



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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MASS TIMINGS		Holy Family (30 & 31 Dec)
<p><u>WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><u>WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:</u></p> <p>Sat Sunset: 5.30pm Sun (Mandarin): 7.30am Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm</p> <p>Rosary: 5.00pm before Sat sunset mass & before Sun evening mass.</p>	<p>Preacher: Individual Preaching</p> <p>Sat 5.30pm: Fr John Lau Sun 7.30am: Fr Cyril Lee Sun 9.15am: Fr John Lau Sun 11.15am: Fr Andrew Sun 5.30pm: Fr Andrew</p>
<p>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</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God</u> <u>Monday 1 Jan 2018</u> 9.15 am & 11.15 am (English) 12.30 pm (Tamil) 5.30 pm No evening mass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">There will be a 2nd collection next week ~ 6 & 7 January 2018 for the Society of St Vincent De Paul (SSVP) for the poor.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please give generously.</p>
<p><u>DEVOTION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART</u></p> <p>Come and join us on Sat 6 Jan 2018 6.15am Lauds 6.30am Mass followed by Rosary at the Grotto. Keep Our Mother company for 15 minutes by meditating on the mysteries of the rosary after the morning mass.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Devotion ends at 8am. All are welcome!</p>		<p><u>ADULT CONFIRMATION PROG</u> STARTING every Wednesday 7 Feb 2018 to 25 Mar 2018, 8pm – 9.30pm Register at the Parish Office Closing Date is Sun 15 Jan 2018</p>

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

SHARE A POT WITH ST ANTHONY

We are inviting all Seniors who want to keep fit through exercise before drinking some nutritious soup @ Church Audi. Join us on **every Tuesday 9am to 11am** Register with the Parish Office **63683804**

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**

<p align="center"><u>Franciscan Pilgrimage @ Assisi by San Damiano Spirituality Centre, SMOTA (Fri 11 – Tue 22 May 2018)</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Led by Fr Clifford Augustine, OFM and Fr Esmond Chua, OFM</p> <p align="center">ALL INCLUSIVE TRIP COST* S\$ 4600 – Adult Single and S\$4100 – Adult Twin</p> <p>For more information, please contact Ryan Colond at ryan@sandamiano.sg or WhatsApp only on 96726167</p>	<p align="center"><u>CATHOLIC LAWYERS GUILD (“CLG”) PRO BONO MEDIATION</u></p> <p>You can resolve your disputes without going to Court. An accredited Mediator can assist disputants to enter into a legally enforceable Settlement Agreement which provides a win-win situation for both sides.</p> <p>The service is free for eligible applicants.</p> <p>Please email the CLG at admin@clgsingapore.com or call the Pro Bono hotline at 65164279 or our CLG administrator at 68017494</p>
<p align="center"><u>FAMILY LIFE SOCIETY</u></p> <p>A community of trained Para-Counsellors are here for you! If you need a listening ear to pour your heart to, someone to discuss options with and a trustworthy confidant, call 6382 0688 and make an appointment.</p> <p>For more information, visit familylife.sg or email fls@familylife.sg</p>	<p align="center"><u>A WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER - IGNATIAN CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER</u></p> <p>Come closer to God – learn how to listen to God \$30/- per person. Starting Sun 21 – 27 Jan 2018</p> <p>Enquiry at Parish Office Led by Sojourners’ Companions</p>
<p align="center"><u>MASS AND HEALING SERVICE</u> Sat 6 January 2018 at 7.00pm St Anthony Church Auditorium</p> <p>Celebrant: Rev Fr Benjamin Anthonisamy There will be Rosary, Praise & Worship, Mass and Adoration.</p> <p align="center">All are welcome! Come and receive Jesus’ love and mercy.</p>	<p align="center"><u>CHINESE HEALING MASS</u> Sun 14 Jan 2018 from 1pm to 4pm in St Catherine Room (Level 3 Fireplace)</p> <p>Celebrant: Rev Fr Thomas Lim, OCD There will be Praise & Worship, Mass, Adoration and Eucharistic healing Service Come and experience God’s love!</p>
<p align="center"><u>MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER (ME) FESTIVE PROMOTION</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Slots are still open for the Jan 5-7 (fast selling out!), Feb 2-4 and March 2-4 Weekends.</p> <p>E-mail mewkend@gmail.com or visit wwmesg.org</p>	<p align="center"><u>DEVOTION TO ST PIO</u></p> <p>Come and pray with us at the new devotion centres. St Pio says: “Prayer is the best weapon we have. It is the key to God’s heart.”</p> <p>Church of the Holy Cross on every 2nd Sunday of the month. Inaugural Devotion on 14 Jan 2018 @ 4pm St Michael Room 450 Clementi Avenue 1 Contact Maria Khoo 96168328 for more details</p>
<p align="center"><u>CATECHISM MATTERS IN 2018</u></p> <p>Parents Meeting: Primary Level: Sat 6 Jan 9am to 10.30am Secondary Level: Sun 7 Jan 9am to 10.30am</p> <p>2018 Catechism Class Allocation List will be displayed on the notice board outside the Coffee Corner by Fri 29 Dec. Please take note of the time and the catechism classroom which is assigned to your child.</p> <p align="center"><u>ALL CATECHISM CLASSES RESUME SATURDAY, 20 JANUARY 2018</u></p>	<p>The Indonesian Community in Singapore will hold the Year-end Thanksgiving Mass in Bahasa Indonesia on Sun 31 Dec at 8pm at the St. Bernadette Church, followed by fellowship at the Canteen.</p> <p>Celebrants: Kamelus Kamus, CICM and F.X.R. Sambodo, SSCC</p>

<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: 7:30am (华语), 9:15am, 11:15pm & 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></p> <p>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)</p>
<p>灵修成长聚会 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>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)</p> <p>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们出席</p>
<p>“大家喝”计划 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>成人坚振圣事课程 – 英文 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>

திருக்குடும்பப் பெருவிழா

<p><u>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</u></p> <p>நாள்: ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் மற்றும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை</p> <p>நேரம்: மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு</p> <p>ஜெபமாலையும் அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்ப்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p> <p><u>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</u></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><u>பொங்கல் திருநாள்</u></p> <p>நாள்: 13/1/2018 சனிக்கிழமை இடம்: ஆடிட்டோரியம் மாலை 6 மணிக்கு தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் அதனை தொடர்ந்து பொங்கல் சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் நடைபெறும்.</p> <p><u>Spoken English Course</u> நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும். நேரம்: மதியம் 12:00 – 1.00 வரை மூன்றாவது & நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை! தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</u></p> <p>தேதி: 01.01.2018 நேரம்: மதியம் 12:30 மணிக்கு</p> <p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்!</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்ப்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>அனைவருக்கும் கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு விழா நல்வாழ்த்துக்கள்!</u></p>		
<p><u>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கொண்டாட்டம் - கிறிஸ்துமஸ் ஆக்டேவ்</u></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 favor of God was upon him"**Reading 1:** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalms 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Reading 2: Colossians 3:12-21**Gospel**

: Luke 2:22-40

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And when the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And inspired by the Spirit he came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, "Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed."

And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher; she was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and as a widow till she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks to God, and spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city, Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Meditation: Do you know the favor of the Lord? After Jesus' birth, Mary fulfills the Jewish right of purification after childbirth. Since she could not afford the customary offering of a lamb, she gives instead two pigeons as an offering of the poor. This rite, along with circumcision and the redemption of the first-born point to the fact that children are gifts from God. Jesus was born in an ordinary home where there were no luxuries. Like all godly parents, Mary and Joseph raised their son in the fear and wisdom of God. He, in turn, was obedient to them and grew in wisdom and grace. The Lord's favor is with those who listen to his word with trust and obedience. Do you seek to pass on the faith and to help the young grow in wisdom and maturity?

The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Savior of the world :What is the significance of Simeon's encounter with the baby Jesus and his mother in the temple? Simeon was a just and devout man who was very much in tune with the Holy Spirit. He believed that the Lord would return to his temple and renew his chosen people. The Holy Spirit also revealed to him that the Messiah and King of Israel would also bring salvation to the Gentile nations. When Joseph and Mary presented the baby Jesus in the temple, Simeon immediately recognized this humble child of Bethlehem as the fulfillment of all the messianic prophecies, hopes, and prayers. Inspired by the Holy Spirit he prophesied that Jesus was to be "a revealing light to the Gentiles". The Holy Spirit reveals the presence of the Lord to those who are receptive and eager to receive him. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord with you?

The 'new temple' of God's presence in the world :Jesus is the new temple (John 1:14; 2:19-22). In the Old Testament God manifested his presence in the "pillar of cloud" by day and the "pillar of fire" by night as he led them through the wilderness. God's glory visibly came to dwell over the ark and the tabernacle (Exodus 40:34-38). When the first temple was built in Jerusalem God's glory came to rest there (1 Kings 8). After the first temple was destroyed, Ezekiel saw God's glory leave it (Ezekiel 10). But God promised one day to fill it with even greater glory (Haggai 2:1-9; Zechariah 8-9). That promise is fulfilled when the "King of Glory" himself comes to his temple (Psalm 24:7-10; Malachi 3:1). Through Jesus' coming in the flesh and through his saving death, resurrection, and ascension we are made living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 3:16-17). Ask the Lord to renew your faith in the indwelling presence of his Spirit within you. And give him thanks and praise for coming to make his home with you.

Mary receives both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow: Simeon blessed Mary and Joseph and he prophesied to Mary about the destiny of this child and the suffering she would undergo for his sake. There is a certain paradox for those blessed by the Lord. Mary was given the blessedness of being the mother of the Son of God. That blessedness also would become a sword which pierced her heart as her Son died upon the cross. She received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Do you know the peace and joy of a life surrendered to God with faith and trust?

The Holy Spirit renews our hope in the promise of God : Simeon was not alone in recognizing the Lord's presence in the temple. Anna, too, was filled with the Holy Spirit. She was found daily in the temple, attending to the Lord in prayer and speaking prophetically to others about God's promise to send a redeemer. Supernatural hope grows with prayer and age! Anna was pre-eminently a woman of great hope and expectation that God would fulfill all his promises. What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit (Romans 14:17). The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trails, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way. Allow the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his peace, joy, and love. And offer to God everything you have and desire - your life, family, friends, health, honor, wealth, and future. If you seek his kingdom first he will give you everything you need to know, love, and serve him now and enjoy him forever.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. Do you know the joy of submission to God?
2. Is there anything holding you back from giving God your unqualified trust and submission to his will for your life?
3. Do you seek God's kingdom first or Do you seek your own kingdom first? What are your actions towards it?

"Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence and words of eternal life."

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