



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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JOYFUL ANTICIPATION OF THE MESSIAH

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4

Reading 2: Hebrews 10:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Gospel reading : Luke 1:39-45

Meditation:

Blessed are you if you see and recognize the Lord with the "eyes of faith". The word "blessed" [makarios in Greek] literally means "happiness" or "beatitude". It describes a kind of joy which is serene and untouchable, self-contained, and independent from chance and changing circumstances of life.

God gives us supernatural joy with hope in his promises: 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. Anselm, a great teacher and Archbishop of Canterbury (1033-1109), spoke these words in a homily: "Without God's Son nothing could exist; without Mary's son, nothing could be redeemed." To be chosen by God is an awesome privilege and responsibility. Mary received both a crown of joy and a cross of sorrow. Her joy was not diminished by her sorrow because it was fueled by her faith, hope, and trust in God and his promises.

Jesus promised his disciples that "no one will take your joy from you" (John 16:22). The Lord gives us a supernatural joy which enables us to bear any sorrow or pain and which neither life nor death can take away. They were filled with the Holy Spirit. What is the significance of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth before the birth of Jesus? When Elizabeth greeted Mary and recognized the Messiah in Mary's womb they were filled with the Holy Spirit and with a joyful anticipation of the fulfilment of God's promise to give a Saviour. What a marvellous wonder for God to fill not only Elizabeth's heart with his Holy Spirit but the child in her womb as well. John the Baptist, even before the birth of the Messiah, pointed to his coming and leaped for joy in the womb of his mother as the Holy Spirit revealed to him the presence of the King to be born.

The Lord wants to fill each of us with his Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God's gift to us to enable us to know and experience the indwelling presence of God and the power of his kingdom. The Holy Spirit is the way in which God reigns within each of us.

At the Christmas liturgies, in hundreds of nations, billions of people will look at statues or pictures of the body of Baby Jesus. Moreover, hundreds of millions of people always carry with them crucifixes depicting the crucified body of Jesus. There is something awesome and mysterious about the body of Jesus. When the body of Jesus was just beginning to be formed shortly after Mary conceived Him, Mary took Jesus' body "into the hill country to a town of Judah, where she entered Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leapt in her womb. Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit" (Lk 1:39-41). The first days of the presence of Jesus' body on earth resulted in an explosion by the Holy Spirit. Several months later, wise men saw the body of Baby Jesus and were compelled to give Him gold, frankincense, and myrrh (Mt 2:11). Several years later, thousands of people touched "just the tassel" of the cloak clothing Jesus' body, and "all who touched Him got well" (see Mk 6:56). Today, we can touch the body of Christ in even more powerful and intimate ways by loving the Body of Christ, the Church (see Eph 5:25ff), and especially by receiving the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. That is why the season beginning Tuesday is called "Christmas," for at Mass we touch Christ's Body.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. Do you recognize the indwelling presence of the Lord Jesus in your life? How does this presence portray itself in your life?
2. Do you know the joy of a life given over to God in faith and trust? Have you experienced it?
3. Do you live in the joy and knowledge of God's indwelling presence with you through his Holy Spirit? How do you live this life in the Holy Spirit?

"Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and give me joy in seeking you more earnestly. Increase my faith in all your promises, my hope in the joy of heaven, and my love for You as my All."

Source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager

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\$9826.70

was collected from
3rd Sunday of Advent
15 & 16 December

\$3698.50

was collected from
the Special Christmas Sale on
Sun 16 December.

(\$3138.50 from Jumble Sale
\$560 from Canteen.)

Thank you for your generosity!

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

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:

25 Dec & 1 Jan – NO DEVOTION
for these 2 Tuesdays.

Divine Mercy: Fridays 7.30pm
(St Thomas Aquinas room, @
basement in the Dwelling Place)

Sacred Heart: 1st Fri mass
w.e.f. Jan 2019, 7pm after the
6.30pm Mass & Rosary

(St Lucy, Level 4 Dwelling Place)

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:

Closed for both Sundays

23 Dec and 30 Dec because of
the festive season.



There is a 2nd
collection **this week!**
for the Church
Maintenance Fund.

*We thank you for your
generous support!*

CHURCH RENOVATIONS (A & A) will start
from 2 January 2019 in the main church
hall, **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
and Sun evening mass.

The mass on every **1st 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.**

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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Parish Code & your own email.
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**ST ANTHONY BREAD
PROJECT**

Thank you for your kind
support – donating the
required food items for the
past weeks. Distribution of
hampers is on
Sunday 23 Dec 2018.

**This event will be held @
1.30pm in St Basil Rm.**
Everyone is invited to help!

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Mon 24 December

6.30am Morning Mass
7.30pm Chinese Mass
8.45pm Pageant(children)
9.30pm English Mass
11.00pm Carolling
12 mn English Mass

Tue 25 December

9.15am Tamil Mass
11.15am English Mass
No Devotion to St Anthony

**DEVOTION TO ST
ANTHONY @ CSA**

W.E.F. January 2019, the
Devotion to St Anthony will
be changed to Sundays.
The 1st devotion in 2019 is
on **Sunday 6 January 2019,**
4.45pm followed by the
5.30pm Sun evening mass.

**1)THANKSGIVING PRAYER
OFFERING**

This new Love Offering
envelope is for the above-
mentioned purpose - all
your intentions which will
be offered up at **EVERY
MASS** during the
**CHRISTMAS SEASON -
Mon 24 Dec 2018**

**(Christmas Eve) to Tue 1
Jan 2019 (New Year's Day).**

**2) St Anthony Novena
Prayer Intentions** –another
new envelope is for all your
intentions which will be
offered up at every Sunday
during the St Anthony
Novena and Mass.

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

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday 31 December 2018

6.30am Weekday Morning Mass
7.30pm Thanksgiving English Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday 1 January 2019

7.00am English Mass
9.15am Tamil Mass

No Devotion to St Anthony

MASS & HEALING SERVICE

Call to Me
&
I will answer you

JEREMIAH 33:3

**ROSARY | PRAISE & WORSHIP
MASS | ADORATION**

Rev. Fr. Valerian Cheong

**CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY
AUDITORIUM
JANUARY 5th 2019
7:00PM**

www.gloriapatri.org



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 PROGRAMME

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

SHARE A POT – The SAP team will be taking a break
for the festive season in December.

The next session will resume on **Tuesday**
8 January 2019, 9am at the Audi. *All are welcome!*

CATECHISM WILL RESUME SAT 19 JANUARY 2019

Catechism session from 1.30pm to 3pm will be
change to **1.45pm to 3.15pm** from 2019 onwards.

Please note that Catechism classes will **not be held**
in the Fireplace w.e.f. Saturday 5 January 2019.

Check details on the noticeboard outside the Coffee
Corner for the rooms your levels are assigned to, the
Catechist name list, retreat dates and schedules
from Term 1 to 4.

For further enquiries, please email
catechistcoordinator@saint-anthony.org

**COUNTDOWN CELEBRATION TO THE NEW YEAR
2019 - RETRO NIGHT!**

Monday 31 December 2018, 8.30pm (after the
Thanksgiving Mass) at the Church Auditorium

Join us for a night of food & fellowship, games, live
songs and dancing!

Potbless welcomed! See you there!

MILESTONE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

For couples who have celebrated/are celebrating
their 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th etc (in multiple of 5
years) wedding anniversary this year 2018, we
would like to invite you to come celebrate as a
community on **Sunday 30 December 2018**
during the **5.30 pm** Sunday evening Mass.

You can register through email csas.flt@gmail.com
or contact Victor @ 96909461.

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by taking part
in our survey!

<https://tinyurl.com/y9qq7kgj>

From now to January 7, 2019

<p>迎接 2019 年（新年倒数庆祝活动） 日期: 31/12/2018 时间: 8.30pm (感恩弥撒后) 地点: 底层礼堂 大家一起欢庆和迎接新年, 享受美食与共融。有游戏、现场歌唱和舞蹈! 欢迎携带食物。</p>	<p>圣安多尼敬礼（英语） 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>结婚周年弥撒 邀请所有在今年庆祝结婚 5 周年, 10 周年, 15 周年, 20 周年纪念(以此类推, 可被 5 除尽的数字)的夫妇们一起参加于 30/12/18(星期日) 5.30pm 的弥撒, 与教友们一起庆祝结婚周年。 报名与询问: Victor 96909461</p>
<p>圣诞节弥撒时间 星期一-圣诞前夕（12月24日） 7.30pm (华语) 9.30pm & 午夜 (英语) 星期二-圣诞节（12月25日） 9.15am (淡米尔语) 11.00am (英语) 当天没有圣安多尼敬礼* 星期一-新年前夕（12月31日） 6.30am (平日英语弥撒) 7.30pm (英语感恩弥撒) 星期二-新年（2019年1月1日） 7.00am (英语弥撒) 9.15am (淡米尔语弥撒) 当天没有圣安多尼敬礼*</p>	<p>圣安多尼堂装修事项更改 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。 更多详情, 可向办公室询问。电话: 63683804.</p>	<p>圣安多尼堂神恩复兴团体 - 感恩祭与圣体医治 日期: 13/01/2019 (星期日) 时间: 2:00pm - 5:00pm 主祭: 林长震神父 地点: 底层礼堂 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) , 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们出席</p>

திருவருகை காலம் நான்காம் ஞாயிறு

<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.</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</p>	<p>ஆலய சீரமைப்புப் பணி ஜனவரி 2 ஆம் தேதி முதல் நமது ஆலய சீரமைப்பு பணி தொடங்கவிருப்பதால் தமிழ் திருப்பலி ஆனது Fire Place இல் உள்ள 3-வது தலத்தில் நடைபெறும். மேலும் விவரங்களுக்கு ஆலய அலுவலகத்தை தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள் 9239 1043</p>
<p>ஒப்புரவு திருவருட்சாதனம் மாலை 7:00 மணிக்கு குருவானவர் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனம் வழங்கிக்கொண்டு இருப்பார் இதனை பயன்படுத்தி மாதம் ஒருமுறை இறைவனிடம் நாம் கொண்டுள்ள உறவை புதுப்பித்துக்கொள்வோம்.</p>	<p>பொங்கல் திருநாள் நாள்: 12/1/2019 சனிக்கிழமை இடம்: ஆடிட்டோரியம் மாலை 6:00 மணிக்கு தமிழில் திருப்பலியும் அதனை தொடர்ந்து பொங்கல் சிறப்பு நிகழ்ச்சிகளும் நடைபெறும். அனைவரும் குடும்பத்துடன் கலந்துகொள்ள அன்புடன் அழைக்கிறோம்!</p>	<p>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>