



# ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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 6<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday  
 (10 & 11 February)

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

<p><b><u>MORNING MASS:</u></b>  <b>Mon to Sat:</b> 6.30am  <b>Lauds:</b> 6.15am  <b><u>EVENING MASS:</u></b>  <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 &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Fri.  <b>Public Holiday:</b> 7am only</p>	<p><b><u>WEEKEND MASSES:</u></b>  <b>Sat Sunset:</b> 5.30pm  <b>Sun:</b> 7.30am (Mandarin)  <b>Sun:</b> 9.15am, 11.15am &amp; 5.30pm    <b>Rosary will be at 5.00pm</b>    before Sat sunset mass &amp;    before Sun evening mass.</p>	<p><b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Sun of Lent (17 &amp; 18 Feb)</u></b>    <b><u>Preacher: Rev Fr Andrew</u></b>      Sat 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew    Sun 7.30am: Rev Fr Daniel Lim    Sun 9.15am: Rev Fr John    Sun 11.15am: Rev Fr Cyril    Sun 5.30pm: Rev Fr Andrew</p>
<p><b>Devotion to St Anthony:</b>    Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass 8pm  <b>Divine Mercy:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Fri 7.15pm    Other Fridays 8pm St Lucy Room  <b>Sacred Heart:</b> 1<sup>st</sup> Fri Mass 8pm    <b>Devotion to the Immaculate Heart:</b> Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday    Rosary after the morning mass    <b>Tamil Mass:</b> 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat  <b>Malayalam Mass:</b> 7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> Sat  <b>Tagalog Mass:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 7.30pm</p>	<p><b>Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor:</b>    Daily from 7am to 10pm  <b>Medical Clinic @ the basement:</b>    Only on Mondays - 7.30pm to 9pm    Closed on public holidays.  <b>Prayer for Priests &amp; Vocations:</b>    3<sup>rd</sup> Thu 7.45pm Adoration Room  <b>The Bookshop Opening Hours:</b>    Before all weekend masses.  <b>Blessing of expecting parents:</b>    1<sup>st</sup> Sun – at the end of mass  <b>Library @ the Auditorium:</b>    Sundays only - 9am to 12 noon</p>	<p>There will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for  <b>GIFT – Catholic Foundation</b>    this week.    <b>Thank you for your generous support.</b></p>
<p><b><u>LIVE IN THE GOSPEL IN THE WORLD</u></b>    Caritas Singapore's Workshop on Catholic Social Teaching introduces the social teachings to participants with the time to reflect and share on how the understanding and application of these teachings can strengthen their faith and put their faith in action in their daily lives.    Lecturer: <b>Rev Fr David Garcia, OP</b>  <b>Sat 3 March from 9.30 am to 4 pm</b>  <b>Agape Village, 7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh. S(319264)</b>    Registration and more info at <a href="http://www.caritas-singapore.org">www.caritas-singapore.org</a>    Email: <a href="mailto:formation@caritas-singapore.org">formation@caritas-singapore.org</a></p>		<p><b><u>DAY OF PRAYER &amp; FASTING</u></b>    Pope Francis has launched a special Day of Prayer &amp; Fasting for peace for war-torn nations, in particular for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and for South Sudan that are suffering protracted conflict and he has invited all men and women, regardless of their religious denomination, to join.    He also invites all the faithful to take part in this special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace on <b>Friday 23 February 2018</b>, the Friday of the First Week of Lent.</p>
<p><b><u>THE LANDINGS MINISTRY</u></b>  <b>Returned!</b> – a testimony event by LANDINGS    <b><u>Fri 23 Feb @ 7.30pm at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd</u></b>    For every account of someone who has left the Catholic Church, there is an inspiring personal tale of another's return. Come check out these testimonies of faith. Or better yet, bring a friend or loved ones who might benefit from these homecoming stories. We invite anyone interested either as a returning Catholic or a welcoming participant.      Please register for this event at <a href="mailto:returning@landings.org.sg">returning@landings.org.sg</a></p>		<p><b><u>TERM 1 CATECHISM BREAK</u></b>  <b>Sat 10 &amp; 17 Mar</b>  <b>NO Catechism Class</b>    <b>Catechism resume Sat 24 Mar</b>    <b>Star Coaching</b>    We need a Physics/Chemistry teacher for the Star Coaching Prog      Interested, please call Theresa Louis @ <b>81822402</b></p>

**YSA UNRESERVED**

Have you ever wondered how many ministries are there in the youth movement? What does the Youth of Saint Anthony do? Why do they have so many ministries, and what do the youths do every week?

The YSA with all our ministries and communities will be at the foyer on the **Sun 25 Feb from 9am-1pm**. We will have different booths and areas for our different youth ministries as well as the youth movement! Youths will be around to answer any questions and also showcase what we do on a weekly basis, what our charisms are, and share with you some of our experiences in the YSA. Whether you are a parent, parishioner, or a curious guest,

**COME VISIT US!!! FIND OUT WHAT THE YOUTHS DO IN THIS PARISH!! 😊**

**LENTEN RECOLLECTION**

**Sun 4 March 2018, 9:30 am to 5:00 pm**

Choice Retreat House, 47 Jurong West Street 42 S(649368)

“So he got up and started back to the father.” (Lk. 15: 20)

How often do we find ourselves in need of getting up and returning to the Lord? Let us listen deeply to the Father's invitation to come back to His unconditional love.

Contribution: Love offering only. This is organised by the Cenacle Sisters. For registration, please email

**cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com**

or visit the website: **www.cenaclemission.com**

**EMMANUEL CPG**

**Wed 21 Feb 8pm in St Lucy room.**

Join us at our Charismatic session every Wednesday at 8pm to praise God and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship after each session too.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

with Exposition and Benediction  
**JESUS IS REALLY THERE**

Join us in the next Holy Hour

**Wed 28 Feb 8pm Church Main Hall**

No Children Adoration for Feb and Mar

**SURVIVING DIVORCE PROGRAMME**

An initiative by The Archdiocesan Commission for the Family (ACF) will be running “Surviving Divorce” programme to help Catholics find healing and peace after their marital relationship breaks down. Programme is created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. Contribution of \$120/=

Every Monday (**5 Mar to 28 Mar**) from **7.30pm to 9.30 pm**

Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre

2 Highland Road S(549102)

Enquiries : **97804456** (Joan) or **93836868** (Jileen)

**COMMUNITY IN MISSION WORK  
Pilgrimage & Picnic by the beach**

Walking with Jesus with 200 Batam children at Galang Island. The cost at **\$120 per person** includes the following:

Twin sharing w/o breakfast, 2-way ferry ticket, 2 lunches & 1 dinner and transport in Batam.

Depart **Sat 17 Mar 8.30 am** HBF Centre.  
Return **Sun 18 Mar 5.20 pm** from Batam

Enquiries: Francis **96681847**,  
John **91094821** or Jude **90270524**

**Young Adults Night of Discussion**

**– Creed on the Street (COTS 9)**

The purpose of the Creed On The Street (COTS) session is to invite young adults to join in a conversation with each other, to lend perspective of their faith on social issues.

**Fri 16 Mar fr 7:30pm to 9:30pm; level 3, Agape Village,**  
7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh, Singapore 319264.

**“Make Us True Servants: How can we volunteer effectively?”**

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

**Couple Empowerment Program (CEP) Fairy tale marriages...an urban myth?**

Are you aware that even happily married couples get depressed, fight, lose jobs, struggle with financial difficulties, go through crises; face sexual and other addiction problems? What does it take to build a good marriage? Learn how to achieve a work-life harmony in traditional and companionate marriages.

INTRO SESSION: **Sun 18 Mar, 2 - 6.30pm, St Anthony Auditorium.**

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS: **23 Mar, 6, 13, 20, 27 April, 4, 11 May (7 - 10.30pm), 19 May (3.30 - 9.30pm) and 20 May (1 to 8.30pm).** Childminders will watch your children and engage them spiritually and highlight

The Great Adventure Series for Kids. Please contact Victor at **91059921** or Andrea at **98579075**,  
email **goto\_cep@hotmail.com**, or visit **www.cep-sg.org** or **facebook.com/CEP**.

**THE APOSTOLATE FOR CATHOLIC TRUTH (ACT)**

A series of talks will be conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> four Saturdays in March 2018:

**3 March** – The Theology of the Body (Andrew Kong)

**10 March** – A brief Introduction to Canon Law (Rev Fr Adrian Yeo)

**17 March** – Why Be Catholic? (Andrew Kong)

**24 March** – The Bible Alone Theory (Kelvin Chia)

From 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Risen Christ Church Audi, Toa Payoh. Details and registration at: **www.catholic.sg/act** or call 96493893 for enquiries (Andrew). Free Admission! All are welcome!

## 四旬期第一主日

2018年2月18日

<p>四旬期华文苦路敬拜</p> <p>从2月22日至3月22日</p> <p>每逢星期四晚上8pm</p>	<p>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体 – 新春感恩祈祷聚会</p> <p>主题：《压岁钱，怎么来？》</p> <p>主讲：林长震神父</p> <p>日期：25/02/2018（星期日） 时间：1:00pm</p> <p>地点：圣安多尼堂, St Catherine Room 乘电梯到3楼转右</p> <p>形式：敬拜赞美，讲座，新春家庭祝福，感恩及团拜，神父给予新春降福，捞鱼生，新春聚餐。</p> <p>询问：范洲南(9684 8989)</p> <p>欢迎大家带亲戚朋友一起欢庆新春，感恩天主。</p>
<p>第一学期儿童要理班休假</p> <p>3月10日和17日没要理班课。</p>	<p>奉献神花活动</p> <p>天主教华文教务委员会与慕道团推动小组联办为候洗者接受洗礼及求赐更多人接受恩赐成为慕道者的意向奉献神花。</p> <p>有意者拿表格记录你们祈祷的次数，请在每个月底交回堂区。</p>
<p>2天1夜巴淡岛与200位儿童朝圣及海边野餐</p> <p>日期：3月17日至18日</p> <p>每人收费\$120</p> <p>询问：Jude (9027 0524)</p>	<p>2018年教委四旬期证道会</p> <p>日期：2月21日 – 走出罪恶的奴隶 - 萧永伦神父</p> <p>2月28日 – 转向耶稣 - 陈宾山神父</p> <p>3月7日 – 与主重建关系 – 蔡汉坤神父</p> <p>3月14日 – 拉匝禄 – 张思谦神父</p> <p>3月21日 – 回归主爱 – 黄财龙神父</p> <p>时间：7:45pm – 9:45pm 地点：圣雅丰索堂 Novena Church</p>
<p>吴总主教主持华语皈依体验避静 CERM2</p> <p>日期：5月23日至27日</p> <p>地点：天主教灵修中心</p> <p>报名抽签：3月3日，9:30am 开始，10am 准时关门</p> <p>报名费：\$200</p> <p>询问：玉英 (9616 2484)</p> <p>玫华 (9270 8472)</p>	

## தவக்காலம் - முதல் 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 ஆசீர்ப்பை 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>சிலுவைப்பாதை (Stations of the Cross)</b></p> <p>நாள் : தவக்காலத்தில் வெள்ளிக்கிழமை தோறும்</p> <p>நேரம் : மாலை 7:15 மணிக்கு,</p> <p>இடம் : புனித தாமஸ் அறை</p> <p>தமிழில் சிலுவைப்பாதையும் அதனைத்தொடர்ந்து ஆலயத்தில் ஆங்கிலத்தில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.</p>	<p><b>ஸ்டார் பயிற்சி வகுப்பு</b></p> <p>மேல்நிலை வகுப்புகளுக்கான ஆங்கில மற்றும் இயற்பியல் ஆசிரியர்கள் தேவை.</p> <p>விருப்பமுடையோர் தொடர்பு கொள்க:</p> <p>தெரசா லூயிஸ் 8182 2402</p> <p><b>Spoken English Course</b></p> <p>நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும்.</p> <p>நேரம் : மதியம் 12:00 – 1.00 வரை</p> <p>மூன்றாவது &amp; நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை!</p> <p>தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com</p>
	<p><b>நற்கருணை ஆராதனை</b></p> <p>நாள் : பிப்ரவரி 28, 2018 வெள்ளிக்கிழமை, நேரம் : மாலை 8:00 மணிக்கு</p> <p>இடம் : Main Church Hall</p> <p>அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்ப்பை அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>	

Reading 1: Genesis 9:8-15

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Reading 2: First Peter 3:18-22

Gospel :

Mark 1:12-15

**Gospel Reading:** Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered to him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

**Meditation:** What is the significance of Jesus spending 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness? In the Old Testament 40 days was often seen as a significant period of testing and preparation for entering into a covenant relationship with God. In the days of Noah, God judged the earth and destroyed its inhabitants in a great flood because of their idolatry and total rejection of God. Noah and his family were spared because they obeyed God and took refuge in the ark for 40 days. When the flood subsided God made a covenant with Noah and promised that he would not destroy the human race again. Jesus came to fulfill that promise.

**Forty days of retreat to seek the face of God** When God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt he brought them into the wilderness of Sinai. Moses went to the mountain of the Lord at Sinai and remained there in prayer and fasting for 40 days (Exodus 24:18). At the conclusion of this 40 day encounter God made a covenant with Moses and the people. After the prophet Elijah had confronted the sin of idolatry (the worship of false gods) in the land of Israel and destroyed the 400 priests of Baal (1 Kings 18:20-40), he fled into the wilderness and journeyed for 40 days to the mountain of God at Sinai (1 Kings 19:8). There God spoke with Elijah and commissioned him to pass on the work of restoring the worship of the one true God in the land. After Jesus was anointed by the Spirit in the waters of the Jordan River, he journeyed to the wilderness of Judea for 40 days to prepare himself for the mission which the Father sent him to accomplish - to offer up his life as the perfect atoning sacrifice for our sins. Through the shedding of his blood on the cross he won for us a new and everlasting covenant which fulfilled and surpassed all the previous covenants which God had made with his people.

**God's Word and Spirit sustains those who seek God's will** Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness" (Mark 1:12). Why was Jesus compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? The word tempt in English usually means to entice to sin or wrong-doing. The scriptural word here also means test in the sense of proving and purifying someone to see if they are ready for the task at hand. We test pilots to see that they are fit to fly. Likewise God tests his servants to see if they are fit to be used by him. God tested Abraham to prove his faith. The Israelites were sorely tested in Egypt before God delivered them from their enemies. Jesus was no exception to this testing. Satan, in turn, did his best to entice Jesus to choose his own will over the will of his Father in heaven. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's subtle and not so subtle temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

**Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe** How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. Repent means to turn away from sin and wrong-doing in order to follow God's way of love, truth, and moral goodness. When we submit to God's rule in our lives and believe in the Gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by pride, sin, and Satan, the father of lies (John 8:44) and the ruler of this present world (John 12:31). Repentance is the first step to surrendering my will and my life to God.

Repentance means to change - to change my way of thinking, my attitude, my disposition, and the way I choose to live my life - so that the Lord Jesus can be the Master and Ruler of my heart, mind, and will. Whatever stands in the way of God's will and plan for my life must be surrendered to him - my sinful pride, my rebellious attitude, and stubborn will to do as I please rather than as God pleases. If I am only sorry for the consequences of my own sinful ways, I will very likely keep repeating the same sins that control my thoughts and actions. True repentance requires a contrite heart and true sorrow for sin (Psalm 51:17) and a firm resolution to avoid the near occasion of sin. The Lord Jesus gives us the grace to see sin for what it really is - a rejection of his love, truth, and wisdom for our lives and a refusal to do what he says is right and good for us. His grace brings pardon and freedom from guilt, and breaks the power of bondage to sin in our lives through the strength and help of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. If we yield to the Holy Spirit and not to our sinful inclinations, we will find the strength and help we need to turn away from all wrong-doing and whatever else might keep us from living in his truth and love. To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is our Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his beloved sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. How would you reject on Satan's temptation?
2. What is the kingdom of God, to you?
3. Are you ready to forsake all for the Lord Jesus Christ? Please share how, and what you have done so far.

Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to your will for me."