

2020! Let's get together to **RAISE THE PRAISE** to our God who will lead us into the new year. Join us - and Jesse Manibusan, ValLimar Jansen, Fr Kamelus Kamus CICM, Fr Edward Lim OCD and Fr Derrick Yap OFM to an evening of music and song. **RAISE THE PRAISE** with us - Friday 10 Jan 2020 Church of St Bernadette & Saturday 11 Jan 2020 Church of St Ignatius 7.45 pm (doors open 7.30 pm). Contribution: \$25. Email: canaevents2019@gmail.com or 63384080 or 69068447 or 91768909

ACMI Skills Development for Foreign Domestic Workers

Last chance to register for English Language, Haircutting, Cooking, Computer and Guitar. Download the course schedule here: bit.ly/33hi2Tv. Courses are conducted at Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264. To register contact Jan or Theresa: 8600 3583 or visit Agape Village, Level 3 on 30 Dec, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12 Jan from 10 AM – 5 PM to register. Registration will close on 12 Jan!

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 202. Contact David & Clara @ 96705390 or mewkend@gmail.com

food for thought In a dream, God tells Joseph to flee to Egypt to protect Jesus from King Herod.



Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary

character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

It should also be noted that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of the infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled in our liturgy on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

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THE HOLY FAMILY

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Sunday Readings

First reading
Ecclesiasticus 3:3-7,14-17
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 127:1-5
Second reading
Colossians 3:12-15
Gospel
Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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!

New Year Mass Schedule

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.

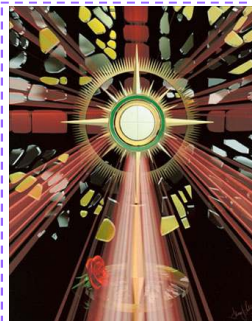
10:30am: Mass (Tamil)

Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass on New Year's Day.

The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.



Holy Hour



"A "Holy Hour" of adoration has been approved by the Church and enriched with copious indulgences. - Pope Pius XI

"Eucharistic Adoration is the most necessary mission to the Church, which has even more need of prayerful souls than of powerful preachers or men of eloquence. - St. Peter Julian Eymard

"You will find visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament very conducive to increase in you Divine Love. - St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi

**Come and spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament every First Friday of the Month.
3rd January 2020 @ 7pm AFTER 6.30pm Mass.**

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

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.

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Act in such a way that all those who come in contact with you will go away joyful. Sow happiness about you because you have received much from God; give, then, generously to others. They should take leave of you with their hearts filled with joy, even if they have no more than touched the hem of your garment." (Diary, 53)

Divine Mercy Group wishes all families and the community a Blessed Feast of the Holy Family this weekend and a grace-filled and blessed Christmas season! 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!

SKILLS-TRAINING COURSES FOR FDWS IN 2020

Calling all foreign domestic workers to come and join our skills-training classes at Filodep (a project by the FMM sisters), 49 Holland Road. We are offering Baking, Cooking, Computer (intermediate), Dressmaking, English, Guitar, Handicraft, Hairdressing, and Beauty, Bodycare & Wellness classes (including massage, facial & make-up, manicure & pedicure, nail art). Registration: Sundays in January 2020, 10am-2pm. Please bring a photocopy of your work permit and \$80 cash (per course) for registration contribution. Classes begin 2 February 2020 and end in October. Contact persons: Nora Pamplona - 8401 6293 & Winnie Foo - 8351 4520.