





# St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

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 620 Upper Bukit Timah Road  
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 Gate Opening Hours:  
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 Reconciliation Rooms in 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

## 2023 Parish Assembly

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH (BUKIT TIMAH)

### Vision

A vibrant, evangelizing and missionary Church, under  
the Patronage of St Joseph.

### Mission

To nourish faith in a loving outreaching community.

### Three Pillars

Faith Formation  
Community-building  
Outreach

On behalf of the organizing team for the Parish Assembly, I would like to extend my thanks to all our parishioners who participated in the Assembly.

We really appreciate you taking the time to listen, reflect and discuss the needs of our parish.

For those who were not able to attend, you can find the various Focus Group suggestions made by our Youth, Young Adults, Adults, Parents, and Seniors using the attached QR code. Do take some time to read through them and 'like' ♥ your favourite suggestions to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary parish.

We will be sharing more follow-ups to the Parish Assembly in due course. Do look out for them.

If you would like to render your assistance and be a part of this growing community, you can email [sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg) to indicate your interest. We welcome all the support that we can get and this will also help you build a sense of belonging to our Parish.

We look forward to journeying together with you towards a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary parish!

St Joseph, Pray for us!



Progressive Upgrading around the Church

Constant upgrading is required to preserve and upkeep our grounds. Here are some of our latest projects:

The Statue of St Joseph



The statue of St Joseph received a new coat of paint recently.

The newly-painted statue was blessed after the evening Mass on Thur 16 Nov.



Rosary Garden

This also received a fresh coat of paint. The rosary beads, in place since 2017, will also be replaced in due course.



Statue of Our Lady in the Chapel of St Joseph

The statue has been relocated from the back of the Chapel to the Sanctuary to enable us to focus on our Blessed Mother when we pray the Rosary.

A note of thanks

On behalf of the priests of the parish, I would like to thank the teams who helped with these upgrading projects, especially our artists who did the re-painting works. Most of all, we thank God for His guiding hand in these projects.



# AROUND THE PARISH

## Humanitarian Aid to Gaza Crisis



Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making an appeal for those affected by the conflict in Gaza and the surrounding region.

You can donate via credit card or PayNow through the CHARIS website. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to “Humanitarian Aid Fund”, indicate “Humanitarian Aid to Gaza” at the back of the cheque, send the cheque to: CHARIS, 55 Waterloo Street, #07-02 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954.

Please contact CHARIS at 6337-4119 or scan the QR code to visit their website for more information.

Let us do our part to help where we can.

## SSVP Christmas Joy for Families-in-Need



# Sharing Christmas Joy

## Share a Gift of Love with Families-in-Need

**For more details, please visit us  
@ St Joachim Room  
on 18 & 19 Nov  
& pick up a gift card**



The Society of St Vincent De Paul invites the Parish community to share Christmas Joy with those in need by purchasing a Christmas gift, goodie bag items or bookstore vouchers for the families served by SSVP.

Drop by the St Joachim Room this weekend and pick up a gift card.

More Parables  
of the Kingdom:  
Qualities and  
attitudes of  
kingdom citizens



An Art&Faith talk

Jesus used parables to teach us how to get to the Kingdom. Let paintings recount for you these parables heard at the Sunday Gospels from Matthew.

Speaker: Patricia Tan

St Joseph’s Church (Bukit Timah)

Mon, 20th Nov 2023, 8.00-9.45pm | St Mary AVA Room, Level 3



*Prayer thru Music*  
brought to you by SAHOP

Topic:

“Praising God through Songs”

Guest Speaker:  
Carmelite  
Friar Joseph Christopher  
of Divine Truth



Scan here to  
follow us:



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023 @ 8pm  
Level 3, AVA Room  
Parish Community Hall

E-mail: [sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com](mailto:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com)



“He Who Sings Prays Twice” – St. Augustine

Christmas Fair (Sun 26 Nov)

Media Centre (Bookshop) : Christmas Fair

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

Sun 26 Nov (7.30 am – 12 nn) and  
Sat 9 Dec (4.30 pm -7.00 pm) and  
Sun 10 Dec (8.30 am – 7.00 pm)

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



First Friday Mass & Holy Hour (Fri 1 Dec) / First Wednesday Mass in Honour of St Joseph



### FIRST FRIDAY Mass and Holy Hour

Mass : 7.15pm  
Holy Hour : 8.00pm

» 3 Feb 2023

» 2 Jun 2023

» 7 Jul 2023

» 4 Aug 2023

» 1 Sep 2023

» 6 Oct 2023

» 3 Nov 2023

» 1 Dec 2023



Gifts  
of the  
Holy Spirit

### MASS IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH



### Every First Wednesday Main Church

2 Aug / 6 Sep / 4 Oct / 6 Dec  
7.30 pm : St Joseph Rosary  
8.00 pm Mass

Infant Baptism

INFANT BAPTISM  
Year 2024



RITE OF BAPTISM @ 1:30PM	PREPARATION SESSION 1 @1:30PM (Zoom) For parents and godparent	PREPARATION SESSION 2 @1:30PM (AVA SJ room) For parents and godparent	CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
4 FEB 2024	7 JAN 2024	28 JAN 2024	15 DEC 2023

Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: **St. Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah**. Download the 'Infant Baptism Registration' form (under Services>Sacraments>Baptism) and submit your registration with the relevant documents to Parish Secretary.

Email: [sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:sjcbt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse



**Little  
Shepherds'  
Schoolhouse  
is Hiring**



1. **Preschool Educator**  
2. **Assistant Preschool Educator**  
3. **Administrative Executive**

If you have a background in early childhood education and passionate about children, come join our family at Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse!

**Interested? Send your resume!**  
[lss.recruit@catholicpreschool.edu.sg](mailto:lss.recruit@catholicpreschool.edu.sg)

ACMI Skills Development Courses

ACMI Skills Development Courses (Jan-Jun 2024)



Sign up for weekend classes at the Church of St Bernadette or Agape Village!

- English Language
- Caregiver
- Basic Computer and Word
- Microsoft Excel and PowerPoint
- Basic Crochet
- Zumba and many more...

**Calling all migrants:**  
Registration open  
till 19 Nov

Scan the QR code  
to find out more:



# Novena Youth Rally

WRAP UP YOUR YEAR WITH  
A THANKSGIVING



**WE LEAF  
TO BELEAF**

WE LIVE TO BELIEVE

**2023.11.24**

**TIME** START 7:30 PM  
**PLACE** NOVENA MAIN CHURCH

GROWTH • HOPE • BELIEVE



PIETA Singapore (28 Nov)

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The session, run by bereaved parents, meets monthly to pray, reflect and break open the WORD OF GOD. We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to unite with us in faith.

Details of our next session via zoom :  
Date : Tue 28 Nov 2023  
Time : 7:30pm to 9:15pm

If you wish to join, please email : [pieta.singapore@gmail.com](mailto:pieta.singapore@gmail.com) for the zoom link.



Finding Christ through Humanitarian Work (2 Dec)

**A Step Beyond #5**

**Finding Christ through Humanitarian Work**

**Rev Fr Matthieu Dauchez**

Sat, 2 Dec • 09.30 – 11.45 •  
Church of St. Ignatius



Join us for a mass and gathering with Fr. Matthieu as he shares how we can find Jesus in our daily lives and draw closer to God through charity and humanitarian work.

Rev. Fr. Matthieu Dauchez, at the helm of the Anak-TNK Foundation in Manila, cares for former street children and abandoned seniors. The joy of helping the most vulnerable has deepened his faith and inspired his service to God.

<https://makehopehappen.charis-singapore.org/Activities/finding-christ-through-humanitarian-work>



Sign up by Fri, 24 Nov:

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

Marriage Encounter Weekend (1 – 3 Dec)



**Restore · Rekindle · Renew**  
your marriage at the ME Weekend

English Weekend: 6 to 8 Oct or 1 to 3 Dec 2023    Mandarin Weekend: 15 to 18 Mar 2024

☎ Reenie 9676 7889    ✉ mewkend@gmail.com

Weekend in Bahasa Indonesia is also available  
Contact Buana & Rina 98975209



Jesus Encounter Retreat (7 – 10 Dec)

# JESUS ENCOUNTER RETREAT **3**

**DEC 2023**  
7th - 10th  
THU - SUN

**RE-EXPERIENCE**  
God's merciful love  
poured into your heart - Rm 5:5

**RE-DISCOVER**  
your dignity as a child of  
our Loving Father - Gen 1:27

**RE-IGNITE**  
the faith given to you  
through baptism - Col 2:12



**BE  
A NEW  
CREATION  
IN CHRIST**  
~ 2Cor 5:17



4 day stay-in retreat  
conducted by Vincent Lee  
and CSC retreat team  
**Fees: \$320** (8% GST included)

**TO REGISTER**



**SCAN HERE**



CATHOLIC SPIRITUALITY CENTRE  
Encountering God • Healing Hearts • Empowering Lives

# ADVENT RECOLLECTION



## A Day of Prayer

A Cenacle Programme

This day, we will reflect and pray on the themes of **CONTRASTS and CONFLICTS** as we follow the Advent Scripture narratives being re-told in our daily living.

**16 Dec, 2023 [Saturday]**  
8am to 5pm  
Vigil Mass @530pm  
Church of the Holy Family

**Register here:** 

# Light in darkness He's waiting... COME HOME



## Landings

SINGAPORE

A 10-week *Landings* journey awaits every Thursday from **15 February 2024 to 9 May 2024**.  
*Landings is a reconciliation ministry based on compassionate listening. At Landings, we welcome returning Catholics back to the Church.*

**Venue: Annexe Hall, Church of St Ignatius**  
**Time: 8pm to 10pm**

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

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



SCAN ME

Landings Singapore presents a new 10-week programme for Catholics seeking a reconnection to the faith. It runs from 15 February 2024 through 9 May 2024. All sessions will be held in person at the Church of St Ignatius on Thursdays from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. We invite you to register your interest at [returning@landings.org.sg](mailto:returning@landings.org.sg) or visit [www.landings.org.sg](http://www.landings.org.sg)