



St Joseph's Church

(Bukit Timah)

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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

CONFESIONS

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

COLUMBIARIUM / 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

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Candle of Love

O loving Jesus, You are God's perfect love in human form. Those who believe in you and live in you, live in love. Love transforms and perfects all things. It never ends.



Christmas



Wishing
Parishioners a
Holy & Blessed
Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year.

May the Love, Joy and
Peace of Jesus be in your
hearts and homes.

Christmas Mass timings :

Sun 24 Dec : 9.00 pm (M) and Midnight.

Mon 25 Dec : 9.30 am / 11.30 am and 5.30 pm.

The priests of the Parish – Fr Christopher Lee, Msgr Peter Zhang and Fr Lourdusamy Prasanna - wish all parishioners a very joyful, peaceful and blessed Christmas.

May the love of Christ fill our hearts and homes and may the New Year augur good tidings for all.

Merry Christmas!



Christmas and Year End Mass Schedules

2023 Christmas & Year End Mass Schedules

Day & Date	Time	Occasion
Sat 23 Dec	5.30 pm Sunset Mass	
Sun 24 Dec	7.30 am / 9.30 am / 11.30 am 4.00 pm (no 5.30 pm Mass)	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sun 24 Dec	8.30 pm	Carolling (Mandarin)
Sun 24 Dec	9.00 pm	Christmas Mass (Mandarin)
Sun 24 Dec	11.30 pm	Carolling (English)
Sun 24 Dec	12.00 MN	Midnight Mass
Mon 25 Dec	9.30 am / 11.30 am / 5.30 pm	Christmas Day Mass
Sun 31 Dec	5.30 pm	Thanksgiving Mass

On Sun 31 Dec, the 5.30 pm Mass will also be regarded as the Thanksgiving Mass and after the Mass, those who have registered to join the Year End Gathering will proceed to the Parish Community Hall for the reception.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (Mon 01 Jan 2024)

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On the first day of the New Year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”.

As we start our new year, let us take a moment to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her “yes” to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.

It is a reminder of the role she played in the salvation of humankind.



As 01 Jan is a public holiday, there will only be one Mass at 8.00 am in the Main Church.

Franciscan Calendars on Sale @ Parish Office

For those who would still like to purchase a copy of the Franciscan Calendars, you can pick up a copy at the Parish Office @ \$20 each.

Proceeds go towards supporting their formation and studies, life and mission in Singapore and Malaysia and beyond, where the need is.

Tamil Carols



தமிழ் பஜனை

உங்களை தேடி வருகிறது.....

You can invite the Tamil community to sing at your homes during this Christmas season.

They will be at these venues at the designated dates.
Kindly Scan the QR code to Register.

For more info contact, Priya at 81390982

Dates & Locations

Yew Tee :
22 & 23 Dec

Choa Chu Kang :
29 & 30 Dec

Bukit Panjang :
5-7 Jan 2024



Canteen Closure Dates



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

Christmas Eve 24 Dec and New Year's Eve 31 Dec.

Media Centre (Bookshop) Closure Dates



The Media Centre will be closed on 23 & 24 Dec and 30 & 31 Dec.
It will re-open on 6 & 7 Jan 2024.

The Daughters of St Paul wish all parishioners a Holy Advent and a Blessed and Joyful Christmas.

2024 First Wednesday – Mass in Honour of St Joseph

MASS IN HONOUR OF ST JOSEPH

**WED 3 JAN
MAIN CHURCH**

**7.30 PM : ST JOSEPH ROSARY
8.00 PM MASS**



2024 First Friday Holy Hour : Theme - Virtues

FIRST FRIDAY **HOLY HOUR**

Mass: 7.15pm • Holy Hour: 8pm



The Virtues

2024 THEME

JAN 05 • FEB 02 • APR 05 • JUN 07

JUL 05 • AUG 02 • SEP 06 • OCT 04 • DEC 06



This year, our theme for the Holy Hour sessions will be on “Virtues”.

Join us on Fri 5 Jan as Bro Dominic Yeo-Koh will reflect on the virtuous person and the meaning of virtue.

Do come and join us. .

Scripture Series : Part III – Ruth & Samuel

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By Fr Ambrose Vaz



*Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)*

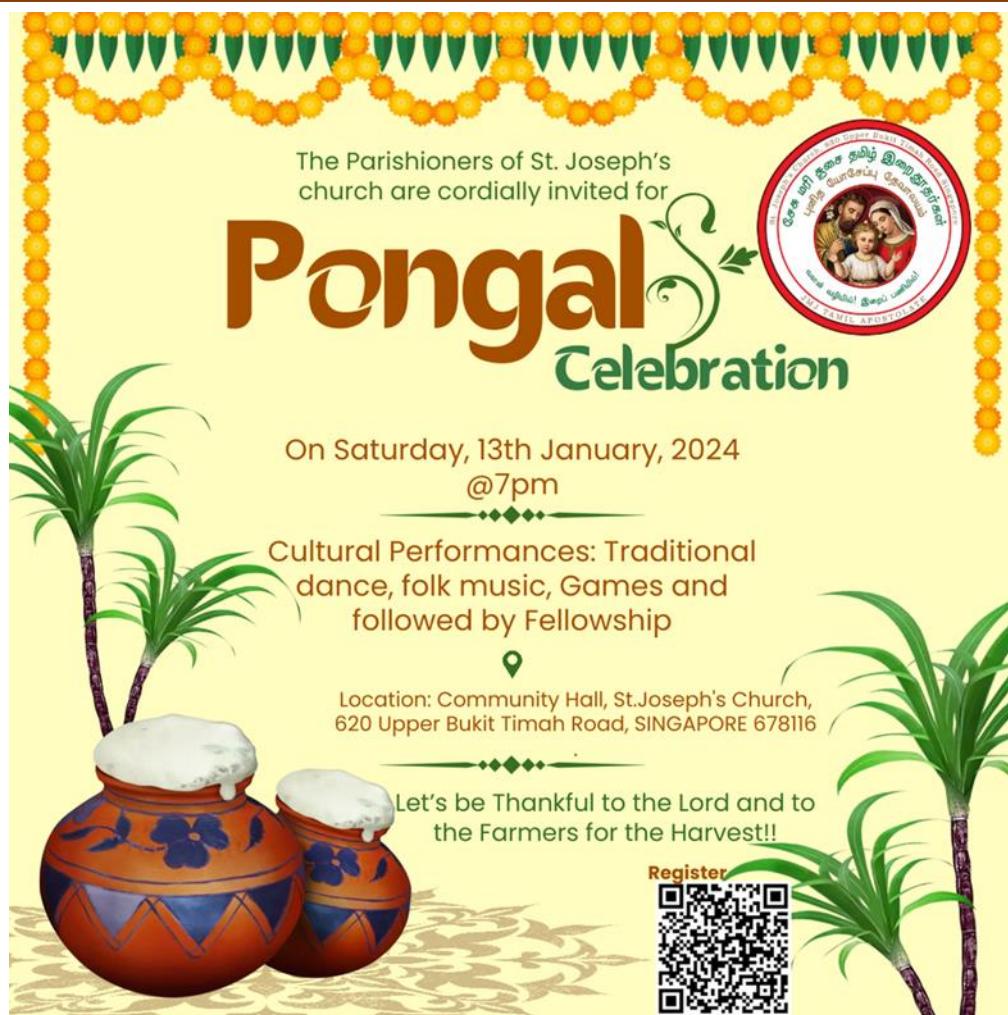
Time : 9 am to 10.45 am
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room
St Joseph's Church (BT)
Dates : Jan 11 / 18 / 25
Feb 01 / 15 / 22 / 29
Mar 07 / 14 / 21
(10 sessions)

Registration Link :

<https://forms.gle/ZiFfpF1UZPpUD9ncA>



Pongal Celebration (Sat 13 Jan 2024 @ 7 pm)



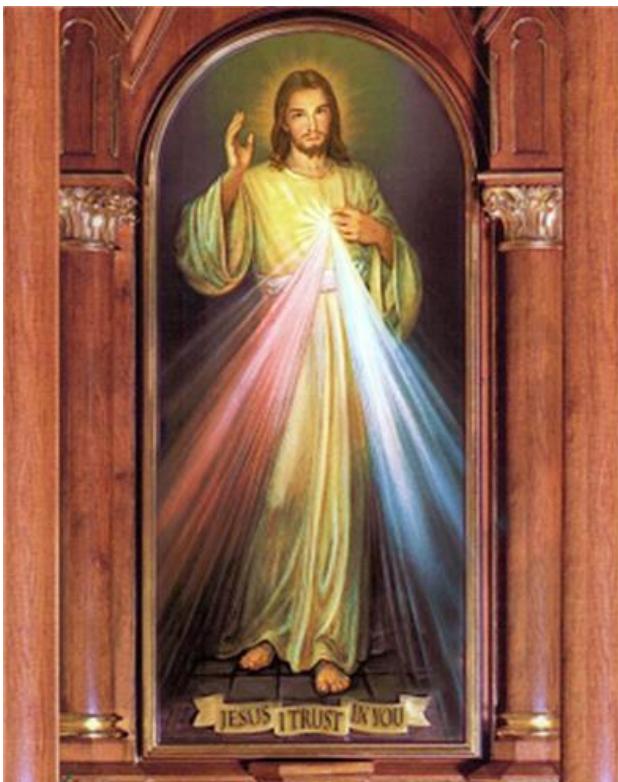
2024 Holy Hour for Vocations

Holy Hour for Vocations
(every 3rd Thursday of the Month)
Venue : Chapel of St Joseph
Time : 8 pm
Facilitated by SFXMS Seminarians

18 Jan	16 May
15 Feb	17 Oct
18 Apr	21 Nov



Divine Mercy 22nd Anniversary Mass



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22nd Anniversary Mass

Fri 19 Jan 2024 in Main Church

Program:

7.00 pm : Divine Mercy Prayers

7.30 pm : Holy Mass

8.00 pm : Potluck (Canteen)

ALL ARE WELCOME

Please note that there will be no 6.30 pm Mass in the Chapel

PIETA Singapore (Tue 26 Dec)

PIETA is a support group for bereaved parents who have united in faith to seek God's comfort, wisdom and hope. The monthly session, run by bereaved parents, is for prayer, reflection and the breaking open of 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 journey together in faith.

Our next monthly session will be face-to-face :

Date : Tue 26 December 2023

Time : 5:00pm to 6:45pm (Please note the change in time just for this month.)

Venue : Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre,

2 Highland Road, unit LG-01

Singapore 549102 (next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary)



Please email us for directions : pieta.singapore@gmail.com

facebook: <https://facebook.com/PietaSingapore>

website: www.PietaSingapore.org

My Personal Compass: Shortened Edition by Fr David Garcia, OP



MY PERSONAL COMPASS: SHORTENED EDITION

-BY FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

**Navigate moral issues from here
and now to eternity in 10 sessions**

18 Jan to 21 Mar 2024

7:30 to 9:30 pm

CANA at Catholic Centre,
55 Waterloo St. Level 3

**Fee:
\$100**



SCAN ME

Come and get introduced to the basics of morality in an increasingly complex world. Build an ethical foundation to journey towards fulfilling your potential as a human person made in the image of God. To register, please visit our website at <https://tinyurl.com/y38faeyr> or scan the QR code. For enquiries, please email Caritas Singapore at mpmc@caritas-singapore.org

Family Conference 2024 (27 Jan 2024)



The poster features a dark blue background with a network of glowing blue lines. In the top left, there is a circular emblem with a stylized illustration of a family (two adults and a child) within a floral wreath, with the word 'FAMILIA' and the Latin phrase 'supra omnia' below it. The top right contains the 'Catholic Family Life' logo with a stylized family icon. The center text reads 'Family Conference 2024' and 'Building STRONGER Families' in large, bold, yellow letters. Below that is the subtitle 'In a Connected Yet Disconnected World'. A quote by Pope Francis is displayed: "'In our world today, there is so much discord, such great division. We are all 'connected,' yet find ourselves disconnected from one another.'" The date '27 JAN 2024, SAT 9:00AM - 5:00PM' is in the top right. A QR code is in the middle right, with the text 'Register Now: bit.ly/CFL_FC2024' and a cursor icon pointing to the QR code.

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Pope Francis

*Commissioning Mass by Cardinal William Goh

27 JAN 2024, SAT
9:00AM - 5:00PM

bit.ly/CFL_FC2024

Landings (from 15 Feb 2024)



The poster features a background image of a lake at sunset with a wooden pier and a small boat. The text 'Light in darkness
He's waiting...
COME HOME' is overlaid in large, white, serif capital letters. In the top right corner is the 'Landings SINGAPORE' logo with a stylized cross icon. A callout box in the bottom left contains the text: '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.' Below this are the venue and time details: 'Venue: Annexe Hall, Church of St Ignatius' and 'Time: 8pm to 10pm'. Contact information is provided: an email icon with 'returning@landings.org.sg' and a website icon with 'www.landings.org.sg'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner with the text 'SCAN ME'.

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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 or visit www.landings.org.sg

Lead Like Jesus (LLJ)



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A foundational course based on the servant leadership modelled by Jesus Christ. In the sessions, we will explore the 4 domains of leading like Jesus: the heart, head, hands and habits.



DATES

17 & 24 Feb 2024

TIMES

9am – 5.30pm

VENUE

Agape Village, 7A Lor 8 Toa Payoh

COST

\$200 per pax inclusive of GST
(lunch & tea breaks for 2 days and
LLJ Workbook)

REGISTER AT



www.catholicleader.sg

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