

Second Sunday of Advent (Year C)

Readings: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126 Phil 1:4-6,8-11 Lk 3:1-6

The readings for the Second Sunday of Advent will remind us that this liturgical season is a time of spiritual preparation: Aside from shopping for gifts, decorating, and stacking up the Christmas cards, what are we doing – spiritually – to make Christmas more of a rebirth of Christ in our lives, a holy day instead of a non-Christian holiday?

What are we doing during Advent to let Jesus restore our joy?

In our responsorial Psalm today, we proclaim: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!" Do you feel the joy when you mouth these words?

To you, Saint John the Baptizer is proclaiming: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

What kinds of preparations do you personally need to make so that you can experience the joy that comes from truly relying on Jesus?

What are you doing to straighten out the messes in your life, i.e., the areas of sin that continually distract you from a closer, stronger intimacy with Christ? "Make straight his paths!"

What depressing or discouraging valley of hardship needs to get filled with the joy of the Lord? If it seems hopeless, it's because you haven't yet opened yourself to let Jesus into this area of your life. If you already do have hope but fear or anxiety is stealing your joy, this indicates that your focus is more on the problems than on Jesus your Savior.

What mountain of debt or difficult obstacle needs to be made low by trusting in the Lord and using his digging tools? This Advent is meant to be a time of becoming more familiar with those tools as you pay more attention to the instructions provided in the teachings of Christ.

What's twisted and warped in your thinking, like a road that winds through a jungle of confusion? The Holy Spirit's guidance can correct and lead you straight to holiness! What's rough about you? What's edgy and sharp and rubs others the wrong way? Jesus wants to smooth you like a diamond polisher!

In other words, in what ways do you still need to see the salvation of God? And what are you going to do about it?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which of the above questions stand out most for you? What will you do with this to prepare the way of the Lord so that he bring his joy more fully into your life?

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Weekly Parish Bulletin

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WELCOME: Our warm welcome to all who worship with our parish community. If you are new to the parish, please fill in a census form at the parish office. You may request to have your house blessed.

INFANT BAPTISMS are celebrated at the 6pm Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except during the season of Lent. Parents and Godparents are required to come for a preparatory session at 5pm in the Chapel. Please register at the parish office.

CATECHISM CLASSES: Pri.1 - Sec.4 are offered in the parish as well as the FIRE programme - Family Integrated Religious Education. Please enquire at the parish office.

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.

PRAYER & BLESSINGS at all Masses for wedding anniversary couples on the 1st Sunday of the month and for expectant parents on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please be seated near the sanctuary.

MASS OFFERING: To offer Mass for any intention, please fill in the special Mass offering envelope, enclose the stipend and drop it into the steel box in the lobby.



DURING THE WEEK (Chapel)

Monday 8pm Powerhouse Prayer Assembly
Tuesday 5pm Prayer for Vocation
Tuesday 8pm Charismatic Prayer
Friday 8pm Divine Mercy Hour

Church Cleaning (Willing Hands)

Wednesday & Saturday, 9.00am.
Volunteers are most welcome.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday : 6:30am
5:00pm (Novena)
6:00pm (Sunset Mass)
2nd Saturday : 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog)
Sunday : 6:45am; 8am(Mandarin);
9:30; 11am; 12:30 & 6pm
Weekdays : 6:30am & 6pm
Public Holidays : 9am only

2nd Sunday of Advent

PRIESTS:

Fr. Edward Lim 6784 1211
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PARISH STAFF:

Sr Magdalen Ee Finance
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Raymond Tan Maintenance
Thomas Cheang Hon Accountant

6th December 2009 (Year II)

Mon, 7 Dec: St Ambrose Bishop & Doctor

Is 35:1-10 Ps 85 Lk 5:17-26

Tue, 8 Dec: Immaculate Conception

Gn 3:9-15,2 Ps 98 Lk 1:26-38

Wed, 9 Dec: St John Diego

Is 40:25-31 Ps 103 Mt 11:28-30

Thu, 10 Dec: 2nd week of Advent

Is 41:13-20 Ps 145 Mt 11:11-15

Fri, 11 Dec: St Damasus 1, Pope

Is 48:17-19 Ps 1 Mt 11:16-19

Sat, 12 Dec: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13 Lk 1:26-38

During the week

MONDAY, 7 DEC

HOLY HOUR AND EXPOSITION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST
"Stand Erect! Be Ready!" at 8.00pm in the chapel. A time of prayer & reflection of how I can make myself ready to receive Jesus Christ. All are welcome!

RCIA CHINESE 7:45pm in the parish hall

TUESDAY, 8 DEC

CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY
 8pm in the Chapel. **LISS session** Commissioning Mass for LISS participants celebrated by Fr Albert. Preaching will be on "We are sent to be God's witnesses."

Christian Meditation at 8pm in room 16.

RCIA ENGLISH 7:45pm in the parish hall.

WEDNESDAY, 9 DEC

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY
"First Corinthians" 7:30-10pm in room 12.

FRIDAY, 11 DEC

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER DEVOTION
 8pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, 13 DEC

EVERGREEN X'MAS PARTY — 7PM
 Start your Christmas celebrations with this party. **Good food. Great company and Live music!!**

The theme this year is **"God Created Friends"**. Please come in Pink &/or Purple. **Your last chance to get your tickets!!**
Tickets at \$30 per head will be on sale this weekend.

For more enquiries, please call Jennifer 9792 5216 or Norma 9760 8378.

**THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
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 IS AVAILABLE AT \$3 EACH
 THIS WEEKEND**

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE

7 to 13 Dec at the home of Mars & Lorraine Real. Blk 158 Simei Road #02-242. Tel: 9125 9920. *Rosary devotion on Monday, Tuesday & Sunday at 8:15pm. All are welcome. Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 6585 6410 / 9746 5678*



4TH STARLIGHT YOUTH MASS

On Sat 19 Dec at 7:30pm. Venue will be confirmed later. Celebrant: Rev Fr Simon Pereira, CSsR. For enquiries please contact Leonard at 8133 3078.

Neighbourhood

SIMEI CNG

3rd Advent Reflection on Thur, 10 Dec at 8:15pm at the home of Henry & Lily Chandra, Blk 244 Simei St 5 #11-38. All are welcome. Please bring your Bible. Contact : Daniel 9752 2402 website : www.simeicng.com

TAMPINES CNG

3rd Advent Sharing on Wed, 9 Dec, 8:30pm, at the home of Jeffrey De Souza, Blk 306 Tampines St 32 #02-08. All are welcome. Please bring your Advent booklet
 Enquiries: Jeffrey De Souza 9673 0576
 web: <http://tampinescng.livejournal.com>
 email: tampinescng@gmail.com

Services

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Ms Jackie (Appointment coordinator)
 Please call after office hours: 9797 8319

BETHANY FREE THERAPY

Please call Yvonne at 9681 8849.

FREE LEGAL COUNSELING CLINIC

NO session in December. Other clinics at Risen Christ—10 Dec; St Joseph's - 17 Dec.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

For cancer patients / caregivers call: Patrick 9728 7425 or Theresa 9681 9205

FREE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

"A LOVE for Christmas"

Come One, Come All.... Come and Listen to the Seraphim Choir!!
 Singing and Sharing the Christmas Love & Cheer !!
 DATE : Sat, 12 December
 TIME : 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM
 VENUE : Chapel



PENITENTIAL CELEBRATIONS & CHRISTMAS MASSES

Penitential Services for Holy Trinity will be on Friday, 18 Dec at 10.30am & 8.00pm. Christmas Eve Masses will be at 8.00pm & 12.00 Midnight.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 8.00am (Mandarin), 9.30am, 11.15am & 6.00pm. Wardens will be distributing the leaflets for the East District this weekend.

Please take a copy and keep it for your reference. Thank you.

JUMBLE SALE

The Altar Boys will be holding a mini Jumble Sale this weekend, 5th and 6th December. They are raising funds for their camp and your support will be greatly appreciated.

The Altar Servers will be having their annual camp in the church premises on the 9 & 10 December.

THE SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Seeking volunteers to sort and pack donated items ie clothes, books, shoes etc., every Monday between 12 noon and 3pm. Those interested please leave your contact particulars with the church secretariat.

SALE OF RELIGIOUS PICTURES

A Sacred Heart worker from Karachi, Pakistan will be selling religious pictures next weekend. He is raising fund for orphans and the needy. Please give him your support.

CATHOLICISM 101

Why is the Church described as mystery? How do Catholics worship? What is the "Golden Rule" and where does it come from?
 Get answers to your questions and learn more on Catholic Teaching at Catholicism 101 organised by Singapore Pastoral Institute, starting in February 2010. Pick up an application form at your Parish office. All are welcome
 Call 68583011 for more details.
 Registration closes 14 January 2010.

THE PATRICIAN SOCIETY, OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION OF ST PATRICK'S SCHOOL

Christmas Eve Mass for old boys of St Patrick's School and their families.
 Date: 24th Dec 2009
 Venue: St Patrick's School Chapel
 Time: 7.30 pm
 Address: 490 East Coast Road
 Celebrant: Rev Fr Francis Leong, Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc.
 All are welcome!

CATHOLIC SINGLES EVENTS

Calling all Catholic Singles to come to mingle & enrich ourselves on Sunday, 27 Dec for a New Year Party . Volunteers like Musician & event organisers needed for this bashing event.
 Please email to CatholicSingle@gmail.com or call Adeline 9385 0386 if u like to join us. U are most welcome to join us at our facebook group.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)

FOR COUPLES INTENDING TO GET MARRIED
 1st Quarter Course Starts: 28th Feb 2010
 Allocation of places is on a first-come-first-served basis
 Application forms in the church office or website: www.catholic.org.sg/mpc
 Enquiries: John & Joan @ 98482864 or email: marthasohsk@yahoo.com