



St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Weekly Parish Bulletin • 13 Sep 2026 • 24th Sun Ordinary Time (Year A)

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Singapore 678116

🕒 Gate Opening Hours:
6.00am to 10.00pm

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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

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (14 Sept)



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated on September 14, is a significant feast in the Catholic Church, honoring the cross as the instrument of Christ's victory over sin and death. It is a paradoxical symbol: an instrument of suffering turned into victory and eternal life.

This day also commemorates two pivotal events: the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helena, mother of Emperor Constantine, in Jerusalem around 326 AD, and the recovery of the cross by Byzantine Emperor Heraclius in 629 AD after it was taken by the Persians.

Left : Sebastiano Ricci : The Exaltation of the True Cross (1733)

Public Domain Dedication

Prayer

Most High glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart.

Grant me an upright faith,
secure hope and perfect charity.

Fill me with understanding and knowledge
that I may fulfill your command. Amen.

(prayer of Saint Francis before the Crucifix of San Damiano)

2027 Bible Diaries : 365 Days with the Lord

Bible Diary 2027 : 365 Days with the Lord



Now available from the Media
Centre

(Bookshop)

Price: \$20

Get your copy now!

Copies will be on sale at the Main Church foyer
on the weekend of 19 & 20 Sept (before and after all Masses).



CHARIS - Appeal for Nepal Flood Emergency Relief

FLOOD EMERGENCY RELIEF

NEPAL

Responding to the devastating floods in Nepal, we stand in solidarity with affected families. Together, we can bring hope and help rebuild lives.

DONATE
Every contribution brings hope

SUPPORT
Help relief efforts reach more lives

SHARE
Spread the word
Be their voice

PRAY
Keep Nepal in your prayers

Scan the QR Code to Donate

go.charis-singapore.org/nepal-flood-relief

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS), is making an urgent appeal for those affected by the recent disaster in Nepal. On 26 August 2026, a devastating flash flood struck Rasuwa District, Nepal, after the Bhote Koshi River overflowed. Over 1,000 people have been reported dead and more than 3,900 remain missing, with thousands more displaced and left without necessities. Search and rescue efforts continue as families face total loss of shelter, food, and livelihoods.

CHARIS is raising funds to support Caritas Nepal and on-ground partners in providing immediate emergency assistance, including shelter, food, clean water, essential supplies, and long-term recovery efforts.

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 “Nepal Flood” 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.

Please note that you will need to scan the QR code using your mobile phone camera and it will bring you to the CHARIS website. Do not scan using your bank app. Alternatively, you can proceed to their website at : <https://charis-singapore.org/>

Alpha Youth : Life Essentials (Commencing Sun 13 Sept)



LIFE ESSENTIALS

BY ALPHAYOUTH

Scan to register!



tinyurl.com/YAlpha2026

Fame
Friends
Dreams
Ghosting
Labels
Stress
Forgiveness
Tribes
Good & Evil
Jesus

A SERIES OF 8 SESSIONS EXPLORING
IDENTITY, BELONGING, PURPOSE AND
FAITH FOR TEENS!

ALL TEENAGERS ARE WELCOME
(parental consent required):

Sundays 9.30-11am
St Joseph's Church (Bukit Timah)

Sep 13, 20, 27;
Oct 4, 11, 18, 25;
& Nov 1

Calling all Teens! Join us for our season of Alpha Youth from Sun 13 Sep. All teenagers from 13 to 19 are welcome to our sessions to explore identity, belonging, purpose, and faith: <https://tinyurl.com/YAlpha2026>

The Dignity of Work (18 & 25 Sep @ 8.00 pm)



The Dignity of Work

Catholic Social Teaching on labour, vocation and the worth of the worker

Presented by **Friar David Garcia**
Fri 18 Sept & Fri 25 Sept
8.00 pm – 9.30 pm
St Joseph AVA Room
St Joseph's Church, Bukit Timah

ALL ARE WELCOME



Scan to register

As part of our 180th Anniversary celebrations, we have invited Friar David Garcia to share on “The Dignity of Work”.

Friar David Garcia is a lecturer in Moral Theology at the St Francis Xavier Major Seminary and Catholic Theological Institute of Singapore and a well-known speaker on topics such as social justice and bioethics.

SHE (Sat 19 Sep)

Love Unveiled

A WOMEN-ONLY GROUP



Join us on a transformative journey, learning practical wisdom, in an environment for growth and love as God intended.

programs.paradisusdei.org/join/CC715A



Day/Date: Every Saturday
(from 12 Sep to 31 Oct)
Time: 10am to 1130am
Venue: SJCBT, room #02-03

Scan QR code to Register



'She Shall be called Woman' (SHE) Women's Fellowship is back with season 3: Love Unveiled! To truly understand the way the Lord views femininity is to live as one who is fully alive. This season will not only unpack the wealth of celebration of what Saint John Paul II called "The Feminine Genius" but will also give real advice on how to combat the mental, emotional, and spiritual challenges we, as women, face every day. Please register at: <https://tinyurl.com/SJCBSHE3>

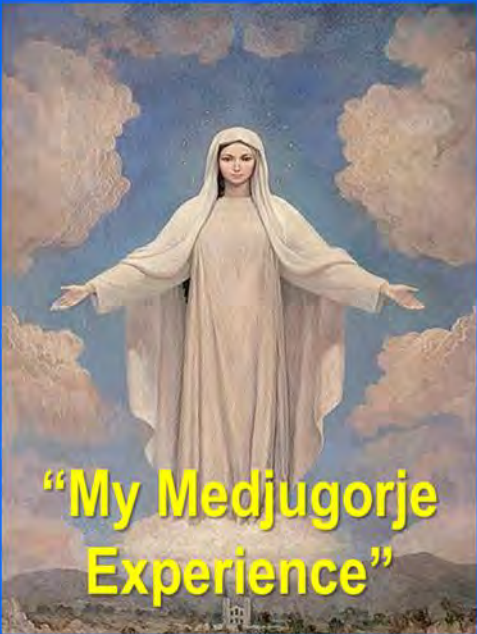
Prayer thru Music



- ❖ Praise & Worship
- ❖ Scripture Reading
- ❖ Intercessory Prayers
- ❖ Spiritual Talk
- ❖ Community Bonding



Mr Richard Tan



(Friday) 25 September 2026
8.00pm, AVA Room, Level 3,
Parish Community Hall

E-mail: sahop.sjcbt@gmail.com



Scripture Series : The Gospel of Matthew

Scripture Series : The Gospel of Matthew (Part II)
By Fr Ambrose Vaz

Extended



*Ignorance of Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.
(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 133)*

Time : 9 am to 10.45 am
Venue : St Joseph AVA Room
St Joseph's Church (BT)
Dates : Aug : 27
Sep : 3 / 10 / 17 / 24
Oct : 1 / 8 / 15 / 22 / 29

No registration required. All are welcome. Do bring along your bibles.

SSVP Accounts



Society of St Vincent de Paul
Conference of St Joachim
Statement of Income and Expenses for August 2026

Donations	\$ 12,709.18
Expenditure	\$ 17,651.18
Deficit	\$ 4,942.00

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





Guided Church Tours

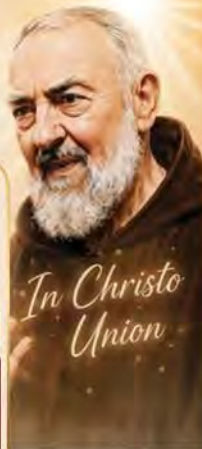
Interested to learn more about St Mary's?
The church architecture? Franciscan spirituality?
You can book guided church tours which are
scheduled on Sunday afternoons.

Learn more & Book your spot at:
stmary.sg/churchtour



In celebration of the Jubilee Year of St Francis, proclaimed by Pope Leo, and the special opportunity for the faithful to receive an indulgence through pilgrimage to a Franciscan church, come visit St Mary's and discover the hidden stories, sacred spaces and Franciscan heritage that have shaped St Mary of the Angels over the years.
Led by our Church Tour Ambassadors, each guided tour offers a meaningful opportunity to explore and encounter St Mary's in a new way.

Padre Pio Triduum & Feast Day (20 – 23 Sep)



Padre Pio TRIDUUM & FEAST DAY

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
50 Ophir Road Singapore 188690

20 - 23 September 2026

DAY 1 Triduum

SUNDAY
20 SEPT 2026

Love-In-Christo

3.40PM
BEGIN WITH ROSARY

PRaise & WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 4PM

FULLFILLS SUNDAY OBLIGATION



Celebrant :
FR ALPHONSUS DOMINIC

DAY 2 Triduum

MONDAY
21 SEPT 2026

Suffering-In-Christo

7.40PM
BEGIN WITH ROSARY

PRaise & WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 8PM



Celebrant :
FR EUGENE VAZ

DAY 3 Triduum

TUESDAY
22 SEPT 2026

Healing-In-Christo

7.40PM
BEGIN WITH ROSARY

PRaise & WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 8PM

HEALING MASS



Celebrant :
FR AUGUSTINE JOSEPH

FEAST DAY

WEDNESDAY
23 SEPT 2026

In-Christo Union

6.45PM
INTRODUCTION / TESTIMONIES

PRaise & WORSHIP
FOLLOWED BY
MASS AT 7PM

PROCESSION AND VENERATION TO FOLLOW



Celebrant :
FR VENUS PRAVEEN COLACO

Organized by :



St Pio Devotion Singapore
www.stpiodevotionsg.org



FR ALBERT NG
SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR OF SPDS



Prepare Your Hearts For The Feast Day!
The faithful are warmly urged to seek Sacrament of Reconciliation at their respective parishes prior to this event.

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL TIME OF GRACE, HEALING AND UNITY IN FAITH WITH SAINT PADRE PIO

There will be NO PARKING on church grounds on these days

PIETA

Pieta Prayer Support for Bereaved Parents

Tues 22 September from 7.30pm to 9.15pm on Zoom



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

Enquiries: pieta.singapore@gmail.com
or <https://pieta.familylife.sg/>
Please email us directly for the Zoom link.

Note: In October, we will be meeting in person at Catholic Family Life at Highland Road. Please email us for details.

Retrouvaille Weekend (25 – 27 Sep)



RETROUVAILLE
SINGAPORE

*Retrouvaille Singapore is an
affiliate of Catholic Family Life*

a
*marriage
lifeline*



Is your marriage
tearing you apart?

Are you considering
divorce or separation?

retrouv.sg@gmail.com
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**RETROUVAILLE
WEEKENDS**

25 - 27 SEP 2026

Register: bit.ly/RetroWESep26

Retrouvaille is an international programme that came to Singapore in 1993. The programme aims to help troubled couples mend their relationships.
If you are considering separation, divorce, or are already divorced and want to get back together, Retrouvaille may just be what you need as a couple.
Register here via bit.ly/RetroWESep26 or scan the QR code to register.

Catholic Social Teaching (Commencing 28 Sep)

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

By Fr David Garcia, OP





28 Sep - 26 Oct 2026



Mondays
08.00PM - 09.30PM



Fr Francisco Maia's Hall,
St Joseph's Church
(Victoria Street)



\$50
Fee

Faith is more than going
to church and being nice

COURSE THEMES

28 SEP	Unhealthy Ideas About Ministry & Hierarchy
05 OCT	Work is Not a Job
12 OCT	Money and the Economy
19 OCT	Migrants
26 OCT	Crime and Capital Punishment

SCAN ME



bit.ly/cstsep2026

Faithfulness to the Gospel is more than going to church and being nice. We are called to build God's kingdom and transform our world.

Join us as we explore how the Church's social teaching can help us put our faith to concrete practice in daily life!

Getting Married : In Church or As Church (Fri 2 Oct)



Getting Married: IN Church or AS Church?

BY FR AMBROSE VAZ

What does it mean to be married "as the Church"?

How can marriages become a living sacrament?

SCAN HERE



FAMILYLIFE.SG/GM

2 OCT 2026 (FRI)
8PM - 10PM

\$20 PER PAX \$35 FOR TWO

THE CATHOLIC CENTRE,
LEVEL 2
55 WATERLOO ST
SINGAPORE, 187954

This session explores the Catholic understanding of marriage as both a sacrament celebrated within the Church and as a lifelong commitment that embodies the Church's mission. Participants will delve into the significance of marriage in the Catholic tradition, examining how the sacrament of Matrimony not only unites a couple but also calls them to live out their faith as a "domestic church."

What does it mean to be married "as the Church"? How can marriages become a living sacrament? What's the difference between a wedding in the church and a marriage that lives out the church's mission?

Divorce, Separation and Annulment (5 and 19 Oct)

What the Catholic Church
Actually Teaches About
**Divorce, Separation,
and Annulment**

By Fr Terence Pereira

Via Zoom on Monday

- Part 1: 5 Oct 2026
- Part 2: 19 Oct 2026

Time: 8 - 10pm

Fee: Love Offering



Organised by
Catholic Divorce Support Group
Affiliate of Catholic Family Life



Scan to register or visit
bit.ly/DSAOct26

Couples enter into marriage with faith and hope that it will be a happy union that lasts. However, there are occasions when a couple faces an unhappy end to their married life together. How can Catholics in such a situation continue their life journey in a way that keeps them in full communion with the Church? This Symposium will help participants gain an insight into the complexity of the issues related to divorce, separation and annulment.

Catholic Hackathon (9 – 11 Oct)



DIGITAL CHURCH OFFICE PRESENTS:

**A CATHOLIC
HACKATHON!**

9 to 11 October 2026

Bringing together people of faith, creativity, and innovation to build solutions for the Church!

Individual Sign Up: **\$20**

Group of 3 Sign Up: **\$50**

Registration
closes 30 Aug!

Open to:
Designers | Developers | Professionals |
Students | Creatives | Anyone curious!

📍 CTIS, 618 Upp Bt Timah Rd

📱 @fiat.hack 🌐 mycatholic.sg/hackathon

**Sign up now at
mycatholic.sg/forms**

Digital Church Office will be organising a hackathon on 9-11 Oct where you can help to ideate solutions for various archdiocesan organisations.

Sign up now to be part of building the church of tomorrow with your talents!

Early bird signups close by 31 July and signups close by 30 August.

Rest, Relish and Recharge (15 – 18 Oct)



REST, RELISH and RECHARGE

October 15-18, 2026
A Beach Retreat in Bintan

A time of rest, self-discovery, and spiritual growth.



THE CENACLE
SISTERS

with



The
Jesuits

Through an arrangement of rest and simple leisure activities, these days of reflection and prayer hope to root us in God's goodness and thus find God in all things, experiences & time. Most importantly, the retreat hopes to provide a safe space for self-discovery and emotional growth as we evaluate: WHY DO I DO THE THINGS I DO?

Crossroads (17 – 18 Oct)



A Cenacle
programme



PRAYING OUR CROSSROADS: A LIFE DIRECTION RETREAT

Whether one is at a crossroads in one's career, seeking personal growth, or looking for new inspiration, this retreat is designed to help you reconnect with your spiritual purpose and chart a meaningful path forward.



17-18 OCT 2026
@LA SALLE HOUSE

This transformative Life Direction Retreat is designed to help you reconnect with your spiritual purpose and chart a meaningful path forward. There will be a reflective exploration of values, desires, dreams and aspirations to help cultivate clarity and self-awareness. Whether one is at a crossroads in one's career, seeking personal growth, or looking for new inspiration, this retreat provides a nurturing and prayerful space to gain insights and develop practices for a fuller and more meaningful life ahead.

Apostolate for Catholic Truth presents

Love, Marriage & ^{the} Mystery of Sex

Date : 17 Oct 2026 (Saturday)

Time : 9.00am to 4.30pm

Cost : Love Offering

Venue : Church of St Francis Xavier, 63A Chartwell Drive



scan to register

<https://tinyurl.com/LMMS-oct2026>

Why do we have sexual desire? What is eros all about? What is marriage for? What is God's plan for us? Do we face issues in our married life? Or our sex life? Why? What can we do about it? Come and find out the answers to these questions and more as we explore them through the lens of the Theology of the Body

Presenters



Alphonsus & Cyrine Gregory
TOB Parenting Team



Fr David Garcia
Moral Theologian



John and Geraldine Hui
TOB Parenting Team

Hosted by Church of St Francis Xavier

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 2026

Upcoming Weekend Dates

ENGLISH	28 - 30 Aug 2 - 4 Oct 4-6 Dec
MANDARIN	18 - 20 Sep
BAHASA INDONESIA	16 - 18 Oct



FRIDAY 8PM - SUNDAY 6PM
201 PUNGGOL SEVENTEENTH AVE
SINGAPORE 829651

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GEBIRAH MISSIONS
FAITH IN ACTION. LOVE IN SERVICE.



HONG KONG

MISSION 2026

6 – 10 NOVEMBER 2026

*After All Saints and All Souls,
COME WITH US
TO SERVE CHRIST
IN THE FORGOTTEN.*



*"Whatever you did
for one of the least
of these brothers
and sisters of mine,
you did for me."
— Matthew 25:40*

Hong Kong is a city of bright lights and hidden poverty. Many live unseen—homeless, refugees, migrants, elderly poor, and families struggling in difficult conditions.

Gebirah Missions will return to Hong Kong for a follow-up mission of service, solidarity, prayer and pilgrimage.



*Rooted in our Catholic Faith.
Sent by Love. Moved by Mercy.*

WHAT WE WILL DO

- Homeless outreach and dignity encounters
- Distribution of winter clothes, food, toiletries and essentials
- Support for refugees, migrants and marginalised families
- Menstrual health education and reusable pad distribution
- Follow-up visits from last year's mission
- Prayer, reflection and Catholic fellowship



WHO WE WILL SERVE

- Homeless persons
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Migrant families
- Women and girls in need of menstrual health support
- Elderly poor
- Families living in hardship
- People who need winter clothing, food, toiletries and basic essentials



WHAT BENEFICIARIES NEED

- Winter jackets, sweaters, hoodies
- Warm socks, scarves, beanies, gloves
- Toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, etc.)
- Sanitary pads and reusable sanitary pads
- School supplies
- Non-perishable food
- Basic medicines where appropriate
- Financial sponsorship for mission expenses and aid distribution



WE WILL END OUR MISSION WITH A PILGRIMAGE TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

After days of serving Christ in the poor, we will go to Mary to give thanks to God, to pray for our friends in Hong Kong, and to ask Our Lady to continue watching over them.

This pilgrimage is the spiritual crown of the mission — a moment to bring everything we have seen, carried, loved and suffered back to God through the hands of Mary.



HOW YOU CAN HELP



JOIN
as a volunteer missionary



DONATE
winter clothes and essentials



SPONSOR
a missionary or aid packs



HELP
with packing and logistics



SHARE
with your parish, family & friends



SEND
prayer petitions



PRAY
for the mission and the people of Hong Kong

UNABLE TO AFFORD THE MISSION?

If you are sincere in serving the marginalised, you can apply for **PART SPONSORSHIP**. We don't want cost to stop a sincere heart from serving.



THE POOR CANNOT WAIT.
Let us go where love is needed.

SIGN UP NOW
Places may be limited.



Be Christ. Bring Hope. Change Lives.

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