

### MASS BOOKINGS FOR JANUARY 2022

Day	Mass Time	Capacity
Tues & Thurs	6.30pm	50 pax*
1st Fridays	7.30pm	150 pax
All Mon, Wed, other Fridays	6.30pm	150 pax
Saturdays	3.45pm	50 pax*
	5.30pm	400 pax
Sundays	7.45am	400 pax
	9.30am	400 pax
	11.30am	400 pax
	5.30pm	50 pax*

When booking a Mass with a capacity above 50 pax, please ensure that you are fully vaccinated at least 14 days after receiving a full regimen of the Pfizer-BioNTech/Comirnaty or Moderna vaccines, or any of the vaccines on the WHO EUL listing, with the vaccination status updated in MOH's national IT system.

**Pre-Event Testing (PET) results will no longer be used as a criterion for entry into Vaccinated only Masses.**

Children aged 12 years and below can now also participate in Vaccinated-only Masses, subject to the allowable limit of 20%.

*All mass bookings must be done via mycatholic.sg and no walk-ins are allowed. Check-ins must strictly be done only via TraceTogether App /Token. Physical IDs must also be brought for mass attendance verification.*

\* Unvaccinated

### 2021 SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Made from the purest certified grade oil, Essence of Christmas special blend is a perfect health gift for your loved ones making mask wearing enjoyable! You can roll it on your face mask for a pleasant, uplifting aroma, use as an inhalant or on your temple and other acupressure points. Each roll on bottle comes in a jute bag with gift tag @ \$28 per bottle. Order via this link: <https://bit.ly/3Gz56H8> or contact Joseph on 8718 0811. All net proceeds will go to the Church of the Holy Family Building Maintenance Fund.

### SPECIAL NEEDS CATECHIST NEEDED

Have a passion to learn and grow your faith with atypical children of varied ages? Feel a strong sense of wanting to spend time with children and develop a strong bond with them and their families?

We are looking for a trained Special Needs catechist who can commit to sharing your faith with the little ones!

For more information, kindly contact Grace Chitty at 94499266 or email Jennifer from the Catechist office at [chf.catechist@catholic.org.sg](mailto:chf.catechist@catholic.org.sg).

### AT HOME RETREAT-2022 : (2 CHOICES)

A ten-week programme based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, which enables one to know Jesus Christ more intimately in the midst of life's daily routine. It includes a weekly meeting of faith sharing, daily prayer using Scripture, and spiritual direction. It falls within the Lent season and would be a timely opportunity for us to deepen our Lenten pilgrimage. By Cenacle Sr Francisca and team. For registration: website: [cenaclemission.com](http://cenaclemission.com) or call 92985808  
Contribution: \$250.00

#### MORNINGS: 10 Thursdays

Date/Time: 24 Feb – 28 April / 9.30 to 11.30am  
Venue: LaSalle Centre- St. Patrick School, 490 East Coast Road

#### EVENINGS: 10 Thursdays

Date/Time: 24 Feb – 28 April / 7.30 to 9.30 pm  
Venue: Cana - the Catholic Centre, 55 Waterloo St



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#### Mass Times

##### Weekdays:

6.30 pm (Mondays to Fridays)

9.30 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 6.00pm and Sat: 9.30am to 12.30pm except 12.30—2.30pm.  
Online booking minimum 48 hours in advance via <http://calendly.com/holyfamilysg/columbarium>.

Private Prayer Tues, Wed & Fri 4.30—5.45pm & 7.30—9.30pm; Sunday 1.00—2.45pm

Infant Baptism Please check with Parish Office

Weddings Apply at Parish Office at least 1 year in advance

~~ All other activities and events remain suspended ~~

#### Baptism of the Lord

January 9, 2022 - Year C  
Sunday Missal Page No:836



#### MISSION OF THE BAPTIZED

It has been suggested that the most important part of our Eucharist is the dismissal: Go forth to love and serve the Lord. Without that, what benefit we derive from the celebration remains among ourselves. And that is contrary to the Church's mission to go out to the ends of the earth and make disciples of all. Our baptism claims us for the mission, just as Jesus was claimed by the voice from heaven as the beloved Son. The words of Isaiah outline the message of God's chosen one: a proclamation of justice to the nations. As we go forth in loving service, we carry the mandate of justice for the sake of all God's beloved children.

#### Sunday Missal Readings for next weekend – 16 January

Is 52:1-5 1 Cor 12: 4:11 Jn 2:1-11

## **MESSAGE FOR BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 9TH JANUARY, YEAR C, 2022**

The baptism of Jesus is the third of three great manifestations or revelations which characterise the Christmas season. The other two great revelations are Christmas and Epiphany.

### ***Why baptise Jesus?***

We might ask ourselves: Why did Jesus need to be baptised? How does Jesus himself fit into this? Our baptism is partly to rescue us from the power of sin by being bathed in the redemptive love of Christ.

Moreover, John clearly states that he is not even worthy to undo the sandals of the One who is coming. Undoing sandals was something only slaves did. John felt that, in Jesus' case, he was not even worthy to do that. And yet – Jesus is to be baptised by John.

### ***Two answers***

There are two answers we can give to this question:

a. By being baptised in the River Jordan with all those self-proclaimed sinners, Jesus shows his total solidarity with us. “The Word was made flesh and lived among us,” says John’s gospel. In biblical language, ‘flesh’ has all the connotations of our human weaknesses. In becoming a human person, Jesus identified with us not just in our humanity but in our weak human-ness. Jesus had the same feelings and reactions that we have; only he never did sin or do anything wrong. This solidarity was indicated by the criticism of the Pharisees that Jesus spent so much time eating and drinking with sinners and outcasts.

Despite his dignity and rank as Son of God, as Messiah, Jesus never did require any external signs of privilege. Most of the time, he looked just the same as everyone else. And, when he got up in the synagogue of his home town and began to amaze people with his insight, his neighbours could not understand it. They had lived for years with him and had no idea of this side of his person.

b. Secondly, something different is happening here beyond an ordinary baptism. Luke says significantly that Jesus was at prayer when his baptism took place. At all the significant moments in his public life, Luke represents Jesus as praying. It was at this moment that the Spirit of God in the visible form of a dove comes down on Jesus. A voice, clearly that of the Father, says, “You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.” It is clearly a form of “missioning” for Jesus, his ‘Pentecost’ experience, a clear endorsement from his Father for the work that Jesus is about to begin. Through his baptism, Jesus is being officially commissioned to begin his public work of teaching, healing and liberating enslaved souls up to the climactic moment of his passion, death and resurrection.

### ***What is Jesus’ mission?***

And what is that work that Jesus is to accomplish through his teaching, preaching and healing? That is described in the First Reading from Isaiah: “He will feed his flock like a

shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms and carry them in his bosom and gently lead the mother sheep.” He is the Bread of Life and the Good Shepherd.

In the Second Reading from the Letter to Titus the Lord comes to bring salvation and wholeness to all and to help us leave behind all “worldly passions”, all those appetites and longings which are ultimately destructive and harmful to our proper destiny. And our baptism is linked with that of Jesus:

### ***His baptism also for us***

At his baptism, that Spirit came down on Jesus. It was not for him alone but so that he might bring “true justice” to all. A just society is one where everyone has what they need to have, where their dignity is respected and affirmed and where people live in right relationships with each other.

So, later in his gospel Matthew applies the words of the prophet Isaiah to Jesus in Matthew 12:19-20a where he expressed in truly poetic images is a picture of the compassionate Jesus who welcomed sinners and sat down to eat with them; the Good Shepherd who left the ninety-nine “good” ones to go and find just one which had gone astray to bring it back.

In spite of hostility, rejection and efforts to destroy him, Jesus will persevere to the end. In fact, it will be in his apparent destruction, his degrading death as a public criminal that he will galvanise millions to follow him for centuries to come. Jesus’ work is above all to liberate us and set us free. For all of this, Jesus was baptised and commissioned by his Father.

### ***Reflecting on our own baptism***

Today is an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our own baptism. It is the beginning of a lifelong journey, of a process of growing into the Body of Christ as its members. Our baptism is essentially a community experience; it involves active participation in the life of the Church and not just passive membership.

Each one of us is called to be a living witness to the Gospel: to be the salt of the earth, a city on a hill, a lamp radiating light for all. Our baptism is a never-ending call to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Every word of Isaiah can also be applied to each one of us who has been baptised. So let us today renew our faith in and our commitment to follow Jesus. Let us re-affirm our readiness to carry on his work.

For it is a sobering fact that without our co-operation, much of God’s work will never get done.

~ *Living Space*

## **DECEMBER 2021 BRIEF FINANCIALS**

Brief financials for SSVP Holy Family Church Conference for month of December 2021:

- a) Amt collected through Church Collections: \$18,531.35
- b) Donations received (up to 31 Dec 2021): \$4,820
- c) Amt disbursed in December: \$15,259.60