

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

PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS 2020 BY REV FR DAVID GARCIA, OP.

Personal Moral Compass is a year long (January to December) systematic course on Moral Theology for people interested in formative foundation of Ethics and Moral Theology, organised under Caritas Singapore. Begins 9 January, held weekly on Thursday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm, at Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street. Information and registration at www.caritas-singapore.org or email formation@caritas-singapore.org

Welcoming Returning Catholics

The Landings programme at Church of the Holy Spirit and at Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour will commence on 10 February 2020, Monday. We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register. Registration closes on 27 January 2020. Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg.

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

This season, bear witness to the true joy of Christmas - God's promise fulfilled - at any gathering with your family or friends. **Tell others about Jesus.**



“Lord Jesus, grant me the courage and opportunities to share the faith with (insert name family/friend).”

food for thought

The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



The visit of the Magi occurs directly before the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt. Matthew's Gospel tells a version of Jesus' birth that is different than the one in Luke. Of the actual birth of Jesus, Matthew tells us little more than, “When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod . . .” The story of the census is found only in Luke's Gospel, but we hear about the visit of the Magi only in Matthew's Gospel.

We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a saviour. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus.

We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death.

The word Epiphany means “manifestation” or “showing forth.” Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as “epiphanies,” including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.



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5 JAN 2020

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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Sunday Readings

First reading
 Responsorial Psalm
 Second reading
 Gospel

Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,10-13
 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12

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!

*"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, And before you were born I consecrated you; I have appointed you a prophet to the nations."
 - Jeremiah 1:5*

We would like to wish Fr. Michael Sitaram, who celebrates his 30th anniversary of his priestly ordination on 7th January 2020, our heartiest congratulations!

May the love of the Lord be with you as you continue your most holy and blessed work.



2nd Collection This Weekend

2nd Collection taken during Masses this weekend will be for the poor of St Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your kind 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.

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)

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.