



# ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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## "Look up, your redemption is drawing near"

Reading 1: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Reading 2: 1 Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 25:4-5, 8-10, 14

Gospel reading : Luke 21:25-28,34-36

### Meditation:

*The people of Jesus' time* expected that the coming of the Messiah would be accompanied by extraordinary signs and wonders. Jesus' first coming was clouded in mystery and surprising wonderment: Even though he was the rightful heir to the throne of King David, he was born in obscurity in a cave at Bethlehem, near the place where David had watched over his father's sheep some 1000 years before. A choir of mighty angels chose to announce the good news to a small band of lowly shepherds keeping their night watch nearby. Learned magi from the East, who recognized a great omen in the heavenly sky, followed the star until it led them to Bethlehem. They alone found the child with his mother and paid him homage as the new-born king of Israel. When Jesus humbly submitted to baptism at the River Jordan, the heavenly Father spoke audibly for those nearby who were willing to listen, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

*Jesus told his disciples* that his final great sign would be his return in glory at the end of the age. He would come this second time as Judge and Merciful Redeemer to vindicate those who accepted him as Lord and Savior and to punish those who rejected him. Jesus declared that this last sign at the end of the world would be unmistakable. All would recognize and "see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). The title which Jesus most often used to describe his Messianic role was the expression "Son of Man". This title comes from the Book of the prophet Daniel, chapter 7. The image of a "Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" was given in a vision where the prophet Daniel saw heaven opened before the throne of God (Daniel 7:13-14). They missed, however, the most important sign and reason for the Messiah's first coming - his death on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the world and his triumphant victory over death and Satan when he rose on the third day. The Lord Jesus is both the "Son of David", the rightful heir and Messiah King of Israel whose reign will endure for all ages (Psalm 89:3-4, 29, 36-37) - and the "Son of Man", chosen by God as the anointed ruler who will come at the end of the age to establish a universal kingdom of peace, righteousness, and justice for all the nations and peoples of the earth.

*What kind of hope* does the Lord offer us? He gives us the hope of heaven, seeing God face to face, sharing in the fullness of his glory and everlasting life. When the Lord comes again as our Judge and merciful Redeemer he will right every wrong, vindicate every person who has accepted him as Lord and Savior, and remove all sorrow, pain, and death itself (Revelations 21:4). The world around us is plagued with greed, envy, strife, and uncertainty. It has lost hope in God and in his promise to restore the human race and all of creation when the Lord Jesus comes again. Jesus' prophetic description of the end of time and the Day of Judgment was not new to the people of Israel. Jesus speaks of the second coming as a known fact, a for certain event we can expect to take place. This coming will be marked by signs that all will recognize; signs which will strike terror in those unprepared and wonder in those who are ready to meet the Lord. When the Lord returns he will establish final justice and righteousness over the earth by overthrowing his enemies and by vindicating those who have been faithful to him. The anticipation of his final judgment is a sign of hope for all who trust in him.

*Indifference and rejection* of the Gospel lead to destruction: Indifference and the temptation to slacken off – to become passive and lethargic or to fall asleep spiritually. It is very easy to get caught up in the things of the present moment or to be weighed down with troubles. The Lord knows our shortcomings and struggles and he gives us the strength to bear our burdens and to walk in his way of holiness. But there is one thing he doesn't tolerate: an attitude of indifference, being passive, not caring, and doing nothing when we could be actively seeking God and his kingdom! God is ready to give us fresh vision, hope, and grace to walk in his ways. He wants to work in and through us for his glory. That is why he expects more of us than we can do by ourselves. His grace enables us to actively watch for his action in our lives, and to actively pray for perseverance and endurance when we face trials and difficulties.

*Advent season reminds us* that we are pilgrims and exiles longing for our home with God: Many churches in the East and West, since the early first centuries of the Christian era, have marked special seasons to celebrate the central truths of the Christian faith. The Advent season which precedes Christmas and Epiphany reminds us that we are a pilgrim people, aliens and exiles in this age who long for our true home with God in his heavenly kingdom, and who await with joyful hope the return of the Lord Jesus at the end of the age. When will the Lord Jesus come again? No one but the Father in heaven knows the day. But it is a certain fact that we are living in the end times, the close of this present age! The end times begin with the first coming of Jesus Christ (his Incarnation which we celebrate at Christmas and Epiphany) and culminates in his final return on the Day of Judgment.

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. How good are you at reading signs which God sends your way? Have you encountered the times you knew it was a sign from God?
2. What can keep you from recognizing the signs of the Lord's presence and his action today?
3. Is your heart hungry for God or is it weighed down by other things? How are you going to live your life during this Advent?

"Lord Jesus, may I never lose sight of the signs of your presence in my life and the signs of your action in the world today. Free me from spiritual dullness, indifference, and every distraction that would keep me from you. May I never tire of listening to your word, seeking you in prayer, and longing for your return in glory" **Source: [www.dailyscripture.net](http://www.dailyscripture.net), author Don Schwager**

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

**\$10 600.70**

**was collected from  
Christ The King Sunday  
24 & 25 November**

Collection: \$8086.75  
Expenditure: \$8910.00

There is a 2nd collection for SSVF this week – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent 1 & 2 Dec  
*We thank you for your generosity!*



Theme:  
Mother Most Admirable

**SIMBANG GABI**  
Dec. 21, 2018, 8PM

**HOW CAN I  
EVANGELISE AT  
THE WORKPLACE?**

*Try this: Be encouraging and positive towards others at your workplace.  
Never take part in gossip or speaking ill of others.*



**MORNING MASS:**

**Mon-Sat: 6.30am Lauds: 6.15am**

**EVENING MASS:**

**Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri: 6.30pm**

**Vespers: 6.15pm**

**Tue & 1<sup>st</sup> Fri: 8pm**

**Rosary:** After all evening masses except on Tuesdays & 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays.

**Public Holiday:** 7am only



**WEEKEND MASSES:**

**Sat Sunset: 5.30pm**

**Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin)**

**Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm**

**Rosary will be at 5.00pm** before Sat sunset mass & before Sun evening mass.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

**NORTH DISTRICT CHURCHES**

Day	Dec	Church	AM	PM
Fri	14	OLSS	-	8
Mon	17	Risen Christ	10.30	8
Tue	18	Holy Spirit	-	8
Wed	19	Christ the King	10.30	8
<b>Thu</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>St Anthony</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8</b>
Fri	21	St Joseph (BT)	-	8

**Devotion to St Anthony:**

Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass 8pm

**Divine Mercy:** Church Hall

1<sup>st</sup> Fri 7.15pm; Other Fri 7.30pm

**Sacred Heart:** 1<sup>st</sup> Fri after Divine Mercy followed by Mass

**Devotion to the Immaculate Heart:**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

Rosary after the morning mass at the Grotto.

**Tamil Mass:** 7.30pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat

**Malayalam Mass:** 7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sat

**Tagalog Mass:** 7.30pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun

**SAINT ANTHONY BREAD PROJECT**

**Staple food items needed:**

- 1)Rice (2.5kg)
- 2)Cooking Oil (1L)
- 3)Milo Refill Pack (900g)
- 4)UHT Milk (1L)
- 5)Cream Crackers 420g / Digestive 400g
- 6)Canned Tuna (185g) / Sardines (425g)
- 7)Bee Hoon (450g)
- 8)Nestum Cereal/Nestum Oats (3 in 1)

Collection of NON-PERISHABLE and HALAL staple food items will end on **Sunday 9 Dec 2018.**

Packing will be on **Sun 16 Dec 2018.**

Distribution on **Sunday 23 Dec 2018.**

**Both events will be @ 1.30pm in St Basil Room.**

*Everyone is invited to come and help!*

**CHRISTMAS ITEMS!!**

Christmas cards, cribs and Advent wreaths are on sale now at St Anthony Bookstore. Do come down and visit our bookstore which is open before all weekend masses so come and get what you need while stock lasts!

**RECYCLE TEXTBOOK PROGRAM**

*(organised by Catechists)*

**9am to 3pm**

**Now till Sat 8 Dec**

**COLLECTION OF TEXTBOOKS @ THE FOYER**

**9am to 3pm**

**Sat 15 Dec**

**DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTBOOKS @ST PHILIP MINH**

**Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor:**

Daily from 7am to 10.00pm

**Prayer for Priests & Vocations:**

3<sup>rd</sup> Thu 7.45pm Adoration Room

**Blessing of expecting parents:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sun – at the end of each mass.

**Canteen at the Coffee Corner:**

Every Sunday from 8am to 12noon

**Do come & support the Youth Catechists this weekend!**

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**PRECIOUS SEEDS REGISTRATION FOR 2019!**

Are you turning 6 next year? Unique pre-catechism faith formation programme for kids ages 6 years old. Class starts from 16 February 2019. Class starts from 10am to 11 am

Register your child by 30 Dec 2018:  
<http://tinyurl.com/2019preciousseeds>  
Send your enquiries to:  
[precious.seeds.csa@gmail.com](mailto:precious.seeds.csa@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CAMP 2018**

Join us as we spend 3 days as YSA and 4 days with the North District Youths.

**JOYFULLY AS ONE**

Fri 14 – Thur 20 December 2018  
Fee: \$70/ per pax. Register online at <https://tinyurl.com/ysayouthcamp2018>  
See you there!!

**ADORATION ROOM @ MT TABOR**

The air conditioners at Mt Tabor are out of order. Please refrain from pressing the switches on the control panel. We will get them fixed soonest possible. Fans are provided in the meantime. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**PHASE 1 RENOVATION BEGINS!!**

There will be an installation of a new roofing at the Dwelling Place.

The renovation works at the Columbarium and the Grotto are still in progress.

These premises will be out of bounds until further notice which may take another week or so.

The car park lots near the Grotto will be closed because it will be obstructed by a crane.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS**

Thur 20 Dec at 7.45pm  
@ the Adoration Room  
MOUNT TABOR (Level 5)  
*All are welcome!*

**COFFEE CORNER** will be closed from Sun 2 Dec 2018 & re-open on Sun 6 Jan 2019.

**CHURCH CANTEEN** will be operating on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - 16 December 2018. The proceeds will go to the Church Building Fund.

**STAR COACHING**

We are in need of Primary and Secondary teachers for the Star Coaching Programme. If you feel God's calling to serve and have an hour to spare once a week, please contact

Dorothy at [dorothyvette@gmail.com](mailto:dorothyvette@gmail.com)



**PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS COURSE 2019**

*By Rev Fr David Garcia, OP.*

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 organised under Caritas Singapore.

This course is starting on 11 January 2019 and will be held weekly on Fridays, 7:30p.m. to 9:30p.m., in Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo Street.

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)

<p><b>2018 年将临期北区忏悔礼</b>                  14/12(星期五), 8pm - 海星圣母堂                  17/12(星期一), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣复活堂                  18/12(星期二), 8pm - 圣神堂                  19/12(星期三), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣君王堂  <b>20/12(星期四), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂</b>                  21/12(星期五), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂</p>	<p><b>再循环课本活动 2018</b>                  收集旧课本 (@ 圣堂前)                  17/11 - 8/12 (9am 至 3pm)                  分发课本 (@ Philip Minh)                  星期六 15/12 (9am 至 3pm)                  (此活动由英语要理组负责)</p>	<p><b>圣安多尼堂面包小组</b>  <b>帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动</b>                  需要的食物如下:                  米 (2.5 公斤)、食用油 (1 公升)、白糖 (1 公斤包装)、美禄 (补充装 900 克)、巴氏消毒牛奶、快熟面、意大利面、饼干 (奶油苏打饼干或消化饼干)、罐头食物 (焗豆, 金枪鱼或沙丁鱼等等)                   请不要捐新鲜食物 - 如面包、新鲜牛奶等, 并且确保食物是清真食品(Halal)。此活动于 12 月 9 日截止。包装礼篮将于 12 月 16 日 1.30pm 进行。分发礼篮于 12 月 23 日 1.30pm (St Basil Room)</p>
<p><b>以心神体验天主</b>                  (通过音乐、歌唱、赞美与敬拜来体验天主的临在)                  日期: 2019 年 5 月 18-20 日                  星期六至星期一 (假日)                  主讲: 林长震神父                  地点: Batam Golden Bay Hotel                  费用: S\$200(包括船票、住宿 2 人 1 房、餐饮、保险 - 80 岁以下)                  联络: 贵春 91812642、蔡镁 90069185、秀玲 94313072、朝元 91738301、银嫦 98189255、婷婷 96910355                  主办单位: 芥子音乐事奉 MSMM</p>	<p><b>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体</b>  <b>心灵祈祷聚会</b>                  日期: 09/12/2018 (星期日)                  时间: 下午一点三十分 (1:30pm)                  主题: 救恩的圣殿                  主讲: 陈瑄娘修女                  地点: 圣安多尼堂, St.Francis Room                  形式: 敬拜赞美, 讲座, 心灵医治, 见证和共融茶点。                  询问: 范洲南(9684 8989) , 慧菁(9295 5801)                  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>	

**திருவருகைகாலம் முதலாம் ஞாயிறு**

<p><b>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</b>  <b>நாள்:</b> ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் சனிக்கிழமை  <b>நேரம்:</b> மாலை 7 மணிக்கு  <b>நற்கருணை ஆராதனையும்</b>                  அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் மற்றும்  <b>நாள்:</b> ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை  <b>நேரம்:</b> மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு  <b>ஜெபமாலையும்</b> அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும்</p>	<p><b>Spoken English Course</b>                   நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும்.  <b>நேரம்:</b> மதியம் 12:00 - 1.00 வரை                  மூன்றாவது &amp; நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை!                   தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974                  justmefran29@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கேரோல்ஸ் (Carlos)</b>   <b>தேதி:</b> 14.12.2018 &amp; 15.12.2018                  உங்கள் இல்லங்களுக்கு வரவேண்டுமெனில் கீழ்காணும் எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். சுதாகர் 9239 1043</p>
<p>நடைபெறும்.                  அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.   <b>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</b>                  மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p>	<p><b>பழைய பாடநூல் மறுசுழட்சி திட்டம்</b>   <b>புத்தக சேகரிப்பு:</b> நவம்பர் 17 முதல் டிசம்பர் 8 வரை   <b>புத்தக பரிமாற்றம்:</b> டிசம்பர் 15, 9 மணி முதல் மதியம் 1 மணி வரை.                   (புத்தகங்களை ஆலய நுழைவாயிலில் வைக்கப்பட்டுள்ள பெட்டிகளில் வைக்கவும்).</p>	<p><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மற்றும் புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</b>   <b>தேதி:</b> 25.12.2018  <b>நேரம்:</b> காலை 9:15 மணிக்கும்   <b>தேதி:</b> 01.01.2019  <b>நேரம்:</b> காலை 9:15 மணிக்கும்                   தமிழில் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்!                   அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p>