

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—BLESSING OF CANDLES

If you wish to have your candles blessed, please bring them for blessing during mass.

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).

COLUMBARIUM

Please note Columbarium is **closed from 11th to 23rd January '21** for painting. Columbarium visits on **1st & 2nd day of Chinese New Year will be from 9.30am to 12.00nn**. Please make your bookings on Calendly.

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).

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Little Shepherds' Schoolhouse @ Church of the Holy Family is open for registration for children age 3 to 6 years.
Enquiries are welcome and please contact the Kindergarten office from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm @ 6440 4344 or email us at lss-cohf.admin@catholicpreschool.edu.sg.

MY PERSONAL MORAL COMPASS 2021 - BY REV FR DAVID GARCIA, OP

My Personal Moral Compass (MPMC) is a year-long (January to December) systematic course in Moral Theology. This course is for people who are interested in formative foundation of Ethics and Moral Theology. This course is organised by Caritas Singapore.
MPMC will start on **21 January 2021** and will be held weekly on Thursdays. Currently, sessions will be conducted online.
For more information and registration, please email formation@caritas-singapore.org.

PRAYCATION - MONTFORTIAN EXPERIENCE 2021

Renew your faith this year as we celebrate Catholic 200SG by spending a praycation with us at Montfort Centre.
We have now included the blended approach for those who just can't seem to find time to spend a whole weekend retreat with us at Montfort Centre especially in this pandemic.
Fret not, we hear you and we are here with you.
Contact Lydia at 67695711 or scan this QR code for more information!



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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 @ St. John's Hall

Meditation Classes

Tuesdays/Thursday 9am to 10.30am

Divine Mercy

Every Friday, 7am to 8am @ 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



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 17, 2021

— Year B

REPENT

Repent and believe the good news! Come, follow me! Andrew, first to respond, brought along his brother Simon whom Jesus nicknamed Cephas, which means Peter, which means rock. Then came the fisher brothers, James and John. These four are the great witnesses to Jesus' public work. We hear the same call: "Come, follow me" into new life. God raises us up, too, if we follow Jesus. Time is short. The world we know is passing away. Are we ready to give witness?

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 24 January

Jona 3:1-5 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

MESSAGE FOR 2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, 17 JANUARY, YEAR B, 2021

TODAY'S MASS is about vocation, about God's call. Vocation is not just for a few chosen people. And to say, "There are no vocations now" is simply not true. Everyone is called by God to be something, to do something for others with their life and with their unique gifts.

"What are you looking for?"

The gospel is also about calling, in fact, about a second calling. It is about two men who are already disciples of John the Baptist. John points Jesus out to them, "Look! there is the Lamb of God!" John knows that his role of leadership is temporary, that he is to yield to the leadership of Jesus.

The disciples begin – out of curiosity? – to go after Jesus. Jesus turns round and asks them: "What do you want?" Hear Jesus ask you that question today. Generally we tend to think that we should be asking, What does God want? But no, he also wants to know what we want. The answer to that question is less for his benefit than for ours. Our answer will tell us what our real priorities are with regard both to God and the people and the world around us.

What do we really want from life, from God? It is not such an easy question to answer – it is easy to be superficial or flippant – but it tells us where we really are. And it is a question we will have to answer at different stages in our life as circumstances change.

Come and see

And what is the disciples' response? Another question but also an answer to Jesus' query: "Teacher (source of wisdom), where do you stay?" (in Greek *menein*, 'to remain', a favourite Johannine word). In other words they are asking, "Jesus, where are you to be found? Where are we to go to find you, to be with you? Where in our lives do we encounter you?" If that were to be OUR answer to Jesus' question, "What do you want?", we would be doing very well.

Now Jesus answers their question: "Come and see." Knowing Jesus and where he stays is not primarily a matter of intellectual knowledge. It is not a matter of information. It is not a question of knowing all theology, dogmatic and moral, nor is it a question of being an expert in all the teaching and the rules of the Church: Pharisees of all times are good at that.

Knowing Jesus is a matter of experience. One could know the new Catechism of the Catholic Church, all 700 pages of it, by heart and still not know Jesus. To know him in the Gospel sense is to seek, find and respond to his loving presence in the fabric of our daily lives.

It comes from taking a plunge, trying out the teaching of Jesus even when it seems to go against what most people think:

to love unconditionally, to forgive, to turn the other cheek,
to carry one's cross after Jesus, to suffer abuse and persecution for being follower...
Come and see that that is the Way to follow, that there is no other way.

Sharing one's experience of Christ

The two disciples accept the invitation. They do go and stay where Jesus stays and do so for the rest of that day. And what was the result of staying with Jesus? One of the two, Andrew, became not only a committed follower but an evangeliser – the two cannot be separated. He immediately went in great excitement and found his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah!" And thus Simon became Peter and also a follower, an apostle and the leader of the new community.

It is important to note that Peter, in spite of his future important role, was not called directly by Jesus but through his brother. And that happens again and again. Everyone, including the greatest saints, were called by another, often lesser, person and brought to Christ. Each one of us here was led to Jesus by other people.

So, in conclusion, we ask ourselves:

a. What is God calling me to do, to be – NOW, today?

And am I in a truly listening mode to hear what he wants to say to me?

b. Who is waiting for me to bring them to Jesus?

- Living Space

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.

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**.