

ASCENSION OF THE LORD MASSES

Wednesday 12th May at 6.30 pm

Thursday 13th May 2018 at 7.45am, 9.30am, 11.30am pm & 5.30 pm

Please visit mycatholic.sg to make your mass bookings.



PENTECOST TRIDUUM 2021 (WED 19 MAY TO FRI 21 MAY)

We warmly welcome everyone to join our annual Pentecost Triduum on **Wed 19 May, Thu 20 May and Fri 21 May, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm** nightly at Main Church. There will be a half hour of prayer at the start of each night followed by Mass. To attend, please login to mycatholic.sg and book the mass slot that you wish to attend.



OPENING OF CHURCH FOR SILENT PRIVATE PRAYER & WORSHIP

The Church will be open for private prayer & worship as follows:

Tue, Wed & Fri - 4.30 pm to 5.45 pm and 7.15 pm to 10.00 pm

Sun - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm

For those who wish to attend, you will be allowed to enter the Church by the Chapel Road Entrance only if you have done your temperature screening and SafeEntry check-in via TraceTogether App or Token & sign in to the register. Please observe safe distancing during the prayer time and keep your masks on at all times.

In the event that the Church is in use for other activities during the prayer times, we seek your understanding that we will not be admitting any persons into Church during this block-out period.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): AN INVITATION

An invitation to non-Catholics: are you searching for meaning in your life, searching for God? Have you been thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You are invited to come and see what the Catholic Church teaches through a process called the RCIA. Through this process, you are guided and cared for as you are gradually introduced to Catholic belief and way of life. Calling baptised Catholics: help bring others to faith in Christ! Do you have friends you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith? Invite them to the RCIA in our parish. Live out your baptismal calling by serving as a sponsor in the RCIA to accompany and support others in their journey of faith. Make a difference in your own faith life and in the lives of others by registering as a sponsor. Training will be given.

The next RCIA journey begins on 2 June 2021. Registration forms for sponsors and inquirers are available in the parish office, or by request at chf.secretariat@catholic.org.sg.

MAY SUNDAY ROSARY DEVOTION IN THE MONTH OF MARY

This May, to commemorate the month of Mary, the Legion of Mary will be organising Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament; ending with Benediction on Sundays. We invite you to join us to pray the Rosary and adore Our Lord! Additionally, you may place intentions into our boxes at the Church entrances/exits which will be placed in front of Our Lady during the Rosary.

Date/Time: **May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 / 4pm to 4.45pm**

Register via <https://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/may-sunday-rosary> !



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Mass Times

Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

9.00 am (Public Holidays)

Saturday Sunset Masses:

3.45pm & 5.30pm (English)

Mandarin Mass

8.00 pm (1st & 3rd Saturdays)

Sunday Masses:

7.45am, 9.30 & 11.30am & 5.30 pm

Columbarium Mon—Fri: 9.30am to 5.30pm and Sat: 9.30am to 4.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm. Online booking minimum 48 hours in advance via <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

Infant Baptism 30th May, 25th July, 26th Sep and 28th Nov 2021, subject to change

Weddings Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

~~ All other activities and events remain suspended ~~



GOOD VINE

Vines and wines and vineyards, the rituals of tasting, and the good wine were shared by Jesus at Cana's wedding. Jesus is our vine and we are his branches. The fruit we produce is the life of the Holy Spirit in us. "We know he lives in us by the Spirit he has given us." Taste and see how good the Lord is. Jesus himself gives the best wine of divine life to those who ask. Come to the wedding feast of God!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 2, 2021 – Year B

Sunday Missal Page No: 674

Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 9 May

Ac 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 Jn 4:7-10 Jn 15:9-17

MESSAGE FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 2ND MAY, YEAR B, 2021

Now that Jesus is risen it means that he is now IN his people. Of course, Jesus is present in every person in some way (“as often as you do it to one of these, the least of my brothers and sisters, you do it to me”) but he is present in a special way in his own disciples, that is, those who accept him as their Lord.

Today’s Gospel says that our relationship to him is similar to a tree and its branches. The branch cannot be separated from the parent tree and continue to live. Is that why many, with the name of Christian, fall away? They have never really been part of the vine?

At the same time, it is not enough to be a branch on the tree. There must also be fruit produced. It is not enough to be a Christian and “fulfil one’s religious duties”.

What is that fruit that Jesus speaks of? We get an indication in the Second Reading which is from the First Letter of John. There he says that love cannot just be in words and talk, not even in the most lovely-sounding prayers.

Love in deed

Love, he says, is shown in ACTION, in DEEDS. Only when we are loving in deed can we know that Jesus lives in us. An example from the behaviour of electricity may help us to understand. If a person makes an electrical contact with his body while wearing thick-soled rubber boots, the electricity will not enter his body because it cannot go through the body. On the other hand, if one were to stand bare-footed in several inches of water, then the electricity romps through the body (with rather disastrous results). In other words, if electricity cannot go through me, it cannot go into me. And God’s love is similar. If the love he communicates to me does not pass on to others, then it does not come to me either. For me to experience God’s love, others have to experience mine. And I cannot make an exception of even one person, because God doesn’t. And that is how we become “good”. We are good because God’s love and goodness is acting in and through us. We usually put it the other way: if I am first good, then God will love me. But God always loves me, whether I am good or bad. When I am good, it is because I allow his love to act in me; when I am bad, it is because I have blocked off his love.

We must abandon entirely the idea that we “earn” God’s love by our “good deeds”. God does not love me because I am good; I am good because God’s love is working in and through me to others.

Love in words

We might also add that loving in deeds sometimes includes words. Often many of us find it easier to express our love by doing something than by speaking directly to a person. Parents, for instance, often feel they show their love by providing the best education they can afford for their children, by showering them with gifts and pocket money. Yet, those same children may seldom hear real words of love and affection spoken by their parents (especially fathers). In that and similar cases, loving by deeds

becomes an escape for the more direct love expressed in sincerely meant words. We have an excellent example of what we have been talking about in the experience of St Paul in today’s First Reading.

He SAID (in words) that he was now a disciple of Jesus and no longer a persecutor of Christians. They just did not believe him. They felt he was an infiltrator. The leopard does not change his spots. His words were not enough.

Only later, when he really proved his love of Jesus by his total service of the community were they ready to accept him. When he spoke out so strongly for Jesus that his life was threatened and his fellow-Christians had to send him away to a safer place, they knew he was for real. When his new-found Christian faith bore fruit, when his love was shown in action, then they knew that Jesus was his Lord. And subsequently, of course, Paul was instrumental in very many people becoming disciples also. Truly, his was a fruitful life.

Am I dead or alive?

So, finally I have to ask myself: Am I really a living branch on the vine that is Jesus? Am I really a Christian that bears fruit? Am I living my life creatively so that others also benefit?

Can other people see the influence that Jesus has on my life – in my words, my actions, my general behaviour and lifestyle? Am I unmistakably a follower of Jesus?

How many people have come to know and believe in Jesus because of me? How many people have asked to be baptised because of my example?

It is only through the way that we live that people will be inspired to follow our footsteps and discover what we have discovered: the joy of knowing God’s love that comes to us through Jesus and his Church.

~ Living Space

MASS OFFERINGS—3 WAYS

Cash—drop your envelopes in the donation boxes in Church or at 2nd Level Pastoral Centre.

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).

For those who wish to have your Mass Offerings printed for the upcoming masses from Saturday to Friday, please submit them by dropping it into Mass Offering Box at the Office, Pastoral Centre Level 2 latest by Friday 12 noon.

Mass Offerings placed into the black boxes at the Exit of the Church during the week will only be updated once a week on the following Monday for upcoming masses from Saturday to Friday.

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**.