

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ATTENDING MASS

Dear Friends of Holy Family,
To facilitate the increase in capacity for worship, Church of the Holy Family will be transiting to TraceTogether SafeEntry (TTSE) only. **We strongly encourage parishioners to download the TraceTogether App**, an app by MOH and GovTech, at <https://www.tracetgether.gov.sg> #SGUnited or to collect your Safe Entry token. This is in preparation for the phasing out of Safe Entry using Singpass and Camera QR Code scanner.

Do note that you will still need your NRIC / FIN card / other ID for MARS booking verification (for Mass) if you are using a token; whereas your NRIC barcode can be accessed if you are using the app. If you need any assistance, do approach someone from our team who will guide you as needed.

Please note we have increased our capacity for masses from January 2021.

COLUMBARIUM

The Columbarium is open on **Mondays to Fridays, 9.30am to 5.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm and Saturdays 9.30am—12.30pm**. 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>. **The Columbarium will be closed from 1.00pm on 31st December and will open on 2nd January at 9.30am**. Please note the Columbarium will be closed for painting from **11th to 23rd January '21**.

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**.

MASS OFFERINGS—3 WAYS

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).

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) or Fr Stanislaus Pang (stanislaus.pang@catholic.org.sg).



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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,

Infant Baptism

Please check with the Secretariat Office for dates.

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 Mass 7.30am 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



The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021 – Year B

Sunday Missal Page No: 636

BELOVED SON

“He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” When Jesus came out of the baptismal waters, he saw the Spirit, like a dove, come down on him. Conceived as the Spirit overshadowed Mary, Ever-Virgin Mother, Jesus is attested now by the Father: “You are my Beloved Son; my favor rests on you.” Through the Easter mystery, Christ Jesus passes on the same Holy Spirit to the Church. We are transformed. Sharing the Spirit we share God’s life. Lord, be gracious to us. *Kyrie eleison!*

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 10 January

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

MESSAGE FOR EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD, 6 JANUARY, YEAR B, 2021

We come today to the end of the Christmas season. And we have the third great 'epiphany' or showing of God in the human person of Jesus. The first 'epiphany' was at the birth of the child Jesus in the stable at Bethlehem when he was visited by the shepherds representing the poor, the marginalised and the sinful for whom Jesus had specially come. The second 'epiphany' was when the 'wise men' came from 'the East' to worship the newly born Jesus. They represented all those peoples and nations who were being invited to be numbered among God's own people through the mediation of Jesus as Lord.

Today we celebrate the third great 'epiphany' of the Lord in Jesus Christ. The time is much later. Jesus is now an adult, probably about 30 years of age. We are brought to the banks of the River Jordan somewhere north of Jerusalem where John the Baptist, a cousin of Jesus, is living out in the desert. The desert in some ways is a place where God can be found, although for Jesus it was also a place of trial and temptation. For the early Fathers in the desert it provided both experiences.

John the Baptist

John leads a very austere life, dressed in the simplest of clothes and sustaining himself on whatever nourishment he can find in the vicinity. He has made a name for himself as a man of God and large numbers come out to hear and be influenced by him.

The opening words of today's Gospel tell us that he was proclaiming "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins". It is important not to misunderstand the meaning of these words. It would be quite wrong to think that people simply had to come for baptism in the river for all their sins to be wiped out. That would be little more than superstition. The baptism itself was a symbolic act which had to be accompanied by an inner change. The word for 'repentance' here is metanoia (metanoia) in Greek. It implies a radical change in the way we look at the meaning and purpose of life and how we live that life ourselves. It calls for much more than is normally connoted by 'repentance' which we normally understand as 'being sorry' for something we have done. Metanoia is much more than just feeling sorry. It calls for a total reorganisation of one's attitudes so that such errant or hurting behaviour would simply disappear from one's life.

And the 'forgiveness of sins' is more than just God just wiping out the guilt and the threat of punishment that our sins might involve. In a sense, our sins can never be wiped out. The damage they do often lasts for a very long time and cannot be undone. If I have murdered someone, they stay dead no matter how sorry I feel. If I have destroyed a person's reputation, it may remain destroyed for ever. Hurtful words spoken cannot be called back.

- Living Space

CHURCH MAINTENANCE FUND

We are pleased to inform that as of 31st December, we have collected **\$126,875.00**. Thank you for your kind generosity and we look forward to your continued support..

DECEMBER 2020 BRIEF FINANCIALS

Brief financials for SSVP Holy Family Church Conference for month of December 2020:

- a) Amt collected through Church Collections: \$ 5,890.00
- b) Donations received (up to 31 December): \$ 1,717
- c) Amt disbursed in December: \$ 16,976

RELOCATION OF PARISH OFFICE

We are now at the 2nd Level of Pastoral Centre.

CATECHESSES COMMENCEMENT DATES

Dear Parents,

Please note that catechesis for all levels will commence **next weekend of 16/17 January 2021**.

Zoom Timing

Level 1 to 3	Saturdays at 2pm
Levels 4 to 6	Saturdays at 4pm
Levels 7 to 10	Sunday mornings.

Classroom Catechesis for RCIC, RCIY and Special Needs. Time and venue will be confirmed later.

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.

THRIFT SHOP

Due to upcoming renovation of Emmaus House, the Thrift Shop is closed indefinitely. **Please do not leave your pre-loved items in the Church compound.**