



# ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Advent  
 (16 & 17 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: Fr Terence Wee, CSsR</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: Fr Terence Wee Sun 7.30am: Fr Thomas Lim, OCD Sun 9.15am: Fr John Lau (Fr Cyril) Sun 11.15am: Fr Terence (Fr Andrew) Sun 5.30pm: <b>NO EVENING MASS</b>
<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>Sun 24 Dec (Christmas Vigil Mass)</b> 9.00 pm & 12 MN (Pageant at 11.30 pm)  <b>Mon 25 Dec (Christmas Day)</b> 9.15 am (Mandarin), 11.15 am 12.30 pm (Tamil) & 5.30 pm  <b>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</b> <b>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>ADULT CONFIRMATION PROG</b> STARTING every Wednesday <b>7 Feb 2018 to 25 Mar 2018,</b> <b>8pm – 9.30pm</b> Register at the Parish Office Closing Date is <b>Sun 14 Jan 2018</b>

### 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](http://www.caritas-singapore.org) or email to [formation@caritas-singapore.org](mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org)

### A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER - IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Come closer to God –  
 learn how to listen to God  
**\$30/- per person.**  
**Starting Sun 21 – 27 Jan 2018**  
 Enquiry at Parish Office  
 Led by Sojourners' Companions

### MUSTARD TREE BIBLE GROUP Rosary & Sharing the Joy of the Gospel

1 Samuel 3:10  
 "Speak Lord, Your Servant is listening"  
**Every Tues 11am St Cecilia Room**

Register with Angel @ **91010980**

**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 a visit to 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 Twin**

For more information, please contact **Ryan Colond**  
at [ryan@sandamiano.sg](mailto:ryan@sandamiano.sg) or WhatsApp only on 96726167

**Music Ministry is seeking out for you!**

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 & organists for the choir.

**Thur 21 Dec 8.00pm @ The Band Room**

Contact: **Corinna 9749 0573**  
**Amelia 9368 6168**

**Rejoice in the Incarnation of our Saviour**

Christmas 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 **Mon 1 Jan**. Come and join in our Christmas Octave celebrations starting at

**7.30pm** in the **Audi** 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 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)

**MASS AND HEALING SERVICE**

**Sat 6 January 2018 at 7.00pm**  
**St Anthony Church Auditorium**

Celebrant: **Rev Fr Benjamin Anthonisamy**  
There will be Rosary, Praise & Worship, Mass and Adoration.

All are welcome.  
**Come and receive His love and mercy.**

**Marriage Encounter (ME) Festive Promotion**

Give your spouse or loved ones a special gift this festive season. For this December and January only, get ME vouchers from Cana (55 Waterloo Street, Level 2) at half-price of \$25. Book a ME Weekend and pick up communication skills for a stronger marriage.

Slots are still open for the **Jan 5-7** (fast selling out!),  
**Feb 2-4** and **March 2-4** Weekends.

E-mail [mewkend@gmail.com](mailto:mewkend@gmail.com) or visit [wwmesg.org](http://wwmesg.org)

**St Anthony's Got Talent!**

New Year's Eve Countdown Party 2017 will be **on Sun 31Dec, 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 using this form:

**<http://bit.ly/StAnthonysGotTalent2>**

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

**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  
**Tue 26 December 2017 7:30pm at**  
**Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8.**

Contact us via  
**email: [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) or**  
**<https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>**

**Chinese Healing Mass**

**Sun 14 Jan 2018 from 1pm to 4pm**  
**in St Catherine Room**  
**(Level 3 Fireplace)**

Celebrant: **Rev Fr Thomas Lim, OCD**

There will be Praise & Worship, Mass,  
Adoration and Eucharistic healing Service

**Come and experience God's love!**

将临期第四主日

2017年12月24日

<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><u>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体 - 感恩祭与圣体医治</u> 日期: 14/01/2018 (星期日) 时间: 1:00pm – 4:00pm 主祭: 林长震神父 地点: 圣安多尼堂, St Catherine Room (乘电梯到 3 楼转右) 形式: 敬拜赞美, 感恩祭, 明供圣体, 圣体医治, 见证和共融茶点。 询问: 范洲南(9684 8989)  让我们一起来敬拜赞美主, 荣耀祂的圣名和分享祂的爱。欢迎大家带家人和亲友出席</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 - 耶稣基督的天主观 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>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>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) <b>7:30am – 华文</b> 9:15am 11:15am 没有 5:30pm 弥撒</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>“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>成人坚振圣事课程 – 英文</b> 为那些已经洗礼但尚未领受坚振圣事的成人。 2018 年 2 月 7 日到 3 月 25 日, 每逢星期三, 8:00pm – 9:30pm 请到圣堂办公室报名。</p>	

**திருவருகைக் காலம் நான்காம் 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. அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்ப்பெற 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>பொங்கல் திருநாள்</b></p> <p>நாள்: 13/1/2018 சனிக்கிழமை இடம்: ஆடிட்டோரியம் மாலை 6 மணிக்கு தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் அதனை தொடர்ந்து பொங்கல் சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் நடைபெறும்.</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 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!  அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்ப்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p><b>அனைவருக்கும் கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு விழா நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்</b></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>		

**"Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!"**

**Reading 1:** Second Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16  
**Reading 2:** Romans 16:25-27

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
**Gospel** : Luke 1:26-38

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In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Meditation:** Does the proclamation of the Gospel message fill you with joy and hope? When the Lord comes to redeem his people he fills us with his Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and hope in the promises of God. When God made a covenant with David as King over Israel he made a promise to David and to his descendants that David's dynasty would endure forever through the coming of the Messiah King (2 Samuel 7:16). This King would establish an everlasting kingdom of peace and security for his people. We often think of peace as the absence of trouble. The peace which the Messiah brings cancels the debt of sin and restores our broken relationship with God our heavenly Father.

The new era of salvation begins with the conception and birth of Jesus

We see the fulfillment of God's unfolding plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah King. The new era of salvation begins with the miraculous conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God (Luke 1:28). This child will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King," and his name shall be called "Jesus" (Luke 1:31-32), which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The angel repeats to Mary, the daughter of the house of David, the promise made to King David: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:32-33).

Mary is a true hearer of the Word of God

How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust.

Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. Do you respond to God's calling? If Yes, do you respond with faith and trust.
2. Will you willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly?
3. Do you believe in God's promises and do you yield to his grace? Could you share how?

"Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant grace, mercy, and forgiveness through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to live a grace-filled life as Mary did by believing in your promises and by giving you my unqualified 'yes' to your will and plan for my life.

"Source: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net), author [Don Schwager](#)