March (Mandarin) & 1-3 May 2020.
Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

food for thought

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A PRAYER FOR THE Fourth Sunday of Advent

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.





Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Isaiah 7:10-14
 Psalm 23:1-6
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-24

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!



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



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

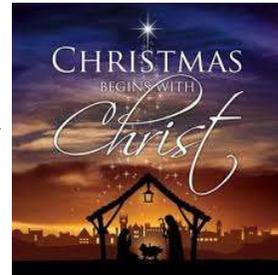
9pm: Mass (English)
 11pm: Thanksgiving Adoration followed by Mass in Tamil at 11:30pm

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

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

"God approaches a soul in a special way known only to Himself and to the soul. Love presides in this union, and everything is achieved by love alone. Jesus gives Himself to the soul in a gentle and sweet manner, and in His depths there is peace. He grants the soul many graces and makes it capable of sharing His eternal thoughts. And frequently, He reveals to it His divine plans" (Diary, 622)

Divine Mercy Group wishes the community, one and all a very Blessed Christmas filled with joy, peace and love! 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!