



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 13 April 2025 • Palm Sunday (Year C)

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8.00am to 9.00pm

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES (Chapel of St Joseph)

Mon – Fri : 6.30am, 6.30pm
Sat : 6.30am

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat : 5.30pm (Sunset)
Sun : 7.30am (Mandarin),
9.30am, 11.30am and 5.30pm

CONFESSIONS

15 mins before all weekend Masses in
the Reconciliation Rooms in Church.

OTHER SERVICES

ADORATION ROOM

Mon – Fri : 8.00am to 9.00pm
Sat : 9.30am to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.00am to 7.00pm
Public Holidays : 8.00am to 4.00pm

COLUMBARIUM / ROSARY GARDEN / STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mon – Sun : 8.00am to 8.00pm

MEDIA CENTRE (BOOKSHOP)

Sat : 4.30pm to 7.00pm
Sun : 8.30am to 1.00pm
Every 2nd Sunday : 8.30am to 1.00pm,
5.30pm to 7.00pm

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour : First Friday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church (unless otherwise stated)

Mass in Honour of St Joseph :

First Wednesday @ 8.00pm
in Main Church

Divine Mercy :

Every Friday @ 8.00pm (except First Fri)
in the Chapel of St Joseph

Garden Rosary :

First Saturday after the 5.30pm Mass

Grotto Rosary : Every 13th of the month
after 6.30pm Mass (weekdays only)

Holy Hour for Vocations :

Every Third Thursday of the month in
the Chapel of St Joseph @ 8.00pm

Blessing of Expectant Mothers:

Every Fourth Sunday of the month

From the Desk of the Parish Priest

Holy Week



Holy Week is a significant period in the Catholic Church's liturgical calendar, commemorating the final days of Jesus Christ's life, leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection. Here is an overview of the week, and also what you can expect and prepare for.

Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, which celebrates Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Parishioners are to gather in the Parish Community Hall to collect their palms and join the procession to the main Church. This is to enact Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday

These days are often referred to as the "Sacred Triduum's eve."

Masses on these three days are as per normal viz 6.30 am and 6.30 pm in the Chapel of St Joseph.

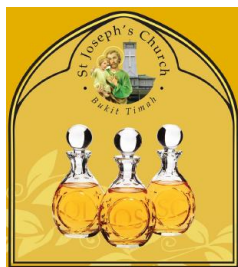
Holy Thursday (Maundy Thursday)

This day commemorates the Last Supper, during which Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the priesthood. The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper often includes a ritual washing of feet.

The word "Maundy" is originated from the Latin word called "mandatum," which means "commandment." This day is named after Jesus' commandment to his disciples to love one another. Maundy Thursday demonstrates the importance of humility and service by remembering Jesus washing the feet of his disciples.

The day will begin with the Chrism Mass where the priests will renew their priestly commitment, and the holy oils will be blessed. In the evening, there will be two Masses and there will be the washing of the feet at both Masses.

At the 6.30 pm Mass, the Holy Oils - which were consecrated at the Chism Mass – will be received into the Church.



The three holy oils are blessed annually by the bishop, each playing a vital role in various sacraments and rituals. These oils symbolize God's grace and presence, and are used to strengthen, heal, and consecrate individuals and objects.

Oil of Catechumens:

Used primarily during the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), this oil prepares individuals for Baptism by strengthening their faith and protecting them from evil.

Oil of the Sick:

In the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, this oil is applied to the forehead and hands of those who are ill, praying for physical healing, spiritual comfort, and inner strength.

Holy Chrism:

This sacred oil is used in several sacraments, including Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. It is also used for the consecration of churches, altars, and other sacred objects. Holy Chrism signifies the Holy Spirit and consecrates individuals and objects to God's service, setting them apart for a sacred purpose.

After the 8.30 pm Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be moved to the Parish Community Hall and there will be adoration until midnight. Do come and spend an hour with the Lord in our "Garden of Gethsemane".

The Altar would have been stripped after Palm Sunday, and all crucifixes will have been covered. The Adoration Room will also be closed from 6 pm until Easter morning when the Lord is resurrected.

Good Friday

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence, commemorating Jesus' crucifixion and death. *On Good Friday, there are no "Masses" only "Services". The 3 pm Service will be preceded by the Stations of the Cross.*

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, awaiting his Resurrection. *There is no 6.30 am Mass as we await our Risen Lord.*

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the greatest and most noble of all solemnities as we proclaim the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Easter Vigil Mass will be held at 7.30 pm. All are to gather in the Parish Community Hall for the blessing of the fire and lighting of the Easter candle after which all will process to the Main Church for Mass where you will witness the baptism of our elects (those who have journeyed through RCIA)

Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday celebrates Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Come in joyful celebration as we commemorate the resurrection of the Lord! This is the most important day in the calendar of the Catholic Church

Please note :

Maundy Thursday

There will be food for sale in the St Joachim Room.

The Bookshop (Media Centre) will also be open until midnight.

Easter Sunday

The Canteen will be closed on Easter Sunday. The Bookshop will be closed on the Easter Sunday Weekend (19 & 20 April).



Catholic News is here! Find out what helps build strong families. Pope Francis appears for the first time in public since leaving hospital. Holy Week activities for children. Pick up your copy today!

Tenebrae Youth Choir Recruitment

Tenebrae *Youth Choir Recruitment*



Choir Practices:
Saturday or Sunday 6.30pm
St Joseph AVA Room

Calling all youth 13-35
years old who love to
sing! Join us for the
Tenebrae Service on
Good Friday

Join our Whatsapp chat:
tinyurl.com/tenebraechoir
or Whatsapp Jane @98113320 for
more information

Inviting youths who love to sing to lend their voices in praising God through music at the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday. Please join the Whatsapp chat: tinyurl.com/tenebraechoir or email Jane at sjcbt.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

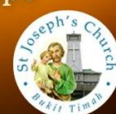
Tenebrae (Fri 18 Apr after 3 pm Good Friday Service)

Tenebrae *Service of Shadows*

An ancient liturgy that enters into the darkness of
Christ's final hours through Scripture & music

Good Friday April 18 4.45pm - 5.45pm
(after 3pm Good Friday service)
Parish Community Hall

Organised by the Youth Groups
of St Joseph's Church
(Bukit Timah)



All parishioners are warmly invited to reflect more deeply on the Passion of Christ through Scripture, prayers, reflections and music at the Tenebrae Service after the Good Friday 3pm service at the Community Hall.

2025 Feast Day
Theme : Joseph, Most Faithful

Mon 28 Apr	8.00 pm	Triduum Mass (Day 1)
Tue 29 Apr	8.00 pm	Triduum Mass (Day 2)
Wed 30 Apr	8.00 pm	Triduum Mass (Day 3)
Thu 01 May	5.30 pm	Feast Day Mass
Fri 02 May	7.15 pm	Mass
Fri 02 May	8.00 pm	Holy Hour

Celebrant :
Archbishop Emeritus Dato John Ha
Archdiocese of Kuching, Sarawak

NB : No 6.30 am and 6.30 pm Masses on 28 Apr / 29 Apr / 30 Apr and 02 May.



2025 Feast Day Masses (03 and 04 May)
Theme : Joseph, Most Faithful

Sat	3-May	5.30 pm (Sunset Mass)
Sat	3-May	7.30 pm (Tamil)
Sun	4-May	6.00 am (Stallholders)
Sun	4-May	7.30 am (Mandarin)
Sun	4-May	9.30 am
Sun	4-May	11.30 am (Celebrant : Cardinal)
Sun	4-May	5.30 pm

NB : No 6.30 am Mass on Sat 3 May



Feast Day Dinner Tickets

2025 Feast Day Dinner
Thursday 01 May @ 7.00 pm in Parish Community Hall

Tickets for our Feast Day Dinner is now open for bookings.

Each ticket is \$50. As there are limited seats available, bookings are on a first-come first-served basis. Payment will only be made upon confirmation of tickets.



Please register your interest at this link or QR Code :

<https://forms.gle/XGLqFSuW5xodacFC9>



Flowers for St Joseph

St Joseph's Feast Day
Flower Donations

Honour our Patron Saint with an offering of flowers.



Place your requests at this link :
<https://forms.gle/ECxJYeZDESALSKX78>
or via this QR code .

All contributions will go to St Joseph's Church.

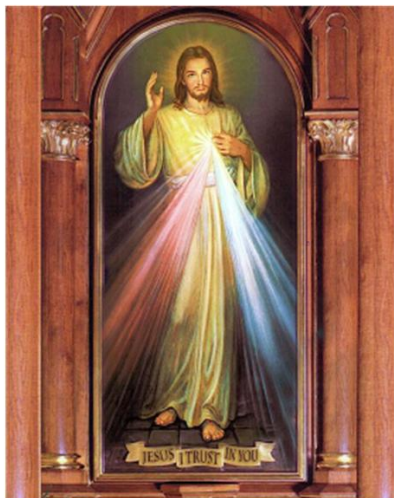
Closing Date : Mon 28 April



Novena to the Divine Mercy (commending on Good Friday)

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated the week after Easter.
To prepare for this occasion, the Divine Mercy prayer group will leading the 9-day Novena to the Divine Mercy. Please see the schedule below.

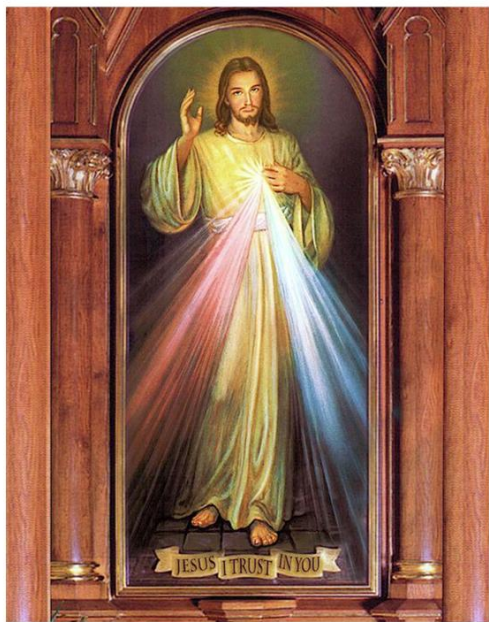
Novena to the Divine Mercy



- Day 1 : 18 April - Good Friday @ 5pm
- Day 2 : 19 April - Holy Saturday @ 3 pm
- Day 3 : 20 April - Easter Sunday @ 3 pm
- Day 4 : 21 April - Easter Monday @ 8 pm
- Day 5 : 22 April - Easter Tuesday @ 8 pm
- Day 6 : 23 April - Easter Wednesday @ 8 pm
- Day 7 : 24 April - Easter Thursday @ 8 pm
- Day 8 : 25 April - Easter Friday @ 8 pm
- Day 9 : 26 April - Easter Saturday @ 1pm

Venue : Chapel of St Joseph

Divine Mercy Sunday (Sun 27 Apr)



DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY

Sunday 27 April 2025
Main Church

The Divine Mercy group will be chanting the chaplet at 11 am before the Mass.

AROUND THE PARISH

Prayer thru Music (Fri 25 Apr @ 8 pm)



JUBILEE 2025
Pilgrims of Hope in Community



SAHOP
Society of Apostles of Hope in Prayer
Prayer thru Music

Prayer thru Music ©

(brought to you by SAHOP)

- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Readings
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding

“Steadfast Love of God”




Bro Dominic Yeo-Koh

25 April 2025 (Friday) 8PM
@ Level 3, St Mary, AVA Room
Parish Community Hall

e-mail:sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Infant Baptism (Closing date for Registration : 15 May)



2025 Infant Baptism Schedule

- Parents seeking Baptism for their infant or child, please visit our website: St. Joseph’s Church, Bukit Timah.
- Please download the ‘Infant Baptism Registration’ form (located under Services>Sacraments>Baptism) and submit the completed form along with the relevant documents to the Parish Secretary at : sjcibt.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

RITE OF BAPTISM @ 1:30PM	PREPARATION SESSION 1 @1:30PM (Zoom) For parents and godparent	PREPARATION SESSION 2 @1:30PM (St Joseph AVA Room) For parents and godparent	CLOSING DATE FOR REGISTRATION:
13 JULY 2025	1 JUNE 2025	29 JUNE 2025	15 MAY 2025

SSVP Statement of Accounts



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Conference of St Joachim
Statement of Income and Expenses for Mar 2025

Donations	\$ 17,520.14
Expenditure	\$ 16,235.62
Surplus	\$ 1,284.52

Thank you for your support for our Friends-in-Need!

CHARIS :Appeal for Myanmar and Thailand Earthquake Relief

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making an appeal for those affected by the recent earthquake that struck Myanmar. The disaster has caused significant structural damage and hardship for many communities in Myanmar and their neighbouring countries, leaving families in urgent need of assistance.

You can donate via credit card or PayNow through the CHARIS website. Alternatively, you can send a crossed cheque payable to **“Humanitarian Aid Fund,”** indicating **“Myanmar-Thailand Earthquake Relief”** at the back of the cheque, and mail it to:

CHARIS
55 Waterloo Street, #07-02 Catholic Centre, Singapore 187954

For more information, please contact CHARIS at **6337-4119** or scan the QR code to visit our website. Your generosity will provide critical aid to those in need.



Paschal Triduum : Holy Week Retreat (17 – 20 Apr)



PASCHAL TRIDUUM:
Holy Week Retreat

17-20 April 2025
at La Salle House



Stay-In Retreat
Limited Vacancies
Register early



There will be daily input sessions, spiritual direction, Sacraments and Liturgies from Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday. Due to limited rooms, early registration is recommended.

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents



Tue 22 April from 7.30pm to 9.15pm at Catholic Archdiocesan Education Centre, 2 Highland Road, unit LG-01, S. 549102 (next to the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary).

We invite any parent who has lost a child (regardless of age and no matter how recent or long ago) to meet every fourth Tuesday of the month to pray and support each other.

Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>

Note: We will be on Zoom for March. Please email us for Zoom details.

CHURCH OUTREACH 2025
· 26 & 27 APRIL ·

PAYNOW



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All donations will go towards supporting the 7 Montfortian Gabrielite Education Institutions’ programmes and activities for students and staff, as well as towards our logistical and operational cost.

NOTE: Donation of **\$100** and above will be eligible for **250%** of tax deduction.

Kindly indicate the following where possible:

NRIC(space)HP No.(space)SJC

Waffles & Spaghetti (Wed 30 Apr)



WAFFLES SPAGHETTI

Ever notice how MEN zoom in while women connect the dots?

It's not just you—it's how we are wired!



Register here:
bit.ly/WAFFSPAG_REG



30 APR 2025, WED | **8pm - 10pm**

**CANA THE CATHOLIC CENTRE,
L3 - ST MARY**

\$20 PER PAX / \$35 FOR TWO

How can we make it work in marriage?
Come and enjoy a light-hearted exchange of ideas peppered with exercises to celebrate our differences and complementarity as male and female.

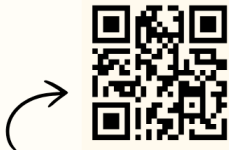
Ever wonder why men focus on one thing at a time while women seem to connect everything at once? It's not just you—it's how we're wired! Man and woman, the masterpiece of God's creation, were created for each other, to complete each other in the most profound way. Equal in dignity, yet as different as waffles are from spaghetti. Come and enjoy a light-hearted exchange of ideas peppered with exercises to celebrate our differences and complementarity as male and female.

Graduating Poly, ITE & Private Diploma Retreat 2025 (30 Apr – 2 May)



Graduating Poly, ITE & Private Diploma Retreat

30 Apr - 2 May 2025
OYP, 2 Lor Low Koon, 536449
Cost: \$32.70 (Incl. 9% GST)
(For those 18-25 y/o)



Find out more & register here
tinyurl.com/gpr25p



Graduating from poly, ITE, or private diploma? Wondering what lies ahead in the next chapter of life? This is for all who are graduating from poly, ITE and priv dip this year! 🎓 Join us for a time of recollection, and to discover more of what God has in store for you in this new phase of life. 🙏

Ark of the Covenant Exhibition (1 – 31 May)



Ark of the Covenant
Byzantine ICON Art Exhibition
结约之柜 拜占庭圣像画展

Iconographer from Taiwan **Theresa Tung 董兰芝**

All Are Welcome!
Do invite your non-believer friends

1st – 31st May, 2025
at Carlo Catholic Services
225B Queen St. S188552

Programmes include:

- Group Guided Tour
- ICON Art Workshop
- Mandarin & English Talks

Organisers & Event Details :



Jointly organized by Singapore Catholic ACAMS, Carlo Catholic Services, and the Diocese of Tainan Catholic Church Studium S. Pius X Press Ltd.

Exhibition Opening Hours:

- Monday to Saturday: 11 AM – 8 PM
- Sunday and Public Holidays: 10 AM – 5 PM

Admission is Free for the Exhibition.

There will also be guided tours, talks in both Mandarin & English and a three-day ICON workshop. For more information, please scan the QR code.

Calling for Volunteers

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

looking for facilitators...

- facilitate small group sharing
- 18 y/o and above
- good listening skills

We are looking for volunteer facilitators for group discussions with teens & youths!

ABOUT:
Made for More is a sexuality programme developed by Rev Fr David Garcia OP.

REGISTER NOW!

bit.ly/MFMvolunteerform
register by **18 MAY 2025**

CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace (Fri 2 May)



The poster features a blue background with a large white heart shape in the center. Inside the heart are three circular images: the top one shows a school building, the bottom-left one shows a group of students in school uniforms, and the bottom-right one shows two students sitting at a desk with a laptop. The text 'Come discover the OLQP CLOVER experience!' is written in a curved path around the heart. Below the heart, the text 'CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace' is followed by 'OPEN HOUSE 2025' in large, bold letters. At the bottom, it says 'Friday, 2 May 2025 | 3.00pm to 4.30pm' and provides the URL 'https://go.gov.sg/olqp2025' along with a QR code.

CHIJ Our Lady Queen of Peace provides students with a holistic educational experience and Catholic faith formation anchored in a Christ-centred, values-driven environment.

Come visit our Open House on Friday, 2 May 2025 (3.00 pm to 4.30 pm) to learn more about our educational experiences. We look forward to sharing 170 years of IJ education, tradition and legacy with your daughters. You may register for our Open House at: <https://go.gov.sg/olqp2025>



Encourage Community Open Session (Tue 6 May @ 7.30 pm)



The poster has a dark background. At the top, the title 'EnCourage Community Open Session' is written in a large, yellow, serif font. Below the title is a classical painting of a group of people in a boat, struggling against a storm. The text 'No Storm is Too Big' is written in a large, yellow, sans-serif font, followed by 'There's room in our boat.... Come!' in a smaller, yellow, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time '6 MAY 2025 - TUESDAY- 7.30 PM to 9.30 PM - LIMITED SPOTS' are written in red. The main body of text is in white, describing the event and providing registration information. At the bottom right is a QR code.

EnCourage Community Open Session

No Storm is Too Big
There's room in our boat.... Come!

6 MAY 2025 - TUESDAY- 7.30 PM to 9.30 PM - LIMITED SPOTS

If you are a parent or family member of a loved one who is same sex attracted or identifies as LGBT, the EnCourage community invites you to join us for an intimate evening of conversation & sharing over simple food & drink.

EnCourage is a Roman Catholic apostolate that provides pastoral & spiritual support for parents & family members of loved ones who are same-sex attracted or identify as LGBT

To register, scan QR code or visit: <https://tinyurl.com/yckhznr>
Registrations close on 2 May 2025
Venue will be disclosed upon confirmation of registration

Treasure 17 (9 May @ 7.45 pm)

TREASURE 17

catholic encounter retreat for young working adults
(21-35 years old)

**9 MAY, FRI (7.45PM) TO
12 MAY, MON (6PM) 2025**

Full stay in at OYP (2 Lorong Low Koon)
Cost: \$163.50 (incl 9% gst)
Sign up: tinyurl.com/oyt-treasure17

Have you ever longed to simply rest in the Father’s love? Sometimes, all it takes is one word—“Abba!” A cry from the depths of your heart, and He hears you. He sees you. He calls you His own. No matter where you are in life, God is waiting to lavish His love, mercy, and freedom upon you. Come and encounter Him in a personal way at Treasure #17, a stay-in Catholic Encounter Retreat specially for young working adults (ages 21–35) in Singapore.

From Shifting Sand to Solid Ground (17 – 18 May)

From Shifting Sand to Solid Ground

A Midlife Retreat by Sr. Bubbles, RC

Dates: 17-18 May 2025

Venue: La Salle House

*We need to walk on shifting sand
to find a home on Solid Ground.*

A Cenacle
programme

The retreat will evoke significant questions during this life transition: Who am I? How have my relationships impacted me? How would I like to live meaningfully and fruitfully? While the approach to this retreat is psycho-spiritual, the call at this life stage is essentially to undertake a spiritual journey towards a more intimate relationship with self, others and God.

SSVP Youth Camp (6 – 8 Jun)

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP)

YOUTH CAMP

HEARTS OPENED IN HOPE

6-8 JUNE 2025

\$50 per person
LASALLE HOUSE,
490 E COAST ROAD
SINGAPORE 429058

For enquiries, email at
youthexco@ssvpsingapore.org

SIGN UP HERE



bit.ly/ssvpyouthcamp2025

ANSWER THE CALL TO UNCONDITIONAL LOVE



Desiring to serve and bring hope to others? Come and join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul's Youth Camp 2025! Seek a heart like Christ in this experiential stay-in youth camp with opportunities to meet with other like-hearted youth and to serve the Lord's beloved.

Marriage Preparation Courses



This course, spanning over 6 half-day sessions on weekends, is designed to help couples build strong foundation for a lasting fulfilling marriage.

2025 DATES

CLOSED 09 Feb – 16 Mar

Q2 04 May - 08 Jun

Q3 20 Jul - 31 Aug

Q4 05 Oct - 09 Nov

Scan to Register!



Couples intending to celebrate your union in the Catholic Church are encouraged to attend MPC as early as possible before your wedding date

For more info : www.mpcsingapore.com

