



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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"The word of God came to John"

R1: Baruch 5:1-9

RP: Psalm 12~5:1-6

R2: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11

GR: Luke 3:1-6

Meditation

Luke the evangelist tells us that the "word of God came to John in the wilderness" (Luke 3:2). Who was John the Baptist and what is the significance of the word which he received and delivered to the people of his day? Luke tells us that John was the son of Zechariah, a priest who served in the temple at Jerusalem. John stood at a pivotal juncture in the history of God's dealing with his people. He bridged the Old and New Testaments, also known as the Old and New Covenants which God made with his people.

John was filled and led by the Spirit. John's prophetic calling and mission preceded his conception and birth. The angel had announced to Zechariah that his barren wife will conceive a son, and "you shall call his name John," and "he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:13,15). When John received his name shortly after birth, his father prophesied that he would be "called the prophet of the Most High who will go before the Lord to prepare his ways" (Luke 1:76). John was called to be a prophet, a spokesman for God. In dramatic fashion Luke tells us when John appeared on the world scene. Luke lists a few of the key reigning rulers in John's era, including Tiberius Caesar of Rome (Luke 3:1). These rulers pale in reference to the man who now stood at the door of a new era of grace and salvation for the world. John's mission was to prepare the way for God's Anointed King who would come to establish God's rule above all other kings and authorities. Luke emphasizes the universal call of the Gospel to all peoples without distinction. He quotes from the prophet Isaiah that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (Isaiah 40:5; 52:10).

John was a servant of God's Word. How did John prepare for the coming of the Anointed (Messiah) King and Savior of the world? Luke tells us that "the word of God came to John" when he was dwelling in the wilderness of Judea (Luke 3:2). John was called from an early age to devote himself to prayer and to the word of God. John not only took the Scriptures to heart, he moulded his life according to them, and made himself a servant of the Word of God. John was led by the Spirit into a barren and lonely place away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. There God taught John in the solitude of the desert and prepared him for a prophetic ministry that would turn the hearts of his people to receive their long-awaited Messiah. In the ancient world when a king decided to tour his kingdom, he first sent his courier ahead to prepare the way. John is the courier and great herald of the Messiah King who proclaims to all the peoples that the impending reign of God is now very close at hand. Isaiah had long ago prophesied the role of the Forerunner of the Messiah (Isaiah 40:3-5). John undoubtedly took this word to heart as he searched the Scriptures and reflected on the word of God in the wilderness. When John began his public ministry he travelled throughout the region of Judea and preached a "baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (Luke 3:3).

How can we, like John the Baptist, prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus Christ - today and everyday and when he comes again to bring us fully into his everlasting kingdom? John the Baptist tells us that the first step is conversion and repentance (Matthew 3:2; Luke 3:7). Conversion involves receiving God's word into our heart and mind and allowing his Word to change our attitudes and wrong ways of thinking and judging. Repentance is the deliberate turning away from sin (wrong-doing) and turning to God to receive his pardon, healing, and strength to do what is good and reject what is wrong. John saw from a distance what Jesus the Messiah would accomplish through his death and resurrection - pardon for our sins, healing and restoration, and eternal life for all who would believe in the Lord Jesus.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing

1. Do you recognize the voice of the Lord speaking to you when you listen to the word of God in Scripture? How has the Lord's voice had an impact on your life?
2. Do you allow God's Word to transform your life? How do you allow God's Word to transform your life?
3. Are you hungry for the Word of God and do you allow God's word to transform the way you think, speak, and live your life?

"Lord Jesus, you are the Word of God and the Savior of the world. Help me to receive your Word with expectant faith, and to live it with confident hope, and to proclaim it joyfully with love and boldness to all I meet." Source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager

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1st Sunday of Advent
1 & 2 December



There will be a 2nd collection on 15 & 16 Dec, you may also drop in your GIFT donation envelope which was distributed last week. We thank you for your generous support!

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 & 1st Fri: 8pm

Rosary: After all evening masses except on Tuesdays & 1st Fridays.

Public Holiday: 7am only



Theme:
Mother Most Admirable

SIMBANG GABI
Dec. 21, 2018, 8PM

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 |
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| Fri | 14 | OLSS | - | 8 |
| Mon | 17 | Risen Christ | 10.30 | 8 |
| Tue | 18 | Holy Spirit | - | 8 |
| Wed | 19 | Christ the King | 10.30 | 8 |
| Thu | 20 | St Anthony | - | 8 |
| Fri | 21 | St Joseph (BT) | - | 8 |

Devotion to St Anthony: *

Tuesdays 7.15pm; Mass 8pm

Divine Mercy: St Lucy Room

1st Fri 7.15pm; Other Fri 7.30pm

Sacred Heart: 1st Fri after Divine Mercy followed by Mass

Devotion to the Immaculate Heart:

Every 1st Saturday Rosary after the morning mass at the Grotto.

Tamil Mass: 7.30pm 1st & 2nd Sat

Malayalam Mass: 7.30pm 3rd & 5th Sat

Tagalog Mass: 7.30pm 3rd Sun

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Catechism and Faith Formation are at the fingertips for every parishioner. You can use it for more knowledge about our faith, sharing topics in your CNCs, movies available for family time or fellowship in your CNCs or Ministries. Visit FORMED.org and register yourself a free account to learn about these resources delivered to you by the Augustine Institute.

Registration Process

1. Select Register & use f8d505 as the Parish Code & your own email.
2. Ensure that your address is in S'pore.

ST ANTHONY BREAD PROJECT

Collection of Hamper food items ends on **Sunday 9 Dec 2018.**

Packing will be on **Sunday 16 Dec 2018.** Distribution on **Sunday 23 Dec 2018.** Both events will be @ 1.30pm in St Basil Rm.

Everyone is invited to come and help!

RECYCLE TEXTBOOK PROGRAM

(organised by Catechists)

Sat 15 Dec (9am to 3pm)

DISTRIBUTION OF TEXTBOOKS @ ST PHILIP MINH RM

Adoration Room @ Mt Tabor:

Daily from 7am to 10.00pm

Prayer for Priests & Vocations:

3rd Thu 7.45pm Adoration Room

Blessing of expecting parents:

1st Sun – at the end of each mass.

Canteen at the Coffee Corner:

Every Sunday from 8am to 12noon

Do come & support Aunty Mal this weekend!

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SALE & CHURCH CANTEEN ~ happening on the 3RD Sunday of Advent, Sunday 16 December 2018. All proceeds will go to support the Church Renovations! COME & SUPPORT!



ZUMBA DANCING SESSIONS @ ST ANTHONY

Fri 11 Jan - the Auditorium
 Mon 21 Jan - the Basement Carpark
 Both sessions from 8pm to 8.45pm

Anyone interested in the above, please contact
 Girlie 97584857 or Tyrone 97573377
All are welcome!

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



Aunty Alice and her team will be taking the year-end break. The free flow of coffee from **COFFEE CORNER** will be re-open next year on Sunday 6 January 2019.

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) will be held on Tuesday 18 Dec as the 4th Tuesday is Christmas Day, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8. Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com

or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>
 See you there!

TAKE NOTE OF MASS TIMINGS

DEVOTION TO ST ANTHONY *

Tue 18 Dec will be at 5.45pm followed by the 6.30pm evening mass.

Mon 24 Dec (Christmas Eve)

7.30pm Mass (Chinese)
 8.45pm Pageant (by children)
 9.30pm Mass (English)
 11.00pm Carolling
 12 mn Mass (English)

Tue 25 Dec (Christmas Day)

9.15am Mass (Tamil)
 11.15am Mass (Children Mass)
 NO DEVOTION TO ST ANTHONY *

Mon 31 Dec (New Year's Eve)

6.30am Mass (weekday morning mass)
 7.30pm Thanksgiving Mass (English)

Tue 1 Jan (New Year's Day)

7am Mass (English)
 9.15am Mass (Tamil)
 NO DEVOTION TO ST ANTHONY *

November 2018 - Update on Our Parish

On Nov 3, we welcomed our new Parish Priest, Fr Ignatius Yeo and bid farewell to Fr Andrew Wong. We also welcomed Fr Edmund Chong, our new assistant parish priest.

Even before Nov 3, Fr Ignatius has been coming to the church to prepare for the handover from Fr Andrew. On Nov 8 and Nov 26, Fr Ignatius worked with parish leaders to elect the chairman and 2 vice-chairmen of the new EXCO, the executive committee of the church.

The new chairman is *Richard Hogan* who has just finished his term as chairman of the Events Keystone. The two vice-chairmen are *Gerard Nonis* who was a Catechetical Coordinator for many years and *Andre Ng*, himself a previous chairman of EXCO.

In the coming months, the new EXCO will discern on work and programs to address the pastoral concerns of our parishioners. On Nov 13, various ministries presented what their ministries are all about to Fr Ignatius. Also in Nov, the church started the first phase of the Alteration and Addition works initiated by Fr Andrew. The work will be done in 3 phases. The first phase which lasts till the end of the year will be on the roof of the church and in the columbarium & Grotto. We will share more updates on the A&A works soon.

This update is by:
Anthony Ng, Communications & Publicity

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| <p>2018 年将临期北区忏悔礼 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 20/12(星期四), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂 21/12(星期五), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂</p> | <p>圣诞节弥撒时间 圣诞节前夕 (12月24日) 7.30pm (华语) 9.30pm & 午夜 (英语) 圣诞节 (12月25日) 9.15am (淡米尔语) 11.00am (英语)</p> | <p>圣安多尼堂面包小组 帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动 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>以心神体验天主 (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>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体 心灵祈祷聚会 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. Lucy 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> | |

திருவருகை காலம் இரண்டாம் ஞாயிறு

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