



ST ANTHONY'S VOICE

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"They fell down and worshiped Jesus"

Reading 1: Isaiah 60:1-6

Reading 2: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Gospel reading : Matthew 2:1-12

Meditation:

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

John Chrysostom (347-407 AD), in his homily on this passage from Matthew 2, explains the significance of the star of Bethlehem:

"Note how fitting the order of events was: the wise men saw the star, were received by the Jews and their king; they heard prophecy to explain what had appeared; the angel instructed them; and then they journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the guidance of the star. From all this we learn that this was not an ordinary star, for no other star has this capacity to guide, not merely to move but to beckon, to "go before them," drawing and guiding them along their way. The star remained after bringing them to the place, in order that the child might also be seen. For there is nothing conspicuous about the place. The inn was ordinary. The mother was not celebrated or notable. The star was needed to manifest and illumine the lowly place, until they had reached their destination at the manger." [The Gospel of Matthew, Homily 7:3] In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the new born King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6) and King of Kings (Revelations 19:16), gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. "Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace" (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Saviour, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Saviour on their journey of life.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

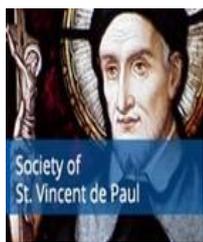
1. How do you build your personal relationship with God so that you are able to know and encounter our loving Father more intimately?
2. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony? How do you bring this light to others?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."

Source: www.dailyscripture.net, author Don Schwager

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\$28 262.00
 was collected from
 Sunday 29 & 30 December
 & the Christmas masses
Thank you for your generosity!



Collection: \$8849.45
 Expenditure: \$8910.00
 There is a 2nd collection
 for SSVP this week.
*We thank you for your
 generous support!*

PLEASE TAKE NOTE :
 In view of our
 compliance to SG
 Secure and safety during
 our A & A renovation
 works from Wednesday
 2 January 2019, the
 Church gates will be
 closed from 11.00pm to
 5.30am.

MORNING MASS:
 Mon - Sat: 6.30am Lauds:6.15am
EVENING MASS:
 Mon - Fri: 6.30pm
 Vespers: 6.15pm
 Rosary: After all evening masses
 St Lucy Rm, Lvl 4, Dwelling Pl
 Public Holiday: 7am only

**CATECHISM WILL RESUME ON
 SATURDAY 19 JAN UARY 2019**

Catechism classes from 1.30pm to 3pm
 will be changed to **1.45pm to 3.15pm** from
 2019 onwards.

Not to worry that you
 would be trapped in the
 Church if you stay
 beyond 11.00pm. There
 is a release button for
 the pedestrian gate. As
 for cars parked in the
 Church, there is a sensor
 near the gate which will
 automatically open the
 gate.

WEEKEND MASSES:
 Sat Sunset: 5.30pm
 Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin)
 Sun: 9.15am, 11.15am & 5.30pm
 Rosary will be at 6.30pm
 after Sat sunset mass &
 after Sun evening mass.

Please note that Catechism classes will
NOT be held in the Fireplace from 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.

Devotion to St Anthony:
 Sundays 4.45pm at Level 3
 Fireplace before 5.30pm mass

Please take note that all students have to
 be appropriately dressed for Catechism
 classes and be punctual for all lessons.

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

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

**PARISH OFFICE SHIFTED W.E.F. SAT
 29 DEC 2018**

As the Parish Office will be renovated
 from 2 January 2019, it has been
 temporarily shifted to the Book
 keeper's office located on the level 3
 in the Fireplace, right next to the
 Youth Coordinators' office.

We apologise for any inconvenience
 caused.

Sacred Heart: 1st Fri mass
 7pm after the 6.30pm Mass
 & Rosary (St Lucy, Level 4
 ,Dwelling Place). No Divine Mercy.

**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

**CHANGES DUE TO THE
 CHURCH
 RENOVATIONS (A & A)**
 starting from Wed 2 Jan,
 1)Basement toilets will
 be under renovation.
 2)Weekend masses will
 be held at Level 3 & 4 of
 the Fireplace.
 2)Weekday masses will
 be held at St Lucy room
 of the Dwelling Place.
**Mass timings are as
 usual.**
 3)St Anthony Devotion
 will be on Sundays at
 4.45pm in level 3 of the
 Fireplace.
 4)The mass on every 1st
Friday of the month will
 be changed to 6.30pm at
St Lucy room.
 5)Divine Mercy will be at
 7.30pm St Thomas room.

**Please take note that
 the Mass Intentions Drop
 Box and the Church
 Donation Box will be
 relocated to the level 3
 of the Fireplace right
 next to the Lift.*

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.

The canteen is open from 8am
 to 12noon, please support the
 Chinese Ministry this weekend.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR ORANGES

As a tradition, oranges will be distributed during the Chinese New Year Day masses. We appeal for cash donation so that we can purchase the oranges in bulk. Please put the donation directly into the donation box labelled "Oranges for Chinese New Year" located on Level 3 next to the lift in the Fireplace. Use the donation envelopes only if you need a receipt. *Do take note that any excess amount collected will be channelled to the Church Maintenance Fund.*

Thank you for your generous support!

PONGAL FESTIVAL

A hearty invitation to everyone to celebrate Pongal Festival on **Saturday 12 January 2019 @7.30pm in the Auditorium.**

For registration, please contact Sudhakar at **92391043**.



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) is on Tue 22 Jan 2019, 7:30pm at Agape Village, Toa Payoh Lorong 8.

Contact us via email: pieta.singapore@gmail.com or facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

CANA invites you to 'repeat' screenings of 4 popular films that were featured in our recent Cana Film Festival 2018. Come on down with your friends and loved ones!

LOVE AND BANANAS

- Sat 26 Jan 2019, 3.00 - 5.15 pm

BENDING THE ARC

- Sat 23 Feb 2019, 3.00 - 5.15 pm

Seats on first come first served basis, RSVP via canatheplacetobe2013@gmail.com or call **63384080**. Love offering. More info on www.canafilmfest.com

WELCOMING RETURNING CATHOLICS

2019 Landings programme will commence at the:

- Church of the Holy Spirit (Monday 4 March)
- Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (Thursday 25 April)

We invite Catholics seeking a reconnection with the Faith and those interested in this ministry to participate in this 10-week programme. Interested participants will need to register.

Registration closes on 18 February (for programme in Church of the Holy Spirit) and 18 April (for programme in Cathedral of the Good Shepherd).

An evening of Returning Stories will be held on **Friday 22 March 2019** at the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd. You will hear stories of returning to the church – of struggles, challenges, grace and reconciliation. Please register.

Please email returning@landings.org.sg or find out more at www.landings.org.sg

AT HOME RETREAT-(2 choices)

Journey from Ashes to Easter ~ a 10-week program based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola to know Jesus more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It is a school of prayer and a Lenten preparation for Easter. Includes weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer with Scripture and one spiritual direction by Cenacle Sisters & Team.
Contribution: \$250.00

MORNINGS: 26 Feb – 30 April, Tuesdays 9.30am to 11.30am (Morning) LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School – 490 East Coast Road

EVENINGS 26 Feb - 30 April, Tuesdays 7.30-9.30 pm (Evening) Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St

TIME WITH GOD (TWG)- Women Group

Come and gather in a safe space for weekly morning of prayer, reflection and sharing for women. Please call 92985808 to confirm session.

Every Wednesday beginning 23 January 9.30 - 11.30 am La Salle Centre, 490 East Coast Rd. *Contribution: Love Offering*

To register: T: 97223148 / 92985808
W: www.cenaclemission.com
E: cenaclemissionsingapore@gmail.com

<p>圣堂办公室已搬迁 由于圣堂办公室将于2019年1月2日进行装修，因此所有行政工作暂时转移到附属建筑 (Fireplace) 3楼的办公室 (电梯出口右边)。造成的不便，敬请原谅。</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>保卫和安全事项 请注意，为符合新加坡保卫和安全要求，在本堂装修工程进行期间，所有的进出口会从晚上11点至早上5点30分关闭。 如果你在晚上11点以后无法离开，在行人出口旁，请自行按释钮打开铁门。如你是驾车者，请利用大铁闸门附近一个传感器，自动打开大门。</p>
<p>小磐石圣经研读开新课：格林多前 / 后书 开课日期：2019年2月19日 时间：每逢周二，7.30 - 9.30pm 地点：耶稣复活堂，2楼课室</p> <p>3个月课程，每周分享一次 详情请洽： 文扬 (94357754)、 素音 (84044098)、 佩芝 (92371615)、 琮英 (91195778)、 国芳 (96377402)</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念。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。</p> <p>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>

ஆண்டவரின் திருக்காட்சி பெருவிழா

<p>தமிழில் திருப்பலி மற்றும் ஜெபமாலை நாள்: ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும் முதல் சனிக்கிழமை நேரம்: மாலை 7 மணிக்கு துதி 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>பாடகர் குழு பாடகர் குழுவில் இணைந்து பாட விரும்புவவர்கள் பெயர்களைப் பதிவு செய்துகொள்ளுங்கள். பயிற்சி அளிக்கப்படும்! தொடர்பிற்கு : அருண் - 8697 6144</p>	<p>பங்கு சமூக கணக்கெடுப்பு பதிவு புதிதாக வுட்லண்ட்ஸூக்கு குடிபெயர்ந்து இருப்பவர்கள், தங்கள் குடும்பத்தை பங்கில் பதிவுசெய்ய அழைக்கிறோம். அதற்கான படிவம் ஆலய அலுவலகத்தில் கிடைக்கும்.</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>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 +65 6368 3804</p>