



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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"He who is mightier than I is coming"

R1: Zephaniah 3:14-18

RP: Ps16:5, 8-11

R2: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Meditation:

When John the Baptist appeared on the public scene and began to prophesy the whole nation of Israel took notice. It had been many hundreds of years since a prophet had spoken out and performed signs in the land of Israel. John broke the long silence with the sudden announcement that the Messiah (God's Anointed One) was about to appear. God had long ago promised his people through the patriarchs of the old covenant (Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob), and through the prophets (Isaiah, Jeremiah, Zephaniah, etc.) and rulers of Israel (Moses, David), that he would send them a Redeemer who would save them from their sins, free them from oppression, fill them with the joy of his presence (Zephaniah 3:17), and bring them his everlasting kingdom of peace and righteousness. John brought 'good news' to the people: The people recognized that John was an extraordinary man of God and a true prophet who spoke in God's name. They came out to hear the "good news" (Luke 3:18) which he preached to them. And they willingly submitted to his baptism of repentance at the River Jordan where he preached. John's task was to wake people up from spiritual sleep and indifference, and to turn them back to hear God's voice and obey his commandments. John wanted the people to be in a good place to receive the Messiah and follow him.

John's message of repentance: John's message of renewal and repentance was very practical. He told the people three things: First, every follower of God must share what they possess (their personal goods and resources) with their neighbours, especially with those who lacked the basic necessities of life. John recognized that this was a key duty for every individual and an outward expression of the great commandment to love one's neighbour as oneself (Leviticus 19:18). Second, John pointed out the sacred duty to give each and every person what is their due and to not take from them what rightfully belongs to them. God commands that each person be treated with respect and that honour be given where honour is due. John told the tax collectors that they must not coerce people to pay more tax money than what was rightfully due. (Tax collectors often made handsome profits for themselves by overcharging other people.) John instructed soldiers to not abuse their authority or power to compel people to give or do things for them beyond what was rightful and their due. John did not tell them to leave their profession, but to be good, honest, and respectful soldiers. And thirdly, John exhorted his listeners to be content with what they had and to avoid coveting what belonged to others. John basically called the people to turn back to God and to walk in his way of love and righteousness.

The word of God has power to transform us: Whenever the Gospel is proclaimed it has power to awaken faith in people who will listen and turn to God. God, in turn, is always ready to open our eyes to the spiritual reality of his kingdom and to the power and action of the Holy Spirit who transforms us into the likeness of Christ. John's message of "good news" aroused in many people a new hope and joyful expectation that this was now the decisive moment for God's Anointed One (the long-expected Messiah and Saviour of Israel) to come with power, justice, and judgment to establish his reign of peace and righteousness. Many wondered aloud if John himself might be the promised Messiah, the one who would deliver them from oppression. John's response was loud and clear - he was only the herald's voice who prepares the way for the Messiah's coming.

The Messiah will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire: John's baptism was for repentance - turning away from sin and taking on a new way of life according to God's word. John said that the Messiah would "baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire." Fire in biblical times was associated with God and with his action in the world and in the lives of his people. God sometimes manifested his presence by use of fire, such as the burning bush which was not consumed when God spoke to Moses (Exodus 3:2). The image of fire was also used to symbolize God's glory (Ezekiel 1:4, 13), his protective presence (2 Kings 6:17), his holiness (Deuteronomy 4:24), his righteous judgment (Zechariah 13:9), and his wrath against sin (Isaiah 66:15-16). The fire of the Holy Spirit: In the New Testament, the image of fire is also used of the Holy Spirit who comes to cleanse us from sin and make us holy (Matthew 3:11 and Acts 2:3). God's fire both purifies us of sin and it inspires in us a reverent fear of God and of his word. And it increases our desire for holiness and for the joy of meeting the Lord when he comes again. Our baptism in Jesus Christ by water and the Spirit results in a new birth and entry into God's kingdom as his beloved sons and daughters (John 3:5). Jesus is ready to give us the fire of his Spirit that we may radiate the joy of the Gospel to a world in desperate need of God's light and truth. The word of God has power to change and transform our lives that we may be lights pointing others to Jesus Christ, the true light of the world (John 8:12). Like John the Baptist, we too are called to give testimony to the light and truth of Jesus Christ. Do you point others to Jesus Christ in the way you speak and live?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. Do you believe that God's word is "good news" for you? And do you allow his word to take root and grow in you, and bring you the fruit of joy, freedom, and new life in the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you want to be on fire for God and for the return of the Lord Jesus when he comes in his glory? How will you prepare for the return of the Lord Jesus?

PRAYER: "Lord Jesus, let your light burn brightly in my heart that I may know the joy and freedom of your kingdom. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and empower me to witness the truth of your gospel and to point others to the light of Christ."

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

\$10 947.70
was collected from
2nd Sunday of Advent
8 & 9 December



There will be a
2nd collection
next week!
This is conducted
every 4th week of the
month for the
Church Maintenance
Fund.

*We thank you for your
generous support!*

MORNING MASS:

Mon-Sat: 6.30am Lauds: 6.15am

EVENING MASS:

Mon, Wed, Thu & Fri: 6.30pm

Vespers: 6.15pm

Rosary: After all evening masses

Public Holiday: 7am only

This weekend, there is a 2nd collection for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. GIRO forms, cheques or cash can be sealed into GIFT envelopes and dropped into the collection bags that will go around. Spare GIFT envelopes are available in the church pews, and at the parish office. Please give generously for the vision of the archdiocese.

More info is available - gift.catholicfoundation.sg

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.

Devotion to St Anthony:

Tues 18 Dec 5.45pm; Mass 6.30pm
25 Dec & 1 Jan – NO DEVOTION
Starting from Sunday 6 Jan 2019
4.45pm followed by Mass 5.30pm

Divine Mercy: Fridays 8pm

Sacred Heart: 1st Fri after the
6.30pm Mass & Rosary
(Venue to be confirmed)

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

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 the Special
Christmas Sale for the Church
Renovation this weekend!**



Theme:

Mother Most
Admirable

SIMBANG GABI

Dec. 21, 2018, 8PM

**PRAYER FOR
PRIESTS &
VOCATIONS** on Thu
20 Dec will be
cancelled because
of the North District
Advent Recon.



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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**

Thank you for your kind support – donating the required food items for the past weeks.

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 & Sun 16 Dec
(9am to 3pm)**

**DISTRIBUTION
OF TEXTBOOKS**

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COMING SOON.....

There will be 2 new Love Offering envelopes:
 1) **THANKSGIVING PRAYER OFFERING** – all your intentions will be offered up at **EVERY MASS** during the **CHRISTMAS SEASON - Mon 24 December 2018 to Tue 1 January 2019.**

2) **ST ANTHONY NOVENA PRAYER INTENTIONS** – all your intentions will be offered up **EVERY SUNDAY** during the Novena and Mass at 5.30pm.

You may choose any amount you wish to give and drop the sealed envelope in any of the Donation Boxes around the Church.

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**MISSION I.M. POSSIBLE FINALE SHOWCASE:**

**Sat 29 December 2018, 7pm at the Auditorium**

All are invited to the party of the year!  
 Come down to celebrate and witness our talented youths showcasing the new skills they have picked up over the holidays.

*“With man, this is impossible. But not with God; All things are possible with God.” - Mark 10:27*

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THE DEVOTION TO ST ANTHONY will **NOT** be on Tuesdays and will be changed to Sundays w.e.f. **January 2019.** Our 1st Devotion in 2019 will be on **Sun 6 Jan at 4.45pm** followed by the Sunday evening mass at 5.30pm.

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**CHURCH RENOVATIONS (A & A)**

Due to the A & A renovations from 2 January 2019 in the main church hall, the **weekend masses** will be held at the **Level 3 & 4 of the Fireplace.** The **weekday masses** will be held at **St Lucy room** of the Dwelling Place. Mass timings are as usual. Rosary will be right after the Sat sunset mass and Sun evening mass. The mass on every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month will be changed to 6.30pm at St Lucy room. All evening masses from Mon to Fri will be at 6.30pm w.e.f. 2 January 2019.

For more enquiries, please call the parish office at 6368 3804.

**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)**

- 6.30am Mass (weekday morning mass)
- 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)
- Rosary at the Grotto after 7am mass.*
- 9.15am Mass (Tamil)

**NO DEVOTION TO ST ANTHONY \***

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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
Thu	20	St Anthony	-	8
Fri	21	St Joseph(BT)	-	8

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**MISA SYUKUR AKHIR TAHUN 2019**

The Indonesian Community in Singapore will hold our Year-end Thanksgiving Mass in Indonesian language on Monday 31 December at the Church of the Risen Christ, 91 Toa Payoh Central.

The programme will start with rosary recitation at 7.30pm followed by mass and fellowship afterwards. The mass will be offered by Fr. Kamelus Kamus, CICM and Fr. F.X.R. Sambodo, SS.CC. All Indonesians are welcome.

For more info, contact : Sunny (91543490) or Angelika Sundari (91112030).

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| <p><b>2018 年将临期北区忏悔礼</b><br/>                 14/12(星期五), 8pm - 海星圣母堂<br/>                 17/12(星期一), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣复活堂<br/>                 18/12(星期二), 8pm - 圣神堂<br/>                 19/12(星期三), 10:30am, 8pm - 耶稣君王堂<br/> <b>20/12(星期四), 8pm - 圣安多尼堂</b><br/>                 21/12(星期五), 8pm - 圣若瑟堂</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p><b>圣安多尼敬礼 (英语)</b><br/>                 从 2019 年开始, 每星期圣安多尼敬礼将从周二改在主日天 4. 45pm 黄昏弥撒前举行。2019 年第一次敬礼将在星期日 1 月 6 日。</p>                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p><b>圣安多尼堂面包小组帮助贫困家庭的慈善活动</b><br/>                 包装礼篮将于 12 月 16 日 1. 30pm 进行。<br/>                 分发礼篮于 12 月 23 日 1. 30pm (St Basil Room)</p>                                                                                                                                    |
| <p><b>圣诞节弥撒时间</b><br/> <b>星期一-圣诞前夕 (12月24日)</b><br/>                 7. 30pm (华语)<br/>                 9. 30pm &amp; 午夜 (英语)<br/> <b>星期二圣诞节 (12月25日)</b><br/>                 9. 15am (淡米尔语)<br/>                 11. 00am (英语)<br/>                 当天没有圣安多尼敬礼*<br/> <b>星期一-新年前夕 (12月31日)</b><br/>                 6. 30am (平日英语弥撒)<br/>                 7. 30pm (英语感恩弥撒)<br/> <b>星期二新年 (2019年1月1日)</b><br/>                 7. 00am (英语弥撒)<br/>                 9. 15am (淡米尔语弥撒)<br/>                 当天没有圣安多尼敬礼*</p> | <p><b>圣安多尼堂装修事项更改</b><br/>                 从 2019 年 1 月 2 日开始, 圣安多尼大堂将进行 3 至 4 个月的装修。期间, 主日弥撒会改在 Fireplace 3 楼和 4 楼举行, 平日弥撒则在 St Lucy Room 举行。弥撒时间和往常一样。英语玫瑰经会在周六和主日黄昏弥撒后诵读。每个月的第一个星期五 6. 30pm 弥撒会改在 St Lucy Room 举行。从 2019 年 1 月 2 日开始, 周一至周五黄昏弥撒时间是 6. 30pm。<br/>                 更多详情, 可向办公室询问。电话: 63683804.</p> | <p><b>formed.org</b><br/>                 浏览 formed.org 并注册一个免费帐户, 学习要理和信仰培育课程, 与家人或邻里小团体一起观看圣人影片等。<br/>                 PARISH CODE: f8d505<br/> <b>圣堂补习班</b><br/>                 我们需要义务老师为小学和中学生补习。<br/>                 如果你觉得天主教在呼唤你为祂服务, 请联络 Dorothy dorothyvette@gmail.com</p> |

**திருவருகை காலம் மூன்றாம் ஞாயிறு**

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| <p><b>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை</b><br/> <b>நாள்:</b> ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் சனிக்கிழமை<br/> <b>நேரம்:</b> மாலை 7 மணிக்கு<br/> <b>நற்கருணை ஆராதனையும்</b><br/>                 அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் மற்றும்<br/> <b>நாள்:</b> ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் இரண்டாம் சனிக்கிழமை<br/> <b>நேரம்:</b> மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு<br/> <b>ஜெபமாலையும்</b> அதை தொடர்ந்து தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் நடைபெறும்.<br/>                 அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.<br/> <b>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம்</b><br/>                 மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p> | <p><b>Spoken English Course</b><br/>                 நமது ஆலயத்தில் இலவசமாக கற்றுக்கொடுக்கப்படும்.<br/> <b>நேரம்:</b> மதியம் 12:00 - 1.00 வரை<br/>                 மூன்றாவது &amp; நான்காவது ஞாயிற்றுக்கிழமை!<br/>                 தொடர்பு: ஜஸ்டின் 9010 4974 justmefran29@gmail.com<br/> <b>பொங்கல் திருநாள்</b><br/> <b>நாள்:</b> 12/1/2019 சனிக்கிழமை<br/> <b>இடம்:</b> ஆடிட்டோரியம்<br/>                 மாலை 6:00 மணிக்கு தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் அதனை தொடர்ந்து பொங்கல் சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் நடைபெறும்.<br/>                 அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொள்ள அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்!</p> | <p><b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் கேரோல்ஸ் (Carlos)</b><br/>                 தேதி: 14.12.2018 &amp; 15.12.2018<br/>                 உங்கள் இல்லங்களுக்கு வரவேண்டுமெனில் கீழ்காணும் எண்ணிற்கு தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள். சதாகர் 9239 1043<br/> <b>கிறிஸ்துமஸ் மற்றும் புத்தாண்டு தமிழ் திருப்பலி</b><br/>                 தேதி: 25.12.2018<br/>                 நேரம்: காலை 9:15 மணிக்கும்<br/>                 தேதி: 01.01.2019<br/>                 நேரம்: காலை 9:15 மணிக்கும்<br/>                 தமிழில் திருப்பலி நடைபெறும்!<br/>                 அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொண்டு இறை ஆசீர்பெற அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்.</p> |
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