

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"Divine Mercy tells us that God's power is ordered to our good. He thus gives of Himself generously, so we may be lifted up. Understanding God in this way can help us respond to Him with trust. Such trust allows God to work to bring about the salvation of our souls. So, open your heart now to Jesus, who is "Love and Mercy itself," and allow Him to lift you up. Jesus goes so far as ..., "I am Love and Mercy itself" (Diary, 1074)

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!

Catechetical Sessions 2020

The Catechetical Sessions at our parish will commence on Sunday 2 February 2020. If you have children aged from 5 years and above, who have not registered for the sessions, please do so immediately. Application forms are downloadable from our website. Closing date: 26 January 2020

Monthly Archdiocesan Prayer Mission (APM) Mass

Our Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, as the Mother Church of our archdiocese is having a Mass to pray God's special protection, guidance and blessings on the many needs of our archdiocese. This monthly Mass, Benediction and brief reflection will be on Thursday 16th January, at 6.30 pm, in the Cathedral.

CBN MY JOURNEY SERIES: AN EVENING WITH WINIFRED LOH

Thu 13 Feb 2020; 7:00pm to 9:00pm (Light Dinner at 7pm, Talk begins at 7:30pm), THE CATHOLIC CENTRE Level 3 (55 Waterloo Street, Singapore 187854). Free Admission, Love Offering welcome. Registration (First come First served basis) at: <https://bit.ly/MJSWinifred>
Enquiry: errol@cbn.sg / 6801 7491

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020

All Christians are invited to prayer, reflection, song and fellowship for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2020 at 8pm: (1) 20 Jan, Toa Payoh Methodist Church (480 Lorong 2 Toa Payoh) (2) 21 Jan, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer (30 Duke's Road). (3) 22 Jan, Mar Thoma Syrian Church (29 Jalan Keli). (4) 23 Jan, Church of the Holy Cross (450 Clementi Avenue 1)
Organised by the Archdiocesan Catholic Council for Ecumenical Dialogue (ACCED) and Host Churches.

food for thought *The Spirit of God comes upon Jesus as he is baptized by John.*

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptizing you with water . . . He will baptize you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.



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Sunday Readings

First reading
Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 28:1-4,9-10
Second reading
Acts 10:34-38
Gospel
Matthew 3:13-17

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!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 2020

9 Day Novena will begin on Thursday the 30th of January 2020 till Friday the 7th of February 2020. **OLOL Feast Day will be celebrated on Saturday the 8th of February 2020.**

Weekdays: Rosary 5.30pm, Praise and Worship 6pm and Mass at 6.30pm.
Saturday: Rosary 5.15pm, Mass at 6pm and 7.30pm
Sunday: 7.30am, 11.30am and 1pm (Mass in English)
9.30am and 6.30pm (Mass in Tamil)

Feast Day: Praise and Worship 5.30pm.
Mass at 6pm will be presided by Archbishop William Goh

Chinese New Year Mass Schedule

25th January 2020 Saturday

9:00am: Mass (English)
6:00pm: Mass (English)
7:30pm: Mass (English)

26th January 2020 Sunday

7:30am: Mass (English)
9:30am: Mass (Tamil)
11:30am: Mass (English)
1pm: Mass (English)
6:30pm: Mass (Tamil)

27th January 2020 Monday (Public Holiday*)

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

*Please note that the church gates will be closed after the last Mass.
The parish office will be closed on Public Holidays.

Blessed oranges will distributed at all weekend Masses.



Abstinence for Chinese New Year 2020

The Chancery wishes to inform the faithful that on the date of Friday, 24th of February 2020, His Grace Archbishop William Goh DD has granted a dispensation from the regular discipline of abstinence from meat in accordance with can 87. As the date falls on the eve of the Lunar New Year when many families in the Archdiocese are expected to celebrate a reunion dinner with their families and friends, this dispensation is granted to allow families to celebrate and appreciate the gift of family and friends.

SSVP Collections

The cash collected on the first Sunday of this month for the Society of St. Vincent De Paul was \$4201.55. The amount given to fins (friends in need) was \$5730.00.
Thank you for your generous donation.



Church Cleaning

Date: Sunday, 19 January 2020. Time: 2.30pm
Church will be closed for cleaning from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
All are welcome to help!
Registration is not required.