

1st January – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Num 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

"He was called Jesus"

What's the significance of a name? For the Jewish people the giving of a name had great importance. When a name was given it represented what that person should be in the future. An unknown name meant that someone could not be completely known. To not acknowledge someone's name meant both denial of the person, destruction of their personality, and change in their destiny. A person's name expressed the reality of his or her being at its deepest level. A Jewish child was named at the time of circumcision, eight days after birth. This rite was instituted by God as an outward sign to single out those who belonged to the chosen people. It was a sign of the covenant that God made with Abraham and his posterity.

In fulfillment of this precept, Mary's newborn child is given the name Jesus on the eighth day according to the Jewish custom. Joseph and Mary gave the name Jesus because that is the name given by God's messenger before Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. This name signifies Jesus' identity and his mission. The literal Hebrew means the Lord saves. Since God alone can forgive sins, it is God who, in Jesus his eternal Son made man will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). In the birth and naming of this child we see the wondrous design and plan of God in giving us a Savior who would bring us grace, mercy, and freedom from the power of sin and the fear of death. The name Jesus signifies that the very name of God is present in the person of his Son who became man for our salvation. Peter the Apostle exclaimed that there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved (Acts 2:12). In the name of Jesus demons flee, cripples walk, the blind see, the deaf hear, and the dead are raised. His name is exalted far above every other name (Philippians 2:9-11). The name Jesus is at the heart of all Christian prayer. It is through and in Jesus that we pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. Many Christians have died with one word on the lips, the name of Jesus. Do you exalt the name of Jesus and pray with confidence in his name?

"Lord Jesus Christ, I exalt your name above every other name. For in you I have pardon, mercy, grace and victory over sin and death. You humbled yourself for my sake and for the sake of all sinners by sharing in our humanity and by dying on the cross. Help me to always praise your holy name and to live for your greater glory."

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:30am; 5:00pm (Novena); 6:00pm (Sunset Mass)
Sunday: 6:45am; 8am(Mandarin); 9:30am; 11:15am & 6pm
Weekdays: 6:30am & 6.00pm
Public Holidays: 9.00am only
2nd Saturday: 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog)

Readings for the Week

Mon 2 nd Jan	1 Jn 2:22-28	Ps 97:1. 2-3ab	Jn 1:19-28
Tue 3 rd Jan	1 Jn 2:29-3, 6	Ps 97:1. 3cd-4	Jn 1:29-34
Wed 4 th Jan	1 Jn 3:7-10	Ps 97:1.7-8. 9	Jn 1:35-42
Thu 5 th Jan	1 Jn 3:11-21	Ps 99:2. 3. 4. 5	Jn 1:43-51
Fri 6 th Jan	1 Jn 5:5-13	Ps147:12-13	Mk 1:7-11
Sat 7 th Jan	1 Jn 4:11-18	Ps 71:2. 10-11	Mk 6:45-52

INFANT BAPTISM is celebrated at 4:00pm in the Chapel on the Third Sunday of every month. Parents and Godparents are required to come for a preparatory session. Please register at the parish office.

CHURCH CLEANING (Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed - Every Wednesdays & Saturdays at 9:00am.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements for a Church wedding should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend either a Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or an Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms and booking of wedding date at the parish office.

FREE LEGAL AID CLINIC - Please contact parish office: 6784 2332.

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICE (Psychology)- Please contact parish office:6784 2332

Neighbourhood

Tampines SCC - Bible Sharing

Wed 11th Jan @ 8:00pm at the home of Vincent & Betty, Block 267, Tampines St 21, #05-25. All are welcome. Enquiries contact David @ 96474563

Simei SCC – Rosary prayer

Thurs 5th January at 8:30pm at the home of Henry & Shirley Teo, Block 145, Simei St. 2 #04-08. All are welcome. Enquiry: Daniel Tan h/p 97522402. website:www.simeisc.com

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE - 2nd to 8th January, Shrine resting – New Year's Day.

MONDAY 2nd January - No 'Holy Hour' instead it will be on 9th January, 2012.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP has ended their Monday sessions for this year and will resume on 9th January 2012.

TUESDAY 3rd January - Charismatic Prayer Community: @ 8:00pm in the Chapel. Mass celebrated by Fr Albert. All are welcome.

Prayer for Priests - Every Tuesday @ 5:00pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

FRIDAY 6th January - Divine Mercy Devotion @ 8:00pm. in the chapel. All are welcome.

UPDATING OF COLUMBARIUM RECORDS - A HOTLINE has been set up to answer questions related to the new **Terms and Conditions** for Catholic Church Columbaria, which will enter into effect on **1 March 2012**. The hotline will run from 11th December 2011 through 20th February 2012. **Hotline number: 6656-2428. Hotline hours:** Monday to Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm, except public holidays.

CATECHISM CLASSES will begin on Saturday, 11th February and Sunday 12th February 2012.

THE SOJOURNERS' COMPANIONS invites you to a Week of Guided Prayer in this Parish from 15th - 21st January 2012. Learn how to pray Scriptures by Ignatian Contemplation or Lectio Divinia prayer method. Registration at the Parish foyer. Forms are also available at the Secretariat Office or email : sojourners@catholic.org.sg. For more information Contact Bobby Lean: 96792381 or Suzanne Leong: 96977800.

FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY will be conducting a Road Show at our parish on Sunday, 29th January 2012.

COURAGEOUS - A MUST-SEE MOVIE - Courageous is a film about 4 police officers who excel at their job but find their biggest challenge is raising their children in a manner that is consistent with their faith in God. See <http://www.courageousthemovie.com/home> or www.facebook.com/courageoussingapore for more details. The movie will be in select Cathay theatres as of 5th January 2012, but show times will be limited. To pre-book your seat, send an email to jaslynchong@crusademedia.com.sg to confirm seat availability and obtain booking form. Payment will be made directly to Cathay. Group or individual bookings available.

THE COMTEMPLATIVE DIMENSION OF FAITH - The aim of this Seminar is to further deepen the spirit of friendship and collaboration among the different faiths in Singapore. Common Ground will focus on the contemplative practice of religion and how the shared experience of silence in meditation can enhance inter-religious dialogue. Led by Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB with contributions from other religious leaders. Co-Organised by IRED and WCCM and supported by IRO. On Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th January 2012 at CJC Performing Arts Center, Whitley Road, cost: \$50. Registration required. For enquiries/registration: commonground2012@gmail.com OR call 84113130 / 63364815.

“FOLLOW THE STAR - COME HOME TO THE CHURCH”: Landings, a ministry welcoming back non practising Catholics, begin a 10-week programme on Monday 9th January 2012 at the Church of the Holy Spirit. In this season of Advent bring Christ to someone you know by passing this message. For more details, contact Leonard at 93692100 or returning@landings.com.sg.

PSYCHO-SPIRITUAL TALK : Transitions and the Midlife Crisis - The midlife passage is a universal journey but the experience varies with each individual. It can be both a danger and an opportunity for change. Feeling lost, having self-doubt, restricted options, and strongly desiring to make significant changes to one's current life – these are common indicators of this life stage. Sr. Linda Lizada, MPS, will suggest some ways of going through this transformative period of life. **Speaker: Sr. Linda Lizada, Date: 14th Jan 2012, Saturday, Time: 9-11am. Venue: Church of St. Peters and Paul, level 2, Room 8, 225 Queen Street S(188554). Located next to Singapore Art Museum. Nearest MRT: Bras Basah, Bugis, City Hall. Fees payable: \$15 per participant. To register, call 97103733 or email: lightingtheway@clarity-singapore.org. For more information, visit our website: www.clarity-singapore.org**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2012 – “We Will All Be Changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ”. An invitation to All Christians. Come and join us in Prayers, Reflections, Songs and Fellowship. **First Service:** Traditional Lutheran Service. Date: Monday, 16th January 2012, Time: 8:00pm to 10:00pm, Venue: Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer, 30 Duke's Road, Singapore 268912. **Second Service:** International Ecumenical Service. Date: Thursday, 19th January 2012, Time: 8:00pm to 10:00pm, Venue: Catholic Church of St Mary of the Angels, 5 Bukit Batok East, Avenue 2, Singapore 659918.

4 DAYS RETREAT IN MALAYALAM (WORD OF GOD AND HEALING SERVICE) - Malayalam Charismatic Group (affiliated to SACCRE) is organising a 4 days retreat in Malayalam during CNY holidays. Adults Retreat by Jerusalem Retreat Center. Kerala; Children's Retreat by Christeen, Kerala (For age group 4-12); Teen's Retreat (English) by Jesus Youth (For age group 13-19). Date: 21st January to 24th January, Time: 9:00am to 6:00pm. Venue: St Anthony's Primary School, 1 Bukit Batok Street 34. Contact: Malayalam Retreat: Milen 91867456, Diana 98965294; Children's retreat: Joby 97903482; Teen's Retreat: Ajith 90224690.

CARLO CATHOLIC SOCIETY BURSARY SCHEME - We are glad to announce that in Year 2012, our Society will be awarding bursaries to needy Catholic students as part of our social services to Church and society. Following are the requirements:

- Applicant must be a Catholic, Singaporean or foreign student;
- Applicant must be a full-time student;
- The gross monthly household per person income (total gross monthly household income divided by total number of household members) does not exceed \$450, OR the gross monthly household income does not exceed \$2000.
- Applicant must possess good conduct, regular school attendance and satisfactory academic results;
- Applicant must not receive any other scholarship or bursary (excluding Edusave Scholarship and Merit Bursary).

Application is now open for Pr/Sec/JC/CI students.

Application form may be obtained from Carlo Catholic Society, 225-B Queen Street, entrance of Sts Peter and Paul Church or by emailing bursary@carlo.org.sg.