

**SSVP NOVEMBER 2020 BRIEF FINANCIALS**

- a) Amt collected thru First Sunday-2nd Collections : \$ 0.00
- b) Donations received (up to 30th November): \$ 6,230.00
- c) Amt disbursed in November: \$ **16,150.00**

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND**

We are pleased to inform that as of 30th November, we have collected **\$84,019**. Thank you for your kind generosity and we look forward to your continued support.

**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg) with time, date of mass, intention and name(s).

**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**.

**COLUMBARIUM**

The Columbarium is 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	
Weddings	Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance
Adoration Room	Mon – Sat 7am to 10 pm , Sun / Public H... days: 7am to 8.30pm
Liturgy of the Word for Children	Every Saturday, 6pm Mass or Even... 1.30am Mass
Elders Catechism (Dialect)	Every Thursday, 1pm to 3pm... on Hall
Meditation Classes	Tuesdays/Thursday 9... 7.30pm
Divine Mercy	Every Friday, 7... ch
Family Rosary	1st Saturday c... nth, 3.30—4pm @ Main Church
Family Eucharistic Adoration	1st Saturday of... very month, 4—5pm @ Adoration Room



**PREPARE THE WAY**

“Prepare ye the way of the Lord.” In *Godspell*, John the Baptist announces blows his horns and announces his cousin’s coming. But Jesus is not an actor or a clown – he is the Christ, the Messiah, the one whom the prophets said would put all things back in order and the one who baptizes not just with water but with the Spirit of God. Like John, his cousin, Jesus planted the seeds of our salvation when the two met on Jordan’s bank. In God’s own good time, it comes to flower. For our world, the Lord is a patient gardener, and the gardener’s time is not ours. Thanks be to God! We are called to be ready for the harvest.

**2nd Sunday in Advent**  
 December 6, 2020 – Year B  
 Sunday Missal Page No: 620

**Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 13 December**  
 Is 61:1-2, 10-11 1Th5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28

## **MESSAGE FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT , YEAR B, 2020**

Today's Gospel tells us to prepare for that coming of Jesus, that remembering, that celebrating. It does so by speaking about John the Baptist preparing people to welcome the coming of Jesus as he begins his public life, his mission.

### ***John the Baptist***

John had already becoming a famous person in his own right. That is clear from the number of people who came out to see him and that he attracted the attention of King Herod and of the religious leaders in Jerusalem. He led a very austere life in the desert, dressed in rough clothes made of camel skin. No designer clothes for him. He fed on locusts and wild honey and fasted as well (the Gospel tells us this in contrast to Jesus). No Marks & Spencer Food Halls for him.

John was clearly a man of God and the people admired and trusted him as a person of holiness and integrity. He taught them, bluntly made them aware of their sinfulness and called on them to "Repent". "Repent" here does not mean just being sorry for the past. It is a call for them to do much more than that, to change their ways. To "repent" in the Gospel involves a radical transformation in our way of living. It means a conversion, a real turning around, a re-directing of one's whole life.

### ***Two things to remember***

There are two things we can learn here which are relevant to our Christmas preparation:

a. We ourselves need to prepare for the coming of Jesus. And not just by a pre-Christmas confession to tidy ourselves up and get rid of some of the things we regret having done in recent months.

Peter, in today's 2nd Reading, tells us that a "day" with the Lord can be a 1,000 years. This is probably directed at those who thought (and perhaps feared) that the Lord was coming soon. "The Lord is not being slow in carrying out his promises [to come again], as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody be brought to change their ways." In other words, if the end of the world seems so slow in coming, it is to give people time to mend their ways, to redirect their lives.

At the same time, he also warns that the coming can be very sudden, as we all know is very true. We all know people who have been taken away from us very suddenly, without warning.

"Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come... So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace."

Notice he prays "that he will find you at peace". The coming of the Lord does not fill his friends with fear and anxiety but rather with a kind of joyful anticipation of one friend to another. The fruit of every day living the Way of Jesus is a real interior peace that makes us ready to meet him at any time.

Let us reflect then at this time on what changes we should make in our own lives, not just now but in the year that is to come. What kind of person would I like to be? What kind of person should I be? What kind of person could I be? What kind of person do I think God would like me to be?

b. John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus to come into our lives. The First Reading speaks about filling in valleys, smoothing out mountains and hills, transforming cliffs into plains, and ridges into valleys. In other words, removing all the obstacles that get in the way of our meeting with Jesus. Then "the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it".

That is also our role as Christians. It is only through what we say and do that others can come to know Jesus. So many people we know face many obstacles in getting to know the real Jesus (and, to be honest, sometimes we ourselves are those obstacles).

Why do so many young people stop going to church and give up the practice of their faith? Where did they get the ideas of Christianity which they have – or don't have?

Who is responsible? I don't think we have to look very far. It is a fact that the negligence of Christians undermines faith in Christ far more effectively than the most savage persecution of the sworn enemies of Christ. The Church never thrives so vigorously as under persecution from outsiders. It is the betrayal of those who are inside which does the real damage.

### **Telling the good news**

Yes, that is what each of us should be doing – perhaps beginning with members of our own families! Tell people about Him who "is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms". Each of us can reach people that no one else can reach – our family members, relatives, work colleagues and other people who may come into our life.

So, there are two wonderful ways to prepare for Christmas:

- Personal conversion.

## **ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS 2020 REFLECTION E-BOOKLET**

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a reflection e-booklet to journey with you throughout Advent & Christmas.

They are available in English, Chinese and Tamil. The reflection themes for Advent & Christmas are "The Coming Word" and "Word Among Us" respectively.

Please download the e-booklet at: [bit.ly/AdventChristmas2020](http://bit.ly/AdventChristmas2020)

Short weekly videos that complement the e-booklet will also be uploaded on Mon 8pm, starting 23 Nov 2020 at [tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel](http://tinyurl.com/oneyoutubechannel)

## **THRIFT SHOP**

Due to upcoming renovation of Emmaus House, the Thrift Shop will be closed indefinitely.

**Please do not leave your pre-loved items in the Church compound.**

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Those seeking Sacrament of Reconciliation are requested to make an appointment by sending an email directly to: Fr Adrian Yeo ([adrian.yeo@catholic.org.sg](mailto:adrian.yeo@catholic.org.sg)) or Fr Stanislaus Pang ([stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg](mailto:stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg)).