



# ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun of Advent  
 (9 & 10 Dec)

**A PARTICIPATIVE CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY OF DISCIPLES BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

## MASS TIMINGS

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<b>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:</b>	<b>Preacher: Rev Fr Andrew Wong</b>
<b>Mon to Sat:</b> 6.30am <b>Lauds:</b> 6.15am <b>Mon, Wed, Thu &amp; Fri:</b> 6.30pm <b>Vespers:</b> 6.15pm <b>Tue &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Fri:</b> 8pm <b>Rosary:</b> After evening mass except Tue & 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri.	<b>Sat Sunset:</b> 5.30pm <b>Sun (Mandarin):</b> 7.30am <b>Sun:</b> 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm  <b>Rosary:</b> 5.00pm before Sat sunset mass & before Sun evening mass.	Sat 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew Wong Sun 7.30am: Rev Fr Daniel Lim, OCD Sun 9.15am: Rev Fr John Lau Sun 11.15am: Rev Fr Cyril Lee Sun 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew Wong
<b>Public Holiday:</b> 7am only <b>Tamil Mass:</b> 7.30pm 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat <b>Malayalam Mass:</b> 7.30pm 3 <sup>rd</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat <b>Devotion to St Anthony:</b> Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass @ 8pm <b>Divine Mercy:</b> Fridays @ 8pm St Lucy/Angela <b>Divine Mercy:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Fri @ 7.15pm <b>Sacred Heart:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday mass 8pm <b>Our Lady at The Grotto:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sat Rosary after morning mass	<b>Prayer for Priests &amp; Vocations:</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur at 7.45pm Adoration room <b>Blessing of expecting parents:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sun— at the end of mass <b>Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor:</b> Daily from 7.00am to 10.30pm <b>Medical Clinic @ the basement:</b> Mondays from 7.30pm to 9pm Closed on public holidays. <b>The Bookshop Opening Hours:</b> Before all weekend masses.	<b>Advent Penitential Service</b>  <b>Mon 18 Dec:</b> Church of the Holy Spirit at 8.00 pm  <b>Tue 19 Dec:</b> Church of Christ the King 10.30am & 8pm  <b>Wed 20 Dec:</b> Church of St Anthony 8.00 pm  <b>Thur 21 Dec:</b> St Joseph's Church 8.00 pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> <b>Sat 23 December</b> Sunset Mass 5.30 pm <b>Sun 24 December (Christmas Eve)</b> 7.30 am (Mandarin) 9.15 am 11.15 am <b>No 5.30pm evening mass</b>	<b>Sun 24 December (Christmas Vigil Mass)</b> 9.00 pm 12 Midnight (Pageant at 11.30 pm) <b>Mon 25 December (Christmas Day)</b> 9.15 am (Mandarin) 11.15 am 12.30 pm (Tamil) 5.30 pm	
<b>Holy Family (Sun 31 Dec)</b> <b>Sat 30 December</b> Sunset Mass 5.30 pm <b>Sunday 31 December</b> 7.30 am, 9.15 am. 11.15 am & 5.30 pm	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Mon 1 Jan 2018)</b> 9.15 am 12.30 pm (Tamil) 11.15 am <b>No 5.30 pm evening mass</b>	
<b>Milestone Wedding Anniversary Mass</b> For couples who have celebrated/are celebrating their 5 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> etc (in multiples of 5) wedding anniversary this year 2017, we would like to invite you to come celebrate as a community on <b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December 2017</b> during the <b>5.30 pm</b> Sunset Mass.  You can register by contacting <b>Peter 93380665</b> or email <a href="mailto:klwongpeter@gmail.com">klwongpeter@gmail.com</a>		<b>Pray for our Priests</b> <b>Thur 21 Dec</b> <b>7.45 pm</b> Adoration Room <b>ALL ARE WELCOME!</b>



<p><b><u>St Anthony's Got Talent!</u></b> New Year's Eve Countdown Party 2017 will be on <b>Sun 31Dec, 2017 starting at 7.30pm.</b> 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 using this form: <b><u><a href="http://bit.ly/StAnthonysGotTalent2">http://bit.ly/StAnthonysGotTalent2</a></u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Personal Moral Compass Course 2018</u></b> 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 <b>Thur 4 Jan 2018 7.30pm to 9.30pm</b> in Agape Village at 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh.  For more information and registration, please refer to the Caritas Singapore website: <a href="http://www.caritas-singapore.org">www.caritas-singapore.org</a> or email to <a href="mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org">formation@caritas-singapore.org</a></p>	
<p><b><i>We are requesting for cash donations for prizes. If you like to make a cash donation for this, please approach the Parish Office or call 63683804.</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>A Week of Guided Prayer</u></b> Come closer to God – learn how to listen to God <b>IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER</b> <b>\$30/ person Starting Sun 21 – 27 Jan 2018</b> Enquiry at Parish Office by Sojourners' Companions</p>	
<p>PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope through prayer and reflection on the WORD OF GOD. Our next monthly session (every 4th Tuesday of the month) is on <b>Tue 26 December 2017, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8</b> Contact us via email: <a href="mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com">pieta.singapore@gmail.com</a> or facebook <a href="https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore">https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore</a></p>	<p><b><u>ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME</u></b> STARTING every Wednesday 7 Feb 2018 to 25 Mar 2018, 8pm – 9.30pm Fill up Registration form at Parish Office</p>	
	<p><b><u>MUSTARD TREE BIBLE GROUP</u></b> <b>Rosary &amp; Sharing the Joy of the Gospel</b> 1 Samuel 3:10 "Speak Lord, Your Servant is listening" <b>Every Tues at 11 am in St Cecilia Room</b> Register @ 91010980</p>	<p><b>Distribution of Recycled Textbooks on Sun 17 Dec fr 9 am to 3 pm St Philip Minh</b></p>
<p><b><u>Rejoice in the Incarnation of our Saviour</u></b> Christmas is not just ONE day! The Christmas Octave is an eight-day celebration that <b>begins</b> on Christmas Day <b>Monday 25 Dec</b> and <b>ends</b> on and includes the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Mon 1 Jan.</b> Come and join in our Christmas Octave celebrations starting at <b>7.30pm</b> in the Auditorium from <b>26 Dec 2017 through 31 Dec 2017.</b>  <b><u>Celebrate Christmas for 8 Days with the Christmas Octave</u></b> 1) Mon 25 Dec: Notes of Thanksgiving written on cards to be hung on Christmas tree. <b>The following will be held at the Audi at 7.30pm</b> 2) Tue 26 Dec: Sacrifice (Martyrdom of St Stephen) 3) Wed 27 Dec: Beloved (St John The Evangelist) 4) Thu 28 Dec: Children (Holy Innocents) 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 (8.15am Main Hall)</p>	<p><b><u>Franciscan Pilgrimage @ Assisi by San Damiano Spirituality Centre, SMOTA</u></b> <b><u>(Fri 11 – Tue 22 May 2018)</u></b> 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 <b>ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP COST*</b> <b>S\$ 4600 – Adult Single and S\$4100 – Adult Twin</b>  For more information, please contact <b>Ryan Colond</b> at <a href="mailto:ryan@sandamiano.sg">ryan@sandamiano.sg</a> or <b>WhatsApp only on 96726167</b></p>	
<p><b><u>Music Ministry is seeking out for you!</u></b> Year 2018 will be the birth of a new choir. This is to cater for additional solemnity/obligatory masses at earlier times when the other choirs cannot serve due to schools and work commitments. Parishioners who are respectfully retired or others who have more time to devoting to the service of God, and love singing, come and meet us. We need singers, musicians &amp; organists for the choir. Thur 21 Dec 8.00pm @ The Band Room  Contact: <b>Corinna (9749 0573) Amelia (9368 6168)</b></p>	<p>As we approach our last major event for the year, we pray you are able to bless us for <b>The Sacrament of Reconciliation for COMBINE UNIVERSITY RETREAT 2017 at Office for Young People(OYP) on Tues 19 Dec 3:30pm - 5:30pm.</b>  There will be about 200 local and overseas university students attending this event. We hope for your kind consideration.</p>	

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2017 年 12 月 17 日

<p><b>“大家喝” 计划</b> 每逢星期二, 9am-11am 来和我们一起喝一碗汤 活动: 运动, 喝汤, 交朋友 地点: 圣安多尼底层礼堂</p>	<p><b>2017 年将临期北区忏悔礼</b> 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><b>圣诞节八日庆祝会</b> 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><b>灵修成长聚会</b> 形式: 歌唱祈祷、讲座、朝拜圣体 讲座主题: 基督徒的天主观 主讲: 陈宾山神父 日期: 1 月 11 日 - 旧约子民的天主观 2 月 1 日 - 耶稣基督的天主父 4 月 5 日 - 三位一体的天主 时间: 7:45pm - 9:30pm 地点: 耶稣复活堂。</p>	<p><b>将临期第四主日弥撒</b> 12 月 23 日 (星期六) 5:30pm 12 月 24 日 (星期日) 7:30am - 华文 9:15am 11:15am 没有 5:30pm 弥撒</p>	<p><b>圣诞节主日弥撒 - 当守节日</b> 12 月 24 日 (星期日) 9:00pm - 英文 12:00am - 英文 12 月 25 日 (星期一) <b>9:15am - 华文</b> 11:15am 5:30pm</p>
<p><b>堂区 12 月 2 日开始更改弥撒时间</b> 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: 7:30am (华语), 9:15am, 11:15pm &amp; 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>结婚周年弥撒</b> 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><b>将临期灵修讲座</b> 日期: 17/12/2017 (星期日) 时间: 9:30am - 12:00pm (St Thomas Room) 主讲: 陈蕴娘修女主题: 做决意的门徒</p>	<p><b>帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动 (圣安多尼面包小组)</b> 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>	

**திருவருகைக் காலம் மூன்றாம் ஞாயிறு**

<p><b>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</b></p> <p>நாள்: ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் மற்றும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை</p> <p><b>நேரம்: மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு</b></p> <p>ஜெபமாலையும் அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p> <p><b>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</b></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><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கேரோல்ஸ் (Carlos)</b> தேதி: 15.12.2017 &amp; 16.12.2017 உங்கள் இல்லங்களுக்கு வரவேண்டுமெனில் கீழ்க்காணும் எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். சுதாகர் 9239 1043</p>	<p><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மற்றும் புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</b></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!</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p><b>Spoken English Course</b> நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும். நேரம்: மதியம் 12:00 - 1.00 வரை மூன்றாவது &amp; நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை! தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com</p>		<p><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கொண்டாட்டம் - கிறிஸ்துமஸ் ஆக்டேவ்</b></p> <p>நாள்: டிசம்பர் 26, 2017 முதல் ஜனவரி 1, 2018 வரை மாலை 7:30 மணிக்கு ஆலயத்தின் கீழ்த்தளத்தில்! இறை இயேசுவில் ஒரே சமூகமாக இணைந்து கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு விழாவினை கொண்டாட அனைவரையும் அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>

***"The Lord has clothed me with the garments of salvation and righteousness"*****Reading 1:** Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11**Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**Reading 2:** First Thessalonians 5:16-24**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28**Gospel Reading:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light. And this is the testimony of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed, he did not deny, but confessed, "I am not the Christ." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" And he answered, "No." They said to him then, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,' as the prophet Isaiah said." Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Then why are you baptizing, if you are neither the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but among you stands one whom you do not know, even he who comes after me, the thong of whose sandal I am not worthy to untie." This took place in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

**Meditation:**

Do you know the favor of the Lord? Every 50 years the people of Israel were commanded to celebrate a Year of Jubilee - a year of favor by the Lord (Leviticus 25:10-12). God did not want his people to forget all the blessings and favors he had shown them over the years. Isaiah prophesied in a year of Jubilee that God would send his anointed one to bring his people back from their time of exile (Isaiah 61). The anointed one would bring good news (the same word as "gospel") - news of freedom for those who were oppressed by sin, darkness, despair, and brokenness (Isaiah 61:1-2).

John humbly recognized that his calling came from God and not from man

When John the Baptist announced the imminent coming of God's Anointed One, the Messiah, the religious leaders questioned his authority to speak so boldly in God's name. They asked him bluntly, "Who are you?" and "What do you say about yourself?" They wanted to know if he was really sent by God. Did he claim to be the Messiah or one of the great prophets who was expected to return and announce the Messiah's arrival (see Malachi 4:5, Deuteronomy 18:15)? John had no doubt and no mistaken identity about his call and mission. In all humility and sincerity he said he was only a voice bidding people to get ready for the arrival of the greatest Ruler of all, God's anointed King and Messiah.

John's identity and our identity is derived from God's Son - Jesus Christ

John the Baptist bridges the Old and New Testaments. He is the last of the Old Testament prophets who points the way to the Messiah. He is the first of the New Testament witnesses and martyrs. He is the herald who prepares the way for Jesus and who announces his mission to the people: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world! (John 1:29). John saw from a distance what the Messiah would come to accomplish - our redemption from slavery to sin and our adoption as sons and daughters of God, our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has come to restore us to friendship with God and he has made us citizens of heaven - his everlasting kingdom of peace and justice. John was the greatest of the prophets, yet he lived as a humble and faithful servant of God. He pointed others to Jesus, the true Messiah and Savior of the world. The Christian church from the earliest of times has given John many titles which signify his mission: Witness of the Lord, Trumpet of Heaven, Herald of Christ, Voice of the Word, Precursor of Truth, Friend of the Bridegroom, Crown of the Prophets, Forerunner of the Redeemer, Preparer of Salvation, Light of the Martyrs, and Servant of the Word. Do you point others to Jesus Christ by the example and witness of your life?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. Will you go forward to give testimony to the non believer, to bear witness to the light?
2. Do you recognize who you are in Christ?
3. Do you point others to Jesus Christ - the one true Lord and Savior of the world? Could you share how?

"Lord Jesus, make me a herald of your word of truth and grace. Help me to be a faithful witness of the joy of the Gospel and to point others to you as John did through his testimony."