

27th December 2009- Feast of the Holy Family

"Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house"?

What binds families together? Jesus came to show us the way to the Father's house in heaven – a way of unconditional love and unity, peace and harmony, trust and submission as members of God's family. Luke tells us in his Gospel account that the boy Jesus was subject to Mary his mother and Joseph his foster father. He traveled with his parents every year from Nazareth to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. This eighty-mile journey normally took three days. So families often traveled in large groups, for safety and comfort. The account of Jesus' early life at Nazareth is mostly hidden. But Luke gives us a glimpse when Jesus goes up to the temple at Jerusalem for his first Passover at the dawn of his manhood (usually the age of twelve for Jewish males). It was at this key turning point in his earthly life that Jesus took the name "father" from Joseph and addressed it to God his Father in heaven. Just as the prophet Samuel heard the call of the Lord at a very young age, Jesus in his youth recognized that he has been given a call by his heavenly Father. His answer to his mother's anxious inquiry reveals his trusting faith and confident determination to pursue his heavenly Father's will. *Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?*

While Jesus recognized his unique call, he, nonetheless, submitted himself with love and obedience to Joseph and Mary and waited for the time when his call would be fulfilled. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you know the joy of submission to God?

Our Heavenly Father calls each of us to a unique task and mission in this life. We may not discover or understand it fully, but if we cooperate with God he will use us for his purpose and plan. With the call God gives grace – grace to say "yes" to his will and grace to persevere through obstacles and trials. Do you recognize God's call on your life and do you trust in his grace?

"Lord Jesus, you came to restore us to unity with the Father in heaven. Where there is division, bring healing and pardon. May all peoples and families find peace, wholeness, and unity in you, the Prince of Peace and Savior of the world."



*The family that
Prays together stay
Together*

Catholic Church of the Holy Trinity

27th December 2009



20 Tampines Street 11

Singapore 529455

Website: www.holytrinity.org.sg

Parish Priest: Fr. Edward Lim Tel: 6784 1211
Asst. Priests: Fr. Albert Ng Tel: 6784 3190
Fr. Paul Ngo Thanh Phong Tel: 6784 6418

Parish Staff: Ms Catherine Thang Tel: 6784 2332
Ms Nancy Goh Fax: 67865042

Kindergarten: admin@holytrinitykindergarten.edu.sg
Principal: Ms Shirley Tan Tel: 67874651
Fax: 67830559

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

FIRST READING: 1Sm 1:20-22, 24-28,

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

SECOND READING: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24,

Gospel: Lk 2:41-52

MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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.

CHURCH CLEANING (Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed - Every Wednesday & Saturday 9.00am

CANTEEN

Canteen will be closed from 20 Dec and will resume business on 17 Jan 2010.

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.

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

MONDAY, 28th DEC

POWERHOUSE FOR YOUNG ADULTS

8pm in Room 19. Come and pray with us! All are welcome!

RCIA CHINESE 7:45pm in the hall

TUESDAY, 29th DEC

CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY

No more sessions until Tues, 5 Jan 2010

Christian Meditation - No meditation on the 29th Dec - pot luck gathering for information contact Kelvin Tel: 96306614

RCIA ENGLISH 7:45pm in the parish hall.

WEDNESDAY, 30th DEC

THURSDAY, 31st DEC

Thanksgiving Mass at 9pm(Solemnity of Mary Mother of God)

Please note that the 6pm Mass will be as usual.

FRIDAY 1st January 2010 – Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Public Holiday) – Mass at 9.00am only

EXCO MEETING: Meeting for all group and ministry leaders on the 28th December at 8pm. Attendance is compulsory.

CATECHISTS WANTED URGENTLY NEEDED For the year 2010 we need more volunteers to come forward and help in this ministry to catechize the children in our parish. You may either teach in the Primary or Secondary levels. We also need help in administration. Please leave your contact details with the parish office or you may contact Barbara at 97580258.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jumble Sales group is seeking volunteers to sort and pack donated items i.e. clothes, books, shoes, bags etc. every Monday between 12noon & 3pm. Those able to help, please leave your contact particulars with the church secretariat.

PARISH STAFF

The parish would like to thank Sr. Magdalene Ee, Ms Julie Chan and Mr. Raymond Tan for working in the parish, they are leaving us at the end of the month. We also like to welcome two new staff, Mrs. Catherine Thang and Mrs. Nancy Goh in our parish with effect on the 1st January 2010

LETTER TO THE HEBREWS Rev Fr Ambrose Vaz will be conducting a 5-session Bible course on "Letter to the Hebrews" in OLPS Church. Commencing Wed, 6 Jan 2010 and subsequent 4 Wed sessions on 13, 20 Jan and 3 & 10 Feb 2010 from 8pm to 10pm. Divine Mercy prayer will start at 7.30pm. Please bring your own Bible and writing materials. All are welcome!

HEY KIDS! COME AND SEE The Three Wise Kings coming alive in search of the Baby Jesus! Please bring along a small gift (worth \$3.00) for exchange with other children. Venue: Church of Holy Trinity Parish Hall. Date: Sunday, 3rd Jan Time: 3pm to 5pm. Organized by: The Neocatechumenal Communities.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE by Fr Ambrose Vaz 12 Tues: 9.30 to 11.30am or 7.45 to 9.45pm Jan 12, 19, Feb 2, 9, 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and Apr 6, 13. At CAEC, 2 Highland Rd. Contribution: \$45. To register call SPI at 68583011 or email spi@catholic.org.sg Registration closes on 5th January 2010

JESUS
MARY
JOSEPH



*We wish you a blessed
year ahead*