



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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 1st Advent
 (2 & 3 Dec)

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MASS TIMINGS

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

Mon to Sat: 6.30am
Lauds: 6.15am
Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri: 6.30pm
Vespers: 6.15pm
Tue & 1st Fri: 8pm
Rosary: After evening mass
 except Tue & 1st Fri.

Public Holiday: 7am only
Tamil Mass: 7.30pm 1st & 2nd Sat
Malayalam Mass:
 7.30pm 3rd & 5th Sat
Devotion to St Anthony:
 Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass @ 8pm
Divine Mercy: Fridays @ 8pm
 St Lucy/Angela
Divine Mercy: 1st Fri @ 7.15pm
Sacred Heart: 1st Friday mass 8pm
Our Lady at The Grotto: 1st Sat
 Rosary after morning mass

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:

Sat Sunset: 5.30pm
Sun (Mandarin): 7.30am
Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm
Rosary: 5.00pm before Sat sunset
 mass & before Sun evening mass.

Prayer for Priests & Vocations:
 3rd Thur at 7.45pm Adoration room
Blessing of expecting parents:
 1st Sun— at the end of mass
Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor:
 Daily from 7.00am to 10.30pm
Medical Clinic @ the basement:
 Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm
 Closed on public holidays.
The Bookshop Opening Hours:
 Before all weekend masses.

2nd Sunday Advent (9 & 10 Dec)

Preacher: Rev Fr John Lau

Sat 5.30pm: Rev Fr John Lau
 Sun 7.30am: Rev Fr John Chua, OCD
 Sun 9.15am: Rev Fr Andrew Wong
 Sun 11.15am: Rev Fr John Lau
 Sun 5.30pm: Rev Fr John Lau

There will be a 2nd collection
 next week for the
GIFT Catholic Foundation
 Please give generously!



4th Night of Simbang Gabi 2017

Theme: Mary is full of the unction of Mercy
 and of the oil of piety.

Mon 18 Dec (8 pm to 10 pm) in Church Hall
Celebrant: Fr Michael Sitaram

Celestial Chorus from the 11:15am mass
 would like to invite you to sing at the
 Christmas Midnight mass this year.
 If you like to sing and want to give Jesus
 a gift this Christmas, offer Him your time
 and your voice as a gift to our Saviour.

Practices are:

Sun 10 Dec 2pm-4pm

Sat 16 Dec & 23 Dec 10am-12noon
 and Sun 24 Dec

(before mid-night mass—time to be confirmed).
 All practices are conducted in the Band Room.

Please contact:

Grena at [9761 0531](tel:97610531)
 or Allison at [98550103](tel:98550103)
 or Carolyn at [9431 5461](tel:94315461).

Advent Penitential Service

Thu 14 Dec: Our Lady Star of the Sea 8.00 pm
 Fri 15 Dec: Church of the Risen Christ
 10.30 am & 8.00 pm
 Mon 18 Dec: Church of the Holy Spirit 8.00 pm
 Tue 19 Dec: Church of Christ the King
 10.30 am & 8.00 pm
Wed 20 Dec: Church of St Anthony 8.00 pm
 Thu 21 Dec: St Joseph's Church 8.00 pm

Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass

For couples who have celebrated/are celebrating
 their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th etc. (in multiple of 5)
 wedding anniversary this year 2017, we would like
 to invite you to come celebrate as a community

on **Saturday 30th December 2017**
 during the **5.30 pm** Sunset Mass.

You can register by contacting **Peter 93380665**
 or email klwongpeter@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS RECOLLECTION Sun 17 Dec from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West St 42 S(649368)**

An invitation to spend a day of prayer to prepare our hearts for the feast of the Nativity of the Lord.
Organised by the **Cenacle Sisters**. For registration, please email cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com
or visit the website www.cenaclemission.com

Franciscan Pilgrimage @ Assisi by San Damiano Spirituality Centre, SMOTA (Fri 11 – Tue 22 May 2018)

Come along and join us in this trip to Assisi as St. Anthony of Padua is included as our last stop. A spiritual journey of faith, contemplation, reflection and Camino in the plains of Assisi extending to Rieti, Greccio, Gubbio, LA Verna culminating in Padua. Encounter the Lord through pondering the lives of St Francis and St Clare led by Fr Clifford Augustine, OFM and Fr Esmond Chua, OFM

ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP COST* S\$ 4600 – Adult Single and S\$4100 – Adult TwinFor more information, please contact **Ryan Colond** at ryan@sandamiano.sg or WhatsApp only on 96726167**St Anthony's Got Talent!**

New Year's Eve Countdown Party 2017 will be **on Sun 31 Dec, 2017 starting at 7.30pm.**

This is part of the Christmas Octave celebrations. This year we will be holding a talent contest for the first time called St Anthony's Got Talent.

We are inviting singers, musicians and other talents to join in this talent contest with prizes to be won.

Time is running short so register your act and start practising!

Register by **Fri 15 Dec** using this form:**<http://bit.ly/StAnthonysGotTalent>**

We are requesting for cash donations for prizes. If you would like to make a cash donation for this, please approach the Parish Office or call 63683804.

Personal Moral Compass Course 2018

The Personal Moral Compass Course is for all Catholics and all people of goodwill interested in formation in the foundations of Ethics and Moral Theology. It is a one-year-long systematic course in Moral Theology consisting of 6 individual modules.

This course is organized under Caritas Singapore.

This workshop will be held weekly on Thursdays starting **Thur 4 Jan 2018 7.30pm to 9.30pm** in Agape Village at 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.

For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: www.caritas-singapore.org or email to formation@caritas-singapore.org

Rejoice in the Incarnation of our SaviourChristmas is not just **ONE** day!

The Christmas Octave is an eight-day celebration that **begins** on Christmas Day **Monday 25 Dec** and **ends** on and includes the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Monday 1 Jan.**

Come and join in our Christmas Octave celebrations starting at **7.30pm** in the auditorium from **26 Dec 2017 through 31 Dec 2017.**

Celebrate Christmas for 8 Days with the Christmas Octave

1) Mon 25 Dec: Notes of Thanksgiving written on cards to be hung on Christmas tree.

The following will be held at the Audi at 7.30pm

2) Tue 26 Dec: Sacrifice (Martyrdom of St Stephen)

3) Wed 27 Dec: Beloved (St John The Evangelist)

4) Thu 28 Dec: Children (Holy Innocent)

5) Fri 29 Dec: Adoration (Main Church Hall)

6) Sat 30 Dec: Family (A Christmas Thanksgiving)

7) Sun 31 Dec: Countdown Party (St Anthony's Got Talent!)

8) Mon 1 Jan 2018: Mother Mary (Timing to be confirmed)

**Pray for our Priests**

Thur 21 Dec

7.45 pm

Adoration Room

ALL ARE WELCOME!**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

Come pray for the end of abortion and the protection of unborn babies, and their mothers on the Feast our Lady of Guadalupe – the protectress of the unborn

on **Tue 12 Dec rosary recitation at 7.30 pm followed by mass at 8pm.**
at 2 Highland Road, LG-01

Special blessings for pregnant mothers, their spouses and families.

Call **6488 0278** or www.familylife.sg

Organised by: Family Life society.

ALL ARE WELCOME!**Preparation for Christmas**

Prepare for Christmas using the Advent booklet from the Office of New Evangelisation. Both the English or Mandarin versions can be downloaded from this link: <http://bit.ly/ONEAdventProgram>

Every Tuesday - MUSTARD TREE BIBLE GROUP**All are welcome, join us in St Cecilia room 11.00am**

Rosary / Bible / Joy of the Gospel

For enquiries, please call **91010980**

将临期第一主日

2017年12月3日

<p>堂区 12 月 2 日开始更改弥撒时间 由 2017 年 12 月 2 日开始本堂弥撒时间已作以下更改： 星期六黄昏弥撒: 5:30pm 主日弥撒: 7:30 am (华语),9:15am,11:15pm&5:30pm</p>	<p>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体公开祈祷聚会 日期：03/12/2017 (星期日) 时间：1:30pm – 4:00pm 主题：领受圣神的恩惠 地点：St Francis Room (乘电梯到 4 楼转右) 形式：敬拜赞美，领受神恩，心灵医治，覆手祈祷和共融茶点。 询问：范洲南(9684 8989)</p>
<p>圣诞节八日庆祝会 日期：12 月 25 日 – 1 月 1 日 时间：7：30pm 地点：底层礼堂 欢迎大家共聚一堂欢庆圣诞</p>	<p>2017 年将临期北区忏悔礼 14/12/17(星期四), 8pm - 海星圣母堂 15/12/17(星期五), 10:30am,8pm - 耶稣复活堂 18/12/17(星期一), 8pm - 圣神堂 19/12/17(星期二), 10:30am,8pm - 耶稣君王堂 20/12/17(星期三), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂圣神堂 21/12/17(星期四), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂</p>
<p>“大家喝” 计划 来吧！来和我们一起喝一碗汤 活动：运动，喝汤， 日期：由 5/12/17 开始，每个星期二 时间：上午 9am - 11am 地点：圣安多尼底层礼堂</p>	<p>结婚周年弥撒邀请所有在今年庆祝结婚 5 周年，10 周年，15 周年，20 周年纪念(以此类推，可被 5 除尽的数字) 的夫妇们一起参加于 30/12/17(星期六) 5:30pm 的弥撒，与教友们一起庆祝结婚周年。报名请联络: Peter 93380665.</p>
<p>2 天 1 夜巴淡岛儿童圣诞派对 为巴淡岛的乡村儿童举办圣诞派对 日期：26/12/17 - 27/12/17 每人收费 \$100 询问：John Chong (9109 4821)</p>	<p>帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动 (圣安多尼面包小组) 请不要捐新鲜食物，并且确保食物是 清真食品 (Halal)。此活动于 12 月 11 日截止。 包装礼篮将于 12 月 17 日，分发礼篮于 12 月 24 日，2pm 在 St Basil 进行。欢迎大家前来帮忙。</p>
<p>将临期灵修讲座 日期：17/12/2017 时间：9:30am – 12:00pm 地点：St Thomas Room 主讲：陈瑄娘修女 主题：做决意的门徒</p>	

திருவருகைக் காலம் முதல் ஞாயிறு

<p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</p> <p>நாள் : ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் மற்றும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை நேரம் : மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு</p> <p>ஜெபமாலையும் அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும். அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p> <p>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</p>	<p>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கேரோல்ஸ் (Carlos) தேதி: 15.12.2017 & 16.12.2017 உங்கள் இல்லங்களுக்கு வரவேண்டுமெனில் கீழ்க்காணும் எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். சுதாகர் 9239 1043</p>	<p>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மற்றும் புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</p> <p>தேதி: 25.12.2017 நேரம் : மதியம் 12:30 மணிக்கும்</p> <p>தேதி: 01.01.2018 நேரம் : மதியம் 12:30 மணிக்கும்</p> <p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்! அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p>மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு ஜெபமாலை ஜெபிக்கப்படும் அதே நேரத்தில் குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p>	<p>Spoken English Course நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும். நேரம் : மதியம் 12:00 – 1.00 வரை மூன்றாவது & நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை! தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com</p>	<p>புனித அந்தோணியார் நவநாள் (தமிழில்)</p> <p>தேதி: 5.12.2017 (ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் செவ்வாய்க்கிழமை) நேரம் : மாலை 7:15 மணிக்கு இடம் : புனித பால் அறை அனைவரும் வாரீர்!!!</p>
	<p>பழைய பாடநூல் மறுசுழட்சி திட்டம் புத்தக சேகரிப்பு : நவம்பர் 25 முதல் டிசம்பர் 10 வரை புத்தக பரிமாற்றம் : டிசம்பர் 17, 9 மணி முதல் மதியம் 1 மணி வரை. (புத்தகங்களை ஆலய நுழைவாயிலில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பெட்டிகளில் வைக்கவும்).</p>	

The baptism of repentance and purification in the Holy Spirit**Reading1:** Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**Reading2:** 2 Peter 3:8-14**ResponsorialPs:** Psalm 85:9-14**Gospel** : Mark 1:1-8**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 1:1-8*

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who shall prepare your way; the voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight – John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem; and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leather girdle around his waist, and ate locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, "After me comes he who is mightier than I, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Meditation:

John the Baptist's life was fuelled by one burning passion - to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of his kingdom. Who is John the Baptist and what is the significance of his message for our lives? Scripture tells us that John was *filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb* by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth John leaped in her womb as they were filled with the Holy Spirit. The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he grew in the word of God and was tested in preparation for his prophetic mission. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah.

John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. Are you eager to hear God's word and to be changed by it through the power of the Holy Spirit?

Jesus tells us that John the Baptist was *more than a prophet*. John was the *voice* of the Consoler who is coming. He completed the cycle of prophets begun by Elijah. What the prophets had carefully searched for and angels longed to see, now came to completion as John made the way ready for the coming of the Messiah, God's Anointed Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. With John the Baptist, the Holy Spirit begins the restoration to the human race of the "divine likeness", prefiguring what would be achieved with and in the Lord Jesus.

John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters. The Lord Jesus comes to baptize each one of us in his Holy Spirit so that we may walk in his truth and holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to all we meet. God's word has power to change and transform our lives so that we may be lights that point others to Jesus Christ. Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Christ.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. How can we grow in our understanding and experience of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
2. How do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you live, speak, and treat others? Give an example in your life.

"Lord, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your Gospel and to point others to Jesus Christ."

Source: www.presentationministries.com; www.theworkofgod.org;
dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org