

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY MASS

From 1st November, we will increase our weekday mass attendance to **100 pax**. Weekday mass will be earlier at **6.30pm** instead of 7.00pm.

BLESSING OF NICHES ON ALL SOULS DAY

There will be one mass on **All Souls Day 2nd November at 6.30pm**. Blessing of the niches will take place with only Priest and altar servers. Live streaming of the blessing and mass will be available from 6.30pm. Regrettably the faithful will not allowed into the Columbarium during the blessing.

DONATIONS TO CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Parishioners who wish to continue their weekly donations may consider sending your cheque favouring **Church of the Holy Family**. Alternatively you may also send via PayNow. Please enter **T08CC4048E** Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "**Church of The Holy Family**" and in the reference, type **Mass Collection**.

REGISTRATION FOR ALL PARISHIONERS ON ARCHDIOCESE MARS SYSTEM

We invite all parishioners to register on the Archdiocese MARS system for the purpose of confirming that you are registered with our parish to attend mass. This registration is requested whether you intend to currently register to attend mass or will do so at some time in the future. Register by logging in to myCatholic.sg/register and complete the details for yourself and members of your family. Here under My Profile, you can also edit your (1) Name (2) DOB (3) Mobile number on the profile page. You can also cancel your bookings up to 48 hours before mass starts. For security reasons, if you need to amend your NRIC/FIN or email address, please send an email directly to mycatholicsg@catholic.org.sg.

MASS OFFERINGS

You can make your mass offerings by:

- Cash**—drop your envelopes in the donation boxes in Church or at Parish Office
- Cheque** favouring Church of the Holy Family with the time, date of mass, intention and name(s)
- Paynow** T08CC4048E Unique Entity Number (UEN) for "Church of The Holy Family" and in the reference, type **Mass Offering**. Send a screenshot of the acknowledgement of transfer by email to chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg with time, date of mass, intention and name(s).

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium will be open on Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Entry will be restricted to a maximum of 5 per group. Please book online minimum **48 hours in advance** via this link: <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.



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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

8.30 am (Public Holidays)

Saturday Sunset Masses:

4.00 pm & 5.30pm (English)

Mandarin Mass

8.00 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Sunday Masses:

8.00, 9.30 & 11.00 am

5.30 pm

Columbarium

Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Online booking only, Please check with the Secretariat Office for dates.

Infant Baptism

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

Weddings

Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

Adoration Room

Mon – Sat 7am to 10 pm, Sun | Public Holidays: 7am to 8.30pm

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Evening 1.30am Mass

Elders Catechism (Dialect)

Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm @ Adoration Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10am @ Church

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7am @ Church

Family Rosary

1st Saturday of every month, 3.30—4pm @ Main Church

Family Eucharistic Adoration

1st Saturday of every month, 4—5pm @ Adoration Room

SUSPENDED



All Saints

November 1, 2020 - YEAR ABC

Sunday Missal Page No: 1071

HONORING THE SAINTS

This festival in honor of all the saints is just that: a celebration of all of us, the baptized, living, dead, and yet to come. The readings make clear that this feast is as much about earthly Christians as it is about heavenly ones. "We are God's children now," says 1 John, and Jesus makes clear what it means to be "blessed" in the beatitudes (Gospel and Communion antiphon). Our place among the saints is something we experience now as much as in eternity.

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 8 November

Wis 6:12-16 1 Th 4:13-18 Mt 25:1-13

MESSAGE FOR ALL SAINTS DAY, YEAR A, 2020

God's holy Church rejoices that her children are one with the saints in lasting peace.

(from Solemn Blessing for today)

As we come to the end of the Church year we celebrate this great feast of All Saints. It is important to emphasise from the beginning what we mean here by 'saints'. Normally we apply the word to people of extraordinary holiness who have been canonised or beatified by the Church.

But today's feast uses the word in a much wider sense. It refers to all those baptised Christians who have died and are now with God in glory. It also certainly includes all non-Christians who lived a good life sincerely in accordance with the convictions of their conscience.

There is also a third group which we will remember tomorrow and they are those who have died but need still a process of purification before they can come face to face with the all-holy God.

The Gospel chosen for today's feast is interesting. It gives us what we know as the Eight Beatitudes from the beginning of the Sermon on the Mount. It is, in fact, a charter for holiness. When many people think of holiness they think of keeping the Ten Commandments and perhaps some other requirements of the Church like going to Mass on Sundays or fasting during Lent. What we often tend to forget is that the Ten Commandments really belong to the Old Testament and are part of the Jewish law. Of course, they are still valid and Jesus said clearly that he had not come to abolish the Jewish law but to fulfil it.

We might say that the Beatitudes are an example of that fulfilling. The Beatitudes go far beyond the Ten Commandments in what they expect of a follower of Christ and yet the sad thing is that one hears of relatively few Christians saying that they base their lives on the Beatitudes. When we go to Confession it is the Ten Commandments we normally refer to and not the Beatitudes. And this is sad because it is clear from their position in Matthew's gospel that the Beatitudes have a central place.

Let us look at them briefly in the short time we have available. But first we need to clarify a few of the terms used. The word 'blessed' is sometimes translated 'happy'. It might be more accurate to translate it as 'fortunate'. In other words, people who have these qualities are really in an envious position. All of these beatitudes are indications that we belong to the 'kingdom of heaven'. This is to be understood not as a place, still less as referring to life after death. It rather describes the kind of society that exists when we live according to these values – a place of truth and love, of compassion and justice, of peace, freedom and sharing.

The general message is that those are really blessed when they know their dependence on God and on their sisters and brothers; when they commit themselves totally to the Way that Christ invites them to follow.

The Gospel says that particularly blessed are:

a. Those who are poor in spirit. They are those who are aware of their basic poverty

and fragility and of how much they need the help and support of God as opposed to those who foolishly claim independence and full control of their lives.

b. Those who are gentle: These are the people who reach out to others in care and compassion and tenderness, who constantly are aware of the needs of others.

c. Those who mourn: those who are in grief or sorrow for whatever reason will be assured of comfort from the loving community in Christ they have entered.

d. Those who hunger and thirst for what is right: Whatever the price, they will work that everyone will be given what is their due to live a life of dignity and self-respect. The price they may have to pay could be high, very high, even life itself.

e. Those who are merciful: They are the ones who extend compassion and forgiveness to all around them.

f. Those who are pure in heart: This does not refer to sexual purity but rather to a simplicity and total absence of duplicity, of prejudice or bias. Not surprisingly, they are described as being able to see God.

g. Those who make peace: Perhaps one of the most beautiful of the Beatitudes. These are people who help to break down the many barriers which divide people – whether it is class, occupation, race, religion or anything that creates conflict between individuals or groups. Not surprisingly, these people are called "children of God".

h. Those who are persecuted in the cause of right: Persecution of itself is not a pleasant experience and may result in loss of life. But blessed indeed are those who have the strength and courage to put the values of truth and love and justice for all above their own survival. Among the saints we most honour today are the martyrs, those who gave their lives in the defence of truth, love and justice.

This is the kind of Christian we are all called to be. It is these qualities which made the saints and which will make saints of us too. They go far beyond what is required by the Ten Commandments. If taken literally, the commandments can be kept and not with great difficulty. Many of them are expressed in the negative, "You shall NOT..." so we can observe them by doing nothing at all! "I have not killed anyone... I have not committed adultery... I have not stolen..." Does that make me a saint?

Today's feast is first of all an occasion for great thanksgiving. It is altogether reasonable to think that many of our family, relatives and friends who have gone before us are being celebrated today. We look forward to the day when we, too, can be with them experiencing the same total happiness when "they will never hunger or thirst again"; when "sun and scorching wind will never plague them, because the Lamb who is at the heart of the throne will be their shepherd and will guide them to the springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes" (Revelation 7:16-17).

Today is a day too for us to pray to them – both the canonised and the uncanonised – and ask them to pray on our behalf that we may live our lives in faithfulness so that we, too, may experience the same reward.

- *Living Space*