



# St Joseph's Church

## (Bukit Timah)

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620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
Singapore 678116

Gate Opening Hours:  
8.00AM to 9.00PM

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[facebook.com/sjcbt/](https://facebook.com/sjcbt/)

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon – Sat : 6.30am  
Mon – Fri : 6.30pm  
(Chapel of St Joseph)

#### WEEKEND MASSES

Sat : 5.30pm (Sunset)  
Sun : 7.30am (Mandarin),  
9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

#### CONFESIONS

15 mins before all weekend Masses in  
the open foyer of the main Church

### OTHER SERVICES

#### ADORATION ROOM

Mon – Fri : 8.00am to 9.00pm  
Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm  
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm  
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

#### COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

#### MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

Sat : 4.30pm to 7.00pm  
Sun : 8.30am to 1.00pm  
Every 2nd Sunday : 8.30am to 1.00pm,  
5.30pm to 7.00pm

#### DEVOTIONS

**Holy Hour** : First Friday @ 8.00pm  
in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

**Divine Mercy** : Every Friday  
(except First Friday) @ 8.00pm in the  
Chapel of St Joseph

**Garden Rosary** : Every First Saturday  
after the 5.30pm Mass

**Holy Hour for Vocations** :  
Every Third Thursday of the month @  
8.00pm in the Chapel of St Joseph

### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*Repent to listen to the Word.*

### FROM THE DESK OF THE PARISH PRIEST

Blessed Advent!

#### Advent Penitential Service

As our Parish's Advent Penitential Service is scheduled for this Fri 9 Dec, there will be **no** confessions heard before all Masses this weekend. I strongly encourage everyone to attend the Advent Penitential Service instead.

If you cannot attend the Penitential Service at our Parish, you can attend any of the other sessions offered by other Parishes (refer to page 3 for the schedule). Do note that the timing for the morning services have been changed from 10.30 am to 10 am.

#### Christmas and Year End Mass Schedules (refer to page 3 for timing)

This year, the Mandarin Choir will resume their Christmas carolling before the Mandarin Mass on Christmas Eve.

There will also be a Christmas Pageant at 11.15 pm. Please do come and render your support.

On Sat 31 Dec, there will be a Thanksgiving Mass at 9 pm. As we close the year, we want to offer our thanks to God for His abundant blessings and for keeping the community safe. This Mass will fulfil your Sunday obligations. There will also be a simple reception in the Canteen after the Mass to close the year. Do join us.

# INTRODUCING OUR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES :

## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

*"All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, for he himself will say : I was a stranger and you welcomed me."*

*Matthew 25:35*

The Hospitality Ministry at St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah) plays an integral part in helping to welcome parishioners to the Church. They also attend to the collections at Masses, maintain order during Mass and, and help supervise the arrangements for the orderly reception of Holy Communion.

At St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah), men and women of various ages, backgrounds and ethnicities have answered the call to serve the Church . They also cooperate and work together with other lay organisations and groups within the Parish in building and fostering a meaningful Christian community. In carrying out all the above, these men and women are provided with an opportunity to live their faith and most importantly to serve God and His Church.



### **Extract of Hospitality Minister's Pledge :**

*Just as you have sent your Son as a model for hospitality and ministry, may we have the courage to walk in his ways and serve your people :*

- to extend a warm reception to our parishioners;*
- to carry out our duties with humility and with an aim to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ;*
- to work co-operatively with other ministries of the Parish so as to build and foster a meaningful Christian community.*

*And help me to be your good witness at my work and leisure, for the sake of the church, which is my honour to serve.*

### **Called to Serve**

If you feel a calling to serve as a Hospitality Minister, please contact :

Lionel Lam

[hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com)



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## North District Advent Penitential Services

The North District Advent Penitential Services will resume this year. The schedule is as follows :

8 Dec (Thu)	Holy Spirit	10 am & 8 pm
9 Dec (Fri)	St Joseph's Church (BT)	8 pm
12 Dec (Mon)	Risen Christ	10 am & 8 pm
13 Dec (Tue)	Our Lady Star of the Sea	8 pm
14 Dec (Wed)	Christ the King	10 am & 8 pm
15 Dec (Thu)	St Anthony	8 pm

## Christmas & Year End Mass Schedule

Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Sat 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Sat 24 Dec	9.30 pm	Mass (Mandarin)
Sat 24 Dec	11.15 pm	Christmas Pageant
Sat 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Sun 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	English Masses
Mon 26 Dec	9.00 am	Public Holiday Mass
Sat 31 Dec	6.30 am	Weekday Mass
Sat 31 Dec	5.30 pm	Sunset Mass
Sat 31 Dec	9.00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass (Sunset Mass) (followed by reception in St Anne / St Joachim)

## 2023 Infant Baptism Schedule

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- Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please submit the registration form to the Parish Secretary.
- Registration forms can be obtained from our Church website : <https://stjoseph-bt.org.sg/services> under the section on Infant Baptism



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Rite of Baptism	Preparation Session 1 @ 2 pm (Online Session) For parents & godparent	Preparation Session 2 @ 2 pm (St Joseph AVA Room) For parents & godparent	Closing date for registration
Sun 5 Feb 2023 @ 1.30 pm	Sun 8 Jan 2023	Sun 29 Jan 2023	Fri 9 Dec 2022

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Canossaville Fundraising

#### Second Collection : Canossaville Advent 2022 Fundraising Campaign



Canossaville is a Catholic social service agency founded and guided by the Canossian Daughters of Charity.

We are committed to serving and impacting the lives of children and their families across their preschool and primary years, regardless of race, language, or religion.

Our programmes cater to both typically developing children and those with hearing loss, with the first option for the poorest living in the lower income neighbourhoods.

### Laudato Si : Sale of Pre-Loved Items (3 and 4 Dec @ #01-15)



### LAUDATO SI' “Sale” of Pre-loved items

To encourage re-use in our community, we will be organizing a “sale” of the pre-loved items collected over the past few weeks. All proceeds will go to SSVP to support our Friends-in-Need.

#### DATES

Sat 3 Dec / 10 Dec : 5pm to 7pm  
Sun 4 Dec / 11 Dec : 9am to 1pm

Venue : #01-15 (Parish Community Hall)  
(This room is located opposite the toilets on Level 1 of the Parish Community Hall.)

#### ITEMS

Costume Jewellery  
Bags/Purses/Wallets  
Toys  
Household Items



### Media Centre (Bookshop) : Christmas Fair (10 & 11 Dec)



The Daughters of St Paul Media Centre (Bookshop) will be having its annual Christmas Fair on the weekend of :

10 & 11 Dec 22

Do drop by and you may be able to pick up some delightful Christmas presents for your family and friends.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Registration for Primary Catechism 2023

Registration for Primary 1 to 6 catechism 2023 is now open.

Registrations are done on [www.myCatholic.sg](http://www.myCatholic.sg). Log in using your child's MARS account and select "2023 Catechesis" on the main page.

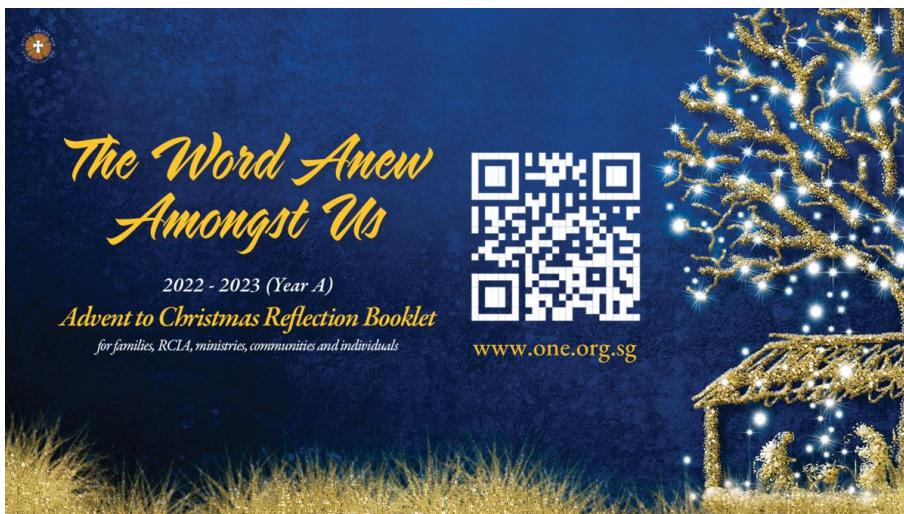
Children who are already attending catechism this year do not have to register again for next year.

If you have any queries, please email :[primarycatechesis@stjoseph-bt.org.sg](mailto:primarycatechesis@stjoseph-bt.org.sg)



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## 2022 - 2023 Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklet



Make this Advent season a time of deep reflection. Download the Advent to Christmas Reflection Booklet, and gather with family and friends as we prepare to receive the wonderful "Gift" of our Father.

<https://one.org.sg/resource/2022-2023-advent-to-christmas-reflection-booklet/>

## Canteen Closure Dates



Please note that the Canteen will be closed on these Sundays.

Christmas Day 25th of December 2022.  
New Year's Day 01st of January 2023

## Cessation of Weekly Reflections



## Our Parish Community

The Weekly Reflections from Ligouri Publications have ceased. The last issue was on Sun 20 November. We hope that you have enjoyed reading these weekly reflections. Past issues can still be found on the Church website.

## Youthline Fundraising



**YOUTHLINE**

# Please support us.

Youthline is an integrated youth service that provides a live helpline and free counselling service for anyone up to 35 years old.

Your generous support will make a difference and help us serve more young people who need help.

**By Cheque**  
Please cross your cheque and make it payable to "Youthline Ltd." You can mail it to:  
Youthline Ltd.  
7A Lorong 8 Toa Payoh  
#03-07  
Agape Village  
Singapore 319264  
Attn: Finance

**By Bank Transfer**  
Account name: Youthline Ltd.  
Bank: DBS Bank Ltd  
Account no: 072-594497-0

**By PayNow**  
Please scan here to donate:  
  
UEN: 202202715W

For more information, please visit [youthline.sg](http://youthline.sg)

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## Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Mass (Mon 12 Dec)



**Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Feast Day Mass**

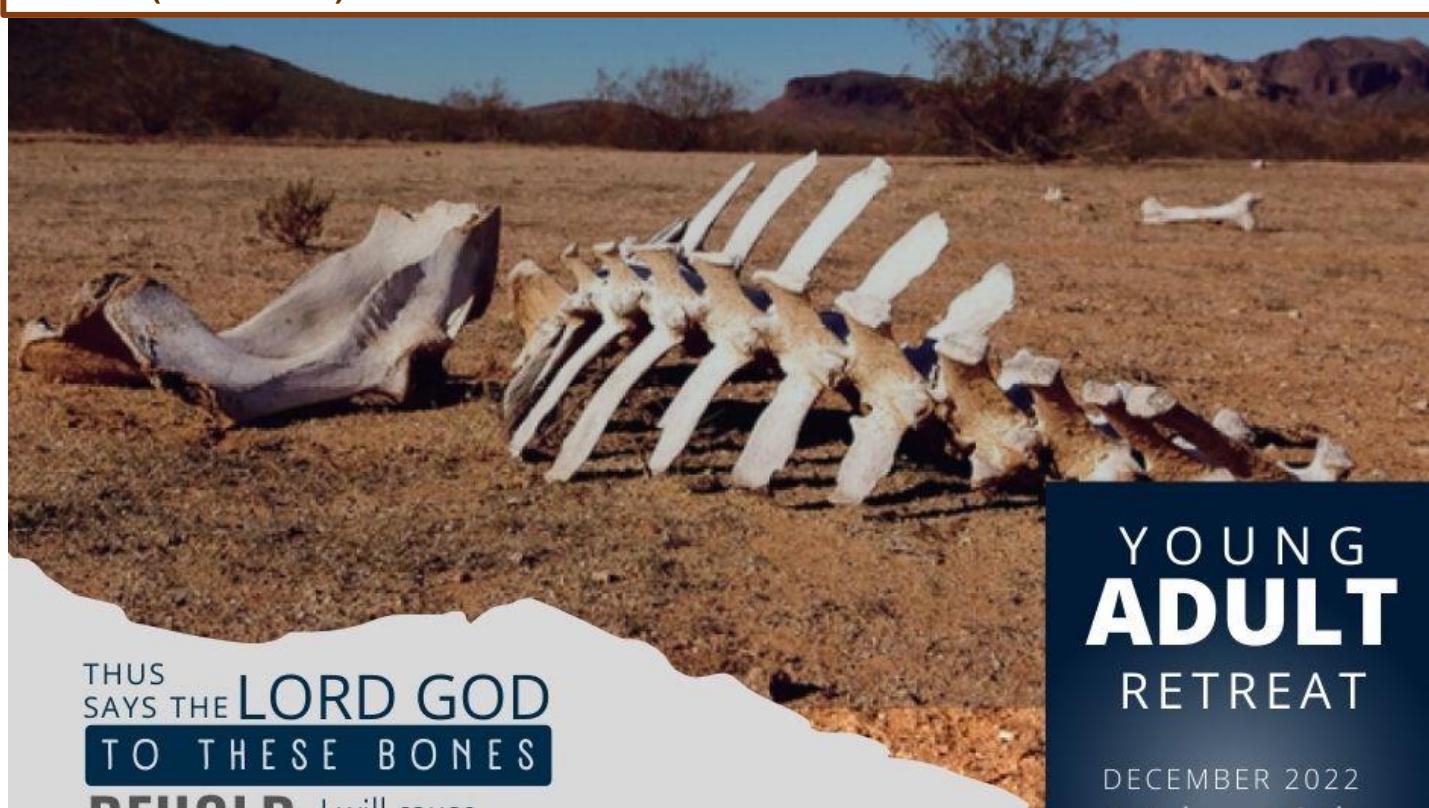
Honouring the Patroness of Unborn Children

**Date: 12 December 2022**  
**Venue: Novena Church**  
**Time: 8pm**  
**(Pro-life Rosary begins at 7pm)**

**PREGNANCY  
CRISIS &  
SUPPORT**  
a service of  
CATHOLIC FAMILY LIFE



## Breathe (15 – 18 Dec)



THUS  
SAYS THE **LORD GOD**  
TO THESE BONES

**BEHOLD,** I will cause  
breath to enter  
you, and  
**YOU SHALL LIVE** ~ EZEKIEL 37:5

**BREATHE**

**YOUNG  
ADULT  
RETREAT**

DECEMBER 2022  
15th - 18th

4-days *Stay In* Thur to Sun

 CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
Encountering God • Healing Hearts • Empowering Lives

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## OYP Adventus : Hope Alive!

The Office for Young People is excited to bring to you Adventus, an outreach program for graduating Secondary 4 and 5 students! On this day, we gather to experience what it means to be alive in hope as you prepare yourselves to enter a new phase of life as you graduate!

Date: Friday, 16 Dec 2022

Time: 10am - 1pm

Venue: Office for Young People,  
2 Lor Low Koon, Singapore 536449

Cost: Free!

Sign up at: [tinyurl.com/Adventus22](https://tinyurl.com/Adventus22)

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