



# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 06 Aug 2023 • Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

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8.00am to 9.00pm

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm  
Sat : 6.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

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

### CONFESSIONS

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)

**Mass in Honour of St Joseph** :  
First Wednesday @ 8.00pm  
in Main Church

### Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri)  
in the Chapel of St Joseph

### Garden Rosary :

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

**Grotto Rosary** : Every 13th of the month  
after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

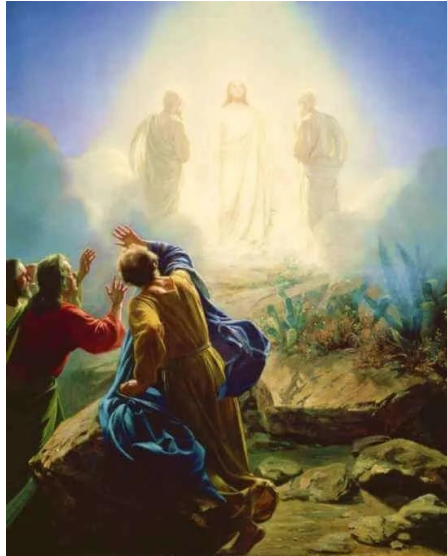
### Holy Hour for Vocations :

Every Third Thursday of the month in  
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

### Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

## From the Desk of the Parish Priest



The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord gives us a foretaste of the reward awaiting us. It is to encourage us to persevere so that we can share in Christ's glorious victory.

"This is my beloved Son,  
with whom I am well  
pleased; listen to him."  
~Matthew 17: 5

### Msgr Peter Zhang, CDD

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary

Let us offer our congratulations to Msgr Peter as he celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a priest on 26 Oct 2023.

A Thanksgiving Mass has been planned on Sun 29 Oct at 5.30 pm and this will be followed by a buffet dinner at 7 pm in the Parish Community Hall.

Registration will open on **Mon 7 Aug @ 12 nn**. Thank you for your prayers and understanding.



SACERDOS ALTER CHRISTUS

### Msgr Peter Zhang, CDD

### 20<sup>th</sup> Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary (2003 – 2023)

**Sunday, 29th October 2023**

• Mass: 5.30pm • Buffet Dinner: 7.00pm

Welcome to the celebration and praise God together for His gift of priesthood.

Tickets for Buffet dinner at \$20 per person.

Online registration opens on Monday, August 7th at 12.00 noon.

As the capacity of the venue is limited, tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Thank you for your understanding!



[bit.ly/msgrpeter](https://bit.ly/msgrpeter)

**National Day Mass (Wed 9 Aug) @ 8 am in Main Church.**

## *To Jesus through Mary*

We will honour Our Blessed Mother through several feast days over the next three months.

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Day of Obligation)**

## **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** *(Day of Obligation)*

Mass Timings  
Mon 14 Aug : 6.30 pm

Tue 15 Aug :  
6.30 am / 6.30 pm / 8.30 pm

Main Church



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The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory [Pius XII, Munificentissimus Deus 44].

### **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Fri 8 Sept)**

The Legion of Mary will be initiating a 9-day rosary devotion leading up to the Nativity.

On 9 & 10 Sept, flowers will be distributed in St Joachim's Room for parishioners to place at Our Lady's statue.

Please refer to page 3 of the bulletin for more details.

### **The Most Holy Name of Mary (Tue 12 Sept)**

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary falls on the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept, four days after the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We are encouraged to pray for our Blessed Mother's intercession to foster a deeper relationship with her beloved Son, our Lord.

### **Our Lady of Sorrows (Fri 15 Sept)**

"Our Lady of Sorrows" portrays our Blessed Mother's suffering and grief during the passion and death of our Lord.

*"This child [Jesus] is destined to be the downfall and the rise of many in Israel, a sign that will be opposed— and you yourself shall be pierced with a sword— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be laid bare" (Luke 2:34-35).*

### **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Sat 7 Oct)**

This year, the procession will take place after the 5.30 pm Mass on Sat 7 Oct.

To prepare ourselves for these special occasions, we will pray the rosary before ALL weekend Masses (starting from this weekend) and recite the consecration prayer to Our Blessed Mother at all Masses.

*Ave Maria. Gratia Plena.*



*To Jesus through Mary*

## Legion of Mary celebrates Our Lady's Birthday

**9-DAY ROSARY DEVOTION for OUR LADY'S INTENTIONS (COMMENCING ON 31 AUGUST)**

### Weekdays

**Rosary - half hour before Evening Masses**

### Weekends

**Saturday (2 & 9 September): Garden Rosary  
- 6.30 pm**

**Sunday : Rosary- 7 am (Chinese)**

- 8.50 am

- 10.50 am

- 4.50 pm



**"THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF PRAYER, THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF FAITH!"  
- POPE FRANCIS**

## Legion of Mary celebrates Our Lady's Birthday

**"PRAISE HER WITH A FLOWER"  
(9 & 10 September)**

**Flowers will be distributed at St Joachim's Room (next to canteen).**

**The roses can be placed at Our Lady's statues and/or icons. Love offerings are welcome.**



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- POPE FRANCIS**

*Ave Maria. Gratia Plena.*

Infant Baptism (deadline for registration Fri 11 Aug)

2023 Infant Baptism Schedule

- 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 8 Oct @ 1.30 pm	Sun 3 Sep 2023	24 Sep 2023	Fri 11 Aug 2023

Please note that the date for baptism has been changed from 1 Oct to 8 Oct.

Boys' Town 75th Anniversary Church Collections 2023 (12 – 13 Aug)

# BOYS' TOWN

## 75th Anniversary

### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Helping children and youth in need since 1948

2023



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Using your bank's payment app, you can donate to us by scanning the QR code or keying in our UEN No.:

**BOYS' TOWN FUND RAISING**

**UEN: 201534576H007**

For tax deduction purposes, kindly key in your information using the template below under **"Reference"**

**CC <space> NRIC <space> Mobile No.**

Physical collections will be on a weekend in **August 2023**. Look out for our friendly Boys' Town Staff who are more than happy to assist you with any inquiries you may have!



Staff/volunteers from Boys' Town will be in the parish during the weekend of 12th & 13th Aug 2023 to raise funds for their programmes and operations.


Together, we can help make a difference in these young lives!

We thank you for your kindness and support!



Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) Intercessory Prayers (Wed 16 Aug @ 8 pm)

APC INTERCESSORY PRAYERS 2023




# Igniting

OUR CHURCH

*"This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."*  
*1 John 5:14*

Let us come together to pray for and as a diocese as we work towards the Archdiocese 10-year pastoral plan.

<b>Igniting Synodality</b>	<b>Igniting Discipleship</b>	<b>Igniting Families &amp; Communities</b>	<b>Igniting Evangelisation &amp; Mission</b>	<b>Igniting Support &amp; Structures</b>
City District Church of the Sacred Heart Wed, 19 July 2023, 8pm	North District St Joseph's Church (BT) Wed, 16 Aug 2023, 8pm	East District Church of Our Lady Queen of Peace Wed, 20 Sept 2023, 8pm	City District Church of St Bernadette Wed, 18 Oct 2023, 8pm	West District Church of St Mary of the Angels Wed, 15 Nov 2023, 8pm



The APC Intercessory Prayers will be held at our Parish on Wed 16 Aug @ 8 pm in the Main Church. This will be followed by refreshments after the event.

Building up to this event, Fr Adrian Danker will be coming to celebrate Mass on Sun 13 Aug to celebrate the 11.30 am Mass.

Our wardens will be distributing pamphlets to all parishioners, so do pick up a copy and come and support the event.

Prayer thru Music (Fri 18 Aug @ 8 pm)



# Prayer thru Music

brought to you by SAHOP – (Sing A Hymn of Praise) to GOD



*Topic:*

## Gifts of the Holy Spirit

**Guest Speaker:**  
**Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna**  
(Asst Parish Priest)

**(Friday) 18<sup>th</sup> August 2023 @ 8pm**  
**Level 3, AVA Room**  
**(Parish Community Hall)**

*"He Who Sings Prays Twice" – St. Augustine*

Calling all New Parishioners (Sat 19 Aug @ 6.45 pm)



## Are you new to St Joseph's Church?

Would you like to know more about this Parish?

The priests of this Parish would like to welcome you and invite you to make this Parish your home.

Come and join our priests and other members of Parish office and ministries for a casual evening of light refreshment and fellowship.

Date / Time : 19 Aug 2023 / 6.45 PM (after Sunset Mass)

Venue : St. Anne (next to the foyer)

To find out more, email: [parishbefriender@stjoseph-bt.org.sg](mailto:parishbefriender@stjoseph-bt.org.sg) or contact the Parish office to enquire.

*Parish Befriender Group (PBG) is a ministry formed based on the social teachings of the Church. Our vision is to see that every newcomer to our parish feel welcome, and new immigrant be integrated into the parish family and contribute to the parish.*



Ave Maria Family Rosary (Sat 26 Aug)

## Ave Maria Family Rosary

Date: **26 August 2023 (Saturday)**

Time: **6:30pm - 9:00pm**

Venue: **St. Joseph AVARoom**

**Level 2, Parish Community Hall**

*You are invited to join the Filipino Community as they pray the Holy Rosary and meditate on the Word of God (Sunday Gospel Reading).*

*All are welcome!*

*Light refreshments will be provided.*



To register:

For enquiry, please contact: **Maricon @ 9227 1576** or visit

**<https://www.facebook.com/avemariafamilyrosary?mibextid=LQQJ4d>**





Art and Faith Talk (Tue 29 Aug @ 8 pm)



An Art&Faith talk

# Parables and Miracles

You have heard the Parables told by and the Miracles performed by Jesus in the Sunday Gospels of St Matthew. See how artists have visualised these stories and events, and let the paintings recount for you once more the teachings of Christ and of his divine power.

Speaker: Patricia Tan

St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)  
Tues 29 Aug 2023, 8-9.30 pm  
St Joseph AVA Room, Level 2, Parish Community Hall

Parish Assembly (Mon 13 Nov from 9 am to 11.30 am)

## 2023 PARISH ASSEMBLY

DATE : MON 13 NOV 2023  
TIME : 9 AM – 11.30 AM  
VENUE : PARISH COMMUNITY HALL  
MASS : 11.30 AM IN CHURCH

Come and share your views on how to achieve our vision to becoming a vibrant, evangelising and missionary church, under the patronage of St Joseph.



# RECRUITMENT FOR LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

## A Note from our Parish Priest

Many of our Liturgical Ministries are looking for new members to join them. We will be posting their notices in bulletin for your reference. If you are interested in helping with any of the Ministries, please do approach the members for assistance.

It takes a community to build a parish; there are many parts, but one body. We all have a role to play to build the Kingdom of God. Whatever service you can render, is welcome.

I look forward to your participation.

## Hospitality Ministry Recruitment

Interested in Joining Us?



We strongly encourage and welcome all who wish to serve the Lord by being a member of the Ministry of Hospitality.

If you are a Catholic and above 21 years of age, willing to serve the Lord through this ministry, we will be happy for you to join us.

Please drop us a mail at: [hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com](mailto:hospitality.ministry.sjc@gmail.com) or speak to any of our ministry members after the Mass.

Thank you!

### Hospitality Ministry Recruitment



## 9.30 am Choir Recruitment



St Joseph's

# 9:30AM Choir



We need You ! Singers & Musicians  
Every sunday 11.15am @ St Cecelia

For more information, drop Imbert (9618 7970) a message!



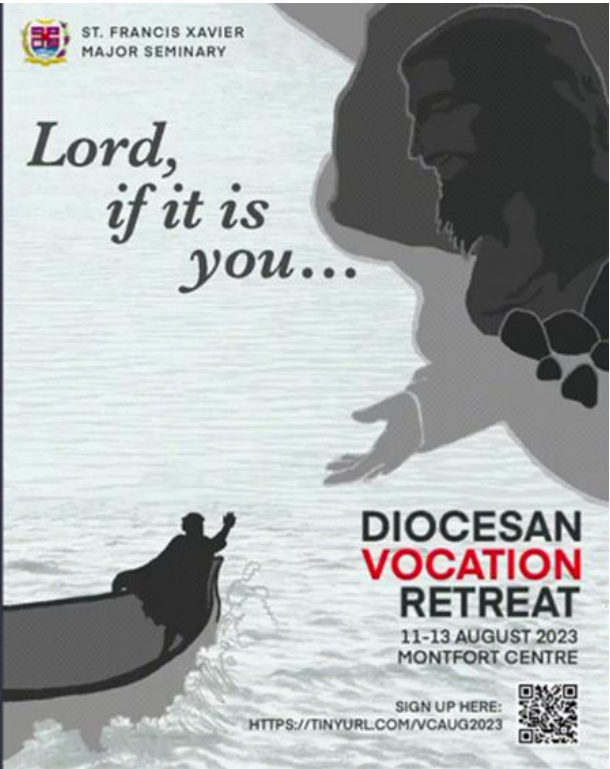
SFXMS Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat (11 – 13 Aug)

SFX Major Seminary Annual Vocation Discernment Retreat  
Dates: 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023 (Stay-in)  
Open to men ages 21-35. Priority for first-timers.  
Sign up at [tinyurl.com/vcaug2023](https://tinyurl.com/vcaug2023) or visit [seminary.catholic.sg](https://seminary.catholic.sg) for more information




ST. FRANCIS XAVIER  
MAJOR SEMINARY

*Lord,  
if it is  
you...*



**DIOCESAN  
VOCA  
TION  
RETREAT**  
11-13 AUGUST 2023  
MONTFORT CENTRE

SIGN UP HERE:  
[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/VCAUG2023](https://tinyurl.com/vcaug2023)



For those who are interested in just finding out more about the diocesan priesthood, it is highly recommended that you attend this 3-day-2-night retreat, it serves as an excellent introduction into the life of a priest and also the seminary.

As there are limited seats over at the retreat centre, please do sign up soon as the slots fill up fast. You may scan the above QR code, or find the link to the sign-up form on Catholic SG or the Seminarians Instagram or Facebook platform

Landings (4 Sep – 14 Nov)



**PHONE** now

Whether you've been away from church for a short while or a long time, know that you are never alone. We are here for you, ready to listen, support, and uplift you. Reconnect with your Catholic roots and rediscover the love and mercy of our faith.

Missed Call

A new 10-week Landings journey awaits 4 September through 14 November 2023. Contact us to find out more.

 [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg)

 SCAN ME

[www.landings.org.sg](https://www.landings.org.sg)

Welcoming Home Catholics Seeking A Reconnection

Landings Singapore presents a new 10 week programme for Catholics seeking a reconnection to the faith.

It runs from 4 September 2023 through 14 November 2023, every Monday or Tuesday from 8pm to 10.00pm.

All sessions will be held in person at Church of the Holy Spirit or Church of Queen of Peace.

We invite you to register your interest at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or visit [www.landings.org.sg](https://www.landings.org.sg)

Spirituality for the 2nd Half of Life (8 – 10 Sep)



A Cenacle Programme



SPIRITUALITY FOR THE 2ND HALF OF LIFE –  
**THE MIDLIFE TRANSITION**

Sept 8-10, 2023 (Friday evening - Sunday afternoon)

Venue: La Salle House

For ages between 40 to 60yo



Rest, Relish & Recharge! By the Beach (21 – 24 Sept)



**Beach Retreat**

*Rest,  
Relish &  
Recharge!*

**Sept 21-24, 2023**



By Cenacle Sisters, Singapore  
 [www.cenaclemission.com](http://www.cenaclemission.com)

Feeling tired from work, daily routines and ministry?

Almost at the brink of burn-out yet having no-where safe to go?


Let us go to a quiet place and rest in the Lord. This retreat is suitable for active servers and/or those taking a break from ministry to grow & deepen our relationship with self and with God.

Accompanied by Sr. Kriz & team, through an arrangement of leisure activities, these days of reflection and prayer hope to find God in all things & time.




AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Young Stewards Conference (Sat 14 Oct)



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A JOINT INITIATIVE BRINGING TOGETHER  
CHRIST@WORK & YOUNG STEWARDS CONFERENCE

Joy at Work  
Work in Love

LEARN, LOVE, AND LIVE THE LIFE  
OF JESUS CHRIST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH 2023  
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM  
ST. JOSEPH'S INSTITUTION  
38 MALCOLM ROAD SINGAPORE 308274  
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!

Catholic Foundation Dinner 2023 (Wed 8 Nov)



CATHOLIC  
FOUNDATION  
DINNER 2023

Wednesday, 8 November 2023  
@ Village Hotel, Sentosa

Hosted by His Eminence, Cardinal William Goh

5.30pm to 7.00pm – FaithWorks Art Exhibition  
& Cocktail Reception

7.00pm to 9.30pm – Dinner Programme

For more information, scan the QR code or visit  
[www.catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner](http://www.catholicfoundation.sg/cfdinner)



Quieting the Soul by Cenacle Sisters and Team

A silent 8-full day or 5-full day retreat set in the beautiful environment of the Seven Fountains Retreat Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Three choices of dates (includes travel time) :

- 1) 8 days – Nov.26 – Dec. 5, 2023
- 2) 5 days – Nov. 29 - Dec -5, 2023
- 3) 5-days – Dec. 7 – Dec. 13, 2023

Closing date: 15 September or when registration is full

Contact : 9298-5808 / 9722-3148.

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