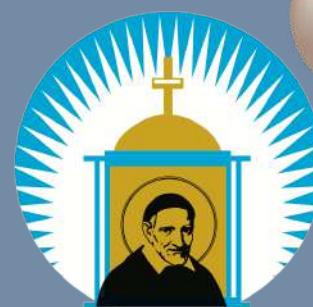


Song for Vincent

Lead us back to God's ways...

It's our final issue of the year, and what a year it's been! They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so enjoy this edition full of images that best showcase the month we've had. From the CWOM advent events to the Singapore pilgrimage, and the Advent Vespers, we have a good read for you...

Happy reading!



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Pray with me

"Rejoice in Hope,
Be Patient in Suffering,
Persevere in Prayer"
Romans 12.12

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Mass celebrated at 9 am by Rev. Fr. Paul Lim for the beneficiaries, donors and volunteers

"You are
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CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY ADVENT 2025

by Angelinena Song

On 13 December, our parishioners volunteered and shared their time and talents to spread joy and cheer to the residents of the **Institute of Mental Health (IMH)** and the children at **Gracehaven Children's Home**.

It was our SVDP Day of Corporal Works of Mercy organized during the Advent season to prepare for the coming of Jesus – **a time of Prayer, Charity and Reconciliation**. It was a day when our parishioners came together as a community and offered their time, resources and compassion to those in need as a reflection of our faith and love for others. Our generous parishioners donated and sponsored for the purchase of gifts, food and prizes for the event.

The day started with Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Paul Lim. After Mass, two groups of volunteers embarked on their mission while a group of **Prayer Warriors** prayed together in Church for the beneficiaries, donors/ & benefactors, the lonely and needy who sadly do not have anyone to pray for them. Volunteers conducted sing-a-long sessions and games & activities with the residents of IMH and the children at Gracehaven.



*Prayer Sessions at Church from
10 am to 12:15 pm*



“I couldn’t join the Homes we’re visiting so I joined the Prayer sessions. At first, I felt like I was doing it because my mom asked me to. While praying, I felt happy and peaceful. I realized that praying is also a way to help others. By the end of the day, I felt glad to be part of CWOM and I want to do it again.” -10-year-old William Relveria, who led the 5th Decade of the Rosary.



“This is my first time to attend CWOM. It is a very spiritual and touching prayer session with lively faithful songs. Prayed as a community with our SVDP members for this Advent period. Praise to Our Lord, Jesus and Mother Mary.” - Jacinta Benjamin

“As we explore the CWOM, it's essential to recognize that this journey is not exclusive to Catholics, but rather a universal path that encompasses all humanity and our environment. By praying together as a family in Christ, we foster a sense of unity and spirit that enables us to serve others. On a personal level, CWOM is about individual encounters, reaching out to others with kindness, compassion, and love. As God our Father has taught us through Jesus, love is unconditional and love have no boundaries. Let us continue to pray and do good, guided by wisdom from the Holy Spirit.”
- Denson Joseph

SVDP Prayer Warriors. Our 2 youngest were William Relveria (10 years old) and Yuka Seraphine Hostimada (12 years old)





Visit to Institute of Mental Health (IMH) from 10am to 12:15pm



SVDP Ukulele Group entertained the residents of IMH with songs including Christmas carols



Volunteers cheering the residents at the Games stations

“This is the first time Vincent and I participated in SVDP’s CWOM. I was drawn to the visit to IMH. It seemed to be a different kind of visit, quite apart from the Aged or Children’s Homes that are typically visited at this time of the year. We accompanied the SVDP Ukelele group who performed Christmas and familiar melodies. When the residents streamed in, it struck me that some of them looked no different from any other man in the street. Yet some of them have been residing in IMH for a long term. As the Ukelele performances got underway, the residents joined in song and dance. For that visit, they were not IMH residents, they were like us having a fun morning out. As I interacted with them, I asked myself whether I see Christ in each of them, and what my response would be. Thank you for making this visit possible. I received so much more than I gave (all I gave was my time).” - Peggy Yee

“This is my first time volunteering to visit IMH... To be frank, after signing up I was sceptical on ‘how’ to communicate with the residents, how to bring fun & laughter to them? To my surprise, I managed to mingle with the residents and had lots of fun. Happy to see smiles on their faces too! It was a wonderful experience for me and looking forward to more activities like this.” - Geraldine Tan

“When I decided to sign-up on the volunteering at IMH, I just feel I wanted to give something this Christmas. When I was there, I felt I am really blessed to have what I have - good health. I also learnt from them that no matter what happened, they still have the determination, perseverance to live their lives with happiness. We only keep complaining how life is so difficult for us but never look around that there are people who are living worse than us. I thank God for His blessings and also opening my eyes. I will love to serve the vulnerable communities if I am given the chance.”

- Elicia Chia

“I was overjoyed when the Church picked IMH for their outreach. I am a member of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVDP) branch at our Church, which has been serving our brothers and sisters there for more than 30 years, the longest serving volunteer group in IMH. Understandably there is a general misconception about the patients in IMH and I am glad we have a chance to correct that with this visit. The patients were very friendly and warm, dancing and clapping along with the music, and enjoying themselves at the games. Just as the folks in the other Homes we visited in our previous CWOM events. It is always a rewarding experience for me when we visit IMH, bringing Christ to them, seeing Christ in them, knowing that for some we are the only regular visitors who reassure them that they are not forgotten.”

- Margaret Wong



During our visit to Gracehaven Children's Home, the children had a day of fun playing games manned by the volunteers at the stations. They had a treat of muffins, Milo drinks and KFC lunch. Each child also received gifts - a cap, tote bag, plushie and Decathlon gift voucher.



“As part of our CWOM, I had the opportunity to visit Gracehaven Children's Home with the St Anne choir (Sunday, 11am) and other parishioners. Sharing music and laughter with the children reminded me of the true spirit of Advent - a time of hope, preparation, and joyful expectation. Singing carols and familiar songs together, I witnessed how small acts of kindness can brighten spirits and bring comfort to those in need. This experience was a meaningful way to "prepare the way of the Lord"—not only in our personal lives, but also by reaching out and sharing Christ's love with others. May this Advent season encourage us all to spread hope and kindness.” - Jacqueline Enoch, St Catherine Choir (Sunday, 6pm)



St Anne Choir (Sunday, 11 am) together with Jacqueline Enoch (Sunday, 6 pm Choir) singing the latest hits for the children at the Gracehaven Children's Home.

“Thank you for the opportunity to visit Gracehaven Children's Home to have a beautiful and meaningful time with the children. More importantly, is to tell the children that they matter and there are people who care about them. God is with us always.” - Jessica Lim

“This is my first time volunteering for the CWOM and visiting Gracehaven Children's Home. Initially when I heard that the age range of the children were mostly teenagers up to the age of 19, I was worried that it would be hard to engage and encourage them to participate. However, during our session, I was surprised to see how enthusiastic they were as they played the games and sang along to the songs. It was such a blessing to be able to bring some joy and warmth to them through our volunteering and I am grateful for this experience.” - Christian Lam



All 90 volunteers returned to SVDP Church and had a Fellowship lunch together at Fr Saussard's Café. They also shared their experience during lunch.

When Evening Falls:

ADVENT, VESPERS, AND THE GRACE OF WAITING

by Brenda Khoo

How many of us see Advent as a mere countdown to Christmas?

Amid vacations, Christmas parties, and the relentless year-end rush to finish our last-minute Christmas shopping, time itself seems to hurry us along. And before we know it, Christmas might have passed us in the blink of an eye. But what about deliberately taking some time during this Advent to **slow ourselves down and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ?**

This Advent, our parish organised Advent Vespers, and I was pleasantly surprised to see so many of our parishioners gathered together when I went for the session on 12th December. The turnout itself felt like a quiet testimony to a shared longing for prayer and bonding time with our sweet Saviour.

But what are Vespers? According to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, **Vespers (also called Evening Prayers) are part of the Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office.**

By praying the Divine Office, the Church fulfils Jesus's command to "pray always". (Lk 18:1; see also 1 Thess 5:17). Through this prayer, we sanctify the day by continual praise of God and prayers of intercession for the needs of the world.



In planning for Advent, the SVDP Liturgical committee discussed how best to help parishioners enter more deeply into the season. Head of the LitCom Anne-Marie Lai shared, "**Advent is a period of penance, prayer, and preparation.**" Yet in the world around us, Christmas celebrations often begin long before Advent has even begun its course. With streets aglow, melodies of celebration everywhere, and calendars already crowded with festivities, it becomes easy to forget what Advent is really about.

Anne-Marie recalled, “Fr Clarence suggested Advent Vespers... as an appropriate medium” to bring our parishioners back to the heart of the season. As the Church’s traditional prayer, Vespers would be **a fitting and prayerful way for our community to gather for prayer, adore the Blessed Sacrament, and then celebrate the Eucharist at Mass.**

In His presence, we are invited to raise our heads, steady our steps, and continue forward. There are moments when situations leave us downcast, or when fragments of shame linger in our hearts. Yet the psalmist reassures us that when our steps falter, God holds us so that we do not stumble. Whether under the sweltering sun or the quiet moon, God remains close at our side.



Psalm 120 is also a gentle reminder that **we cannot save ourselves by our own efforts alone.** Sometimes, our striving gets in the way. God comes to help us through people, places, and circumstances, but above all through sheer grace, quietly at work everywhere, if only we learn to notice.

During the Vespers, many of the verses felt deeply reassuring. One that stood out to me was from Psalm 120:

“The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.”

These words speak quietly but powerfully of God’s constant presence; by day and by night, in exhaustion and in rest. Reflecting on this psalm, I was reminded that when weariness seeps into our bones, when the way ahead feels uncertain or dark, God lifts us.

The experience of the Advent Vespers resonated with many of our parishioners including Raymond Chan one of our Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion. “I came across these words in the hymn, ‘Let us each his heart prepare, for Christ to come and enter there,’ and they resonated deeply with my desire for this year’s Advent journey,” he said.

“This Christmas, I long to welcome Christ with a renewed heart. I hope to declutter it of the noise, fears, unhealthy attachments, and endless distractions that have crowded out the sacred space within me, a space meant for God.”

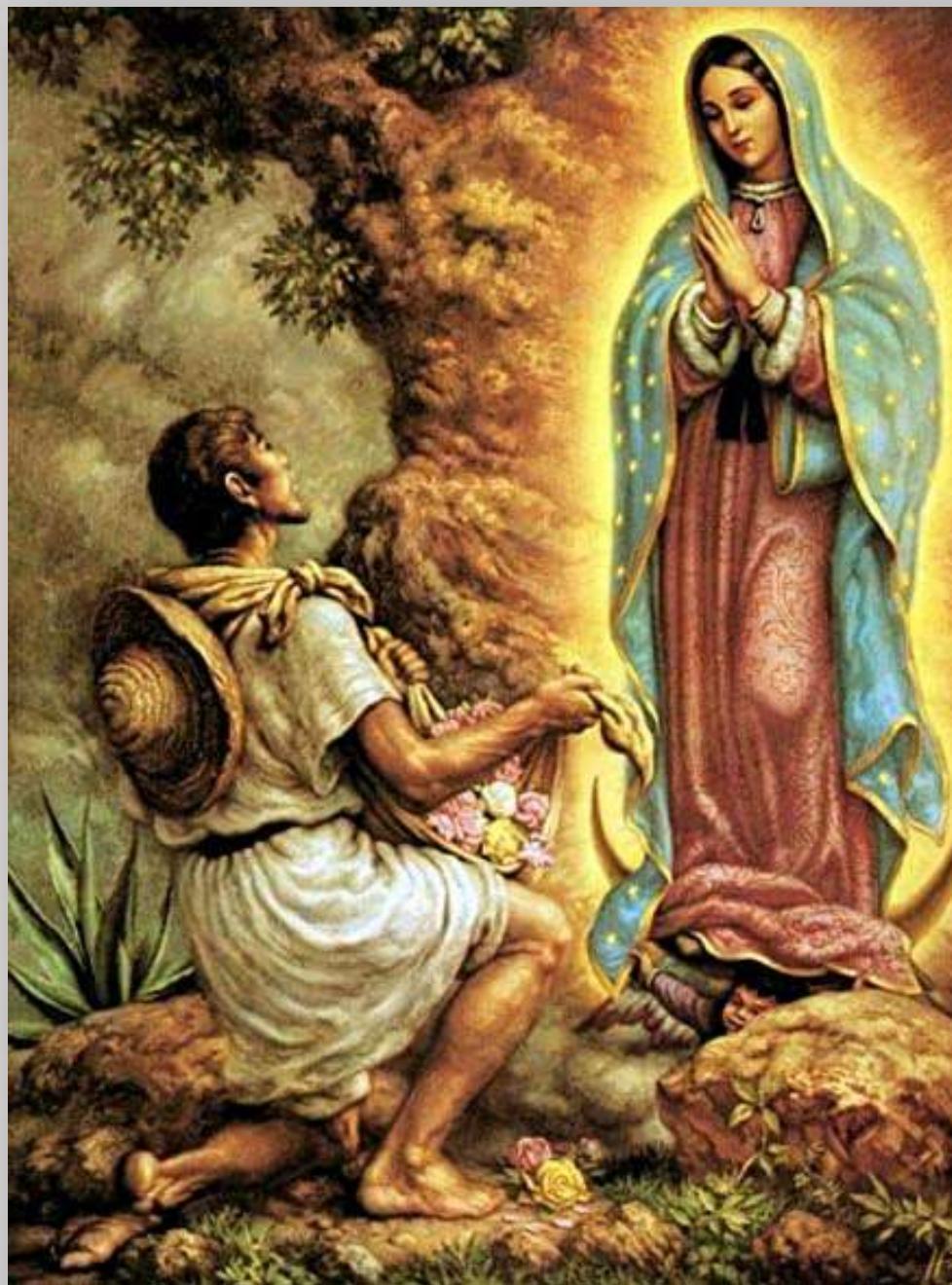
Anne-Marie, who attended the first Advent Vespers on 5 December, also reflected on the experience. “I think the first Vespers went well and it was encouraging to see a relatively good turnout despite it being school holidays and a Friday night,” she shared. “Our choir sang for it and it was a wonderful prayer experience. It was heartwarming to see everyone **focused in contemplation and prayer.**”

The psalms and readings prayed during Vespers — Psalm 114, Psalm 120, Apocalypse 15, the Magnificat, and a Scripture reading from 2 Peter 3:8-9 — all pointed towards hope, trust, and patient waiting. They remind us that **God acts in His time, and deliverance comes through faith and perseverance.**

These themes flowed naturally into the Mass that followed, which celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mary’s Magnificat, prayed during Vespers, found its fulfilment in the Eucharist. In Mary’s song of praise, she proclaims not herself, but the faithfulness and mercy of God who looks upon human lowliness. The Magnificat reveals Mary as one who magnifies the Lord by trusting Him completely, and by accompanying His people with humility and love.

During the apparitions that we commemorate on this feast, Our Lady spoke words of profound reassurance to Juan Diego and his uncle, Juan Bernardino: “¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu madre?” (“**Am I not here, I who am your mother?**”)

Her words echo the same quiet assurance found in the psalms prayed during Vespers, reminding us that **we are never abandoned, even in our darkest moments.**



Like Our Blessed Mother, who carried Christ into the world with humility and trust, **we are invited during Advent to bring our fears, doubts, and hopes before her, trusting that she walks with us as a mother.** She continues to point us to her Son, gently preparing our hearts to receive Christ anew.

Advent is a sacred journey, one that teaches us to wait, to hope, and to make room for God to come as a child and enter our hearts.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

by Angelinena Song

Our Parish organised a local Pilgrimage – Journey of Hope in Singapore on 22 November 2025. It was a Pilgrimage conducted in silence with prayer and self-reflection where pilgrims paused from the busyness of life and walked with a purpose and in the company of God who leads us in HOPE.



PILGRIMAGE ROUTE

The Pilgrimage had two available routes that included the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (designated Church in Singapore for the Jubilee Year 2025) where pilgrims could obtain the Jubilee Indulgence by joining the holy pilgrimage in our own backyard to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd.

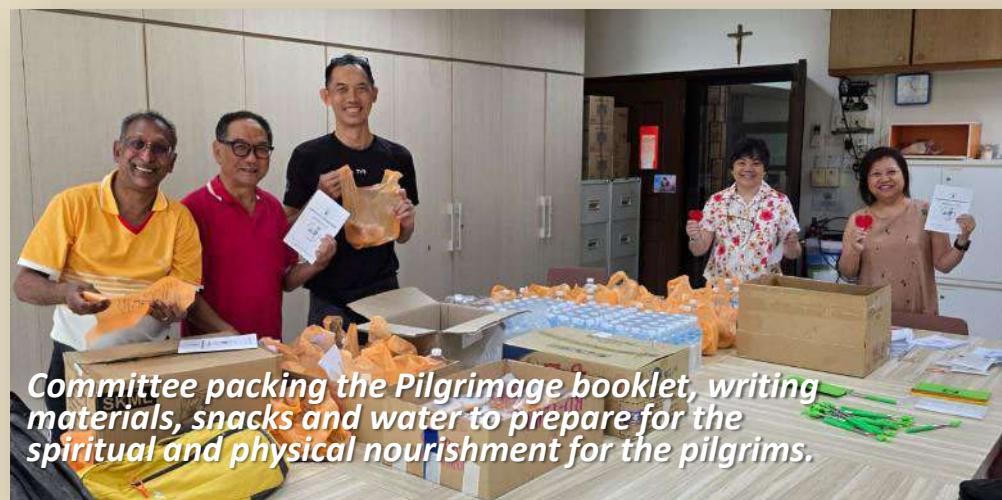
71 pilgrims registered for Route #1 that covered 5 Churches – Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church), Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, Cathedral of the Good Shepherd, Church of Saints Peter & Paul and St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street). Route #2 was specially arranged for the 48 senior and young (below the age of 12) pilgrims that covered the last three Churches only.

During the walk, the pilgrims had the opportunity to renew their faith and unite with others on a shared spiritual path. Each step taken was a step closer to fulfilling our Heavenly Father's call to live in faith, unity and hope.

JOURNEY OF HOPE

PREPARATION FOR A SPIRITUAL AND REFLECTIVE PILGRIMAGE

Rev. Fr. Clarence Yue blessed the Pilgrims at the start of the Pilgrimage. Route #1 pilgrims departed from our Church at 12.30 pm to the Novena Church, while Route #2 pilgrims departed at 2.30 pm to join the Pilgrimage at the Church of Sts Peter & Paul.



Committee packing the Pilgrimage booklet, writing materials, snacks and water to prepare for the spiritual and physical nourishment for the pilgrims.



Pilgrimage Booklet with prayer and reflection questions to guide the pilgrims on a prayerful and reflective journey at each Church.



Route #1 Pilgrims



Route #2 Pilgrims

Church of St Alphonsus (Novena Church)

At the Novena Church (first Church), pilgrims started their spiritual journey with a prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



“O Mary, our Mother of Perpetual Help, intercede for us as we embark on this Pilgrimage, that we may grow closer to Christ with each step we take.”

Intention (petition or thanksgiving) were written and offered to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and put in the Petition box.

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes



Group photo at the Pieta, outside the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

#1 pilgrims gathered for a group photo then proceeded to the Main Church for prayer and self-reflection:

- Pause for a few minutes in silence and think of three people who have helped you grow in your faith. Say a quiet prayer for each of them.
- How can I reach out to someone who is in need? An act of kindness I can and will do as inspired by Our Mother Mary.

Church of Sts Peter & Paul

Prayer & Reflection at the Church of Sts Peter & Paul.

Reflection Questions:

- Peter represents trust; Paul represents mission. Which of these saints do I relate to more at this point in my life? Why?
- Where is God sending me to be His witness as pilgrims of Hope today?



At the grotto of Church of Sts Peter & Paul



In the Adoration Room of Church of Sts Peter & Paul

From the Church of Sts Peter & Paul, the combined Route #1 and Route #2 pilgrims walked to the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd (designated Church in Singapore for the Jubilee Year 2025).

Cathedral of the Good Shepherd

Pilgrims may obtain a plenary indulgence during the Jubilee Year by visiting the Crucifix of Hope, receiving the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist, praying for the Pope's intentions and performing an act of mercy or charity.



Combined Route #1 and Route #2 pilgrims at Cathedral of the Good Shepherd



Small Groups (A1) and (A4) at the Pilgrims of Hope logo



Pilgrims praying at the Jubilee Crucifix of Hope inside the Cathedral of the Good Shepherd



Small Group (A7) outside the Cathedral before they start the walk to St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

Pilgrims then walked from the Cathedral to the last Church of the Pilgrimage, St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street) and attended the Sunset Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Joe Lopez Carpio (Parish Priest) and concelebrated by Rev. Fr. Clarence Yue (Assistant Parish Priest of SVDP).



St. Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

St Joseph's Church (Victoria Street)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) was specially arranged for the pilgrims before the Sunset Mass. The pilgrims sat in silence and reflected on:

- Am I willing to trust God even when I don't understand everything?
- Where is God asking me to be faithful, even quietly (like St Joseph), in my daily life?"



After the Sunset Mass, pilgrims returned by chartered buses to the Church of St Vincent de Paul and had a fellowship dinner together at Fr Saussard's Café.



Pilgrims wrote their hope or encounter on the heart-shaped paper which were collected and hung on the Christmas tree at our SVDP Church.



Sharing of Experiences by The Pilgrims

“I joined the Singapore Pilgrimage so that I could set aside time to strengthen my relationship with God, especially after a busy year of preparing for and going through O-levels. Being surrounded by fellow Catholics allowed me to deeply focus on God alongside them and feel His presence amongst us. I needed strength to go through the next stage of my life after secondary school, and wanted to devote more of my time to the Lord. I’m grateful for all the opportunities He has given me throughout the year to better myself as a person and strengthen relationships with my loved ones and God.

As a Pilgrim of Hope, He is inviting me to involve Him into all aspects of my life instead of just some of them, and put more of my trust in Him as His plan is greater than ours. I am very grateful to have experienced this Pilgrimage with others in my community and I believe this was truly an eye-opening experience for me in my journey of faith. Thank you!”

- *Alessandra Pontilla Tamayo*

“As Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Holy Year (Jubilee Year) inviting us to renew our faith, so I took this opportunity and joined the Pilgrimage to renew my faith. During the Pilgrimage, our steps in prayer with reflections renewed my faith with God who leads us with great hope. From this journey, I need anointing of the Holy Spirit that I may feel His presence in peace, strength and healing. I am grateful and thankful to the Organizers for giving me an experience to encounter God during this Pilgrimage.”

- *Alice Gomez*

“I joined the Singapore Pilgrimage out of faithful obedience and curiosity. I felt God’s quiet presence beside me, giving me hope that every step I take is guided and never in vain. What I needed most from the Lord on this journey is peace of mind, strength to be caring and faithful even when I’m down, to heal me from illness and hope in my continuous faith in God.

I’m thankful for having a good wife and caring children. I’m also thankful for the presence of God in my life. The responsibilities I carry, God may be asking me to remain faithful and also to be present for my family and to listen without judgment. God may be inviting me to slow down and listen to myself more and to have a deeper mind through spiritual guidance and practice.”

- *Michael Vincent*

“I joined the Singapore Pilgrimage to renew my faith, unite with SVDP members to share our spiritual faith as one united Catholic community. I hope to be closer to Christ in fulfilling my call to live in faith, unity & journey in hope. From Christ on this journey, I need faith, peace, hope to go on with gratitude & strength for my life journey. I am grateful and thankful for the peace of mind in doing my daily duties, to trust and have faith in God & to lift all to HIM. I believe that God is inviting me to grow closer to Christ as I take each step for the year ahead.”

- *Jacinta Benjamin*

Christmas Vibes

Corrinne May is belting out 'Angels we have heard on high' on my Apple TV as I sit on my laptop trying to accomplish some form of work, and it's perhaps the greatest distraction ever. Why can't we be given 40 days of annual leave? 30 days for the whole of December, and 10 days for whenever else.

The season of Christmas is perhaps the one time of the year where I find it so hard to focus on the mundane routine of getting my work done, coaxing the little one to get her home work done, and all of the other seemingly unimportant chores in life. It gets even harder when that Christmas tree is up, and a thousand Rudolphs are string lit around the house.

Corrinne has just finished up on a high note, and I press the PAUSE button on the thin, silvery, and very slippery remote control. I start to ponder. How do I get around this feeling? The mundane amidst the festive. And ding! It hits me. No, not the oven bell baking gingerbread cookies (laced with chocolate chips, of course), but meandering the distractions that truly take us away from the reason for this season.

It isn't about the work, and certainly not about all the fun, but the fact that in this season, more than any other, busyness and distractions are abundant, taking us away from being mindful about the reasons we celebrate Christmas.

So, I pick up my trusty Bible. The one that gets me through these moments and I search, with the help of Google of course (no, I haven't yet gone down the A.I. route), and I look for verses that inspire me. Here goes...



THE REASON FOR THE SEASON

Verse: “For today in the city of David a Savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” — Luke 2:11

A saviour has been born for me? Am I not more than blessed? So, all of my time and effort should be spent praising him and doing his work, especially in this season. I guess work is work, and it must be done, but there are many other things that occur, which we could do away with.

Prayer: Jesus, born in the stillness of night, awaken my heart to Your presence. Fill my soul with peace as I welcome you this Christmas. Amen.

OUR CHILDREN

Verse: “She gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes.” — Luke 2:7

Christmas is a particularly, exciting time for kids. They’re almost all on school holiday and have much idle time on their hands. As a parent, I know it’s so easy to get swayed by the ideas of Santa Claus, gifts, goodies, sweets, parties, etc., and it’s never very easy to say no to these. So how do we keep the focus of the reason for Christmas with our kids? How much of the Bible do they read, and activities focused around the faith do they engage in?

Prayer: Mother Mary, you brought a Holy child into this world. Please help and guide us parents to be able to say no to the ways of the secular world, and be able to raise Holy children of God. Amen.

SAY ‘YES’

Verse: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” — Luke 1:38

This is a difficult one, as we all know. I sometimes wonder if the more knowledge I gain, the less faithful I become. Do I question more, and see less of what God’s will is for me? I think it’s hard for us to truly just let go and let God, as the saying goes. And so, this verse serves truly as a reminder that as much as we are left to our own devices, we must still turn to God.

Prayer: Dearest God, maker of all, you give us the encouragement to draw away from our busy lives to discern. Give us also strength and courage to always accept what is Your will for us. Amen.



SILENCE AND FAITH

Verse: “Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him.” — Matthew 1:24

Now while the season of Christmas is pure joy for some, it can also be a time of uncertainty for many. I know of at least three men who are in search of a new job because their current ones are coming to an end and they have been served notice to leave their present posting. These are all men with families, and needless to say, are experiencing much anxiety due to their plight. In scripture, St. Joseph is depicted as a man who listened to God and acted with courage, even when the path was uncertain. May we all learn from his faith and reverence towards God.

Prayer: Saint Joseph, teach us faithful obedience. Help us follow God’s direction with trust and courage. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

Verse: “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place.” — Luke 2:15

The shepherds were the first to hear the good news of Christ’s birth. Their humble response shows that God’s message is for everyone, especially the lowly and forgotten. Christmas is certainly a season of abundance – food, gifts, greetings, they don’t end. In this time, let us not forget those who don’t quite get to enjoy as much as we have, also spiritually.

Prayer: God, you have shown us that your love knows no bounds. We ask for your blessings on those who feel low in spirits during this season. We ask that you touch their hearts with your infinite peace. Amen.

I feel restored every time I read Bible verses about the birth of Christ*. They take me back many steps, help me take stock of where I’m at and pace myself differently. The verses above refreshed my spirit and I hope they do the same for you too. Merry Christmas! God’s love be with you.

Catholic Christmas verses are deeply connected to the Church’s liturgy and prayer life. They aren’t chosen randomly or only for inspiration. Instead, they follow the liturgical calendar and are proclaimed during specific Masses and seasons. (source: <https://healingsprayer.com/catholic-christmas-verses/>)

Come, let us adore him...



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**Fr Paul Lim, Fr Andrew Wong and Fr Clarence Yue,
together with all Parish Staff wish you all a
Holy and Blessed Christmas**

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GOODBYE '25

2025 has come to an end, and we recall the year with many, wonderful memories...



Mass for the Sick in February

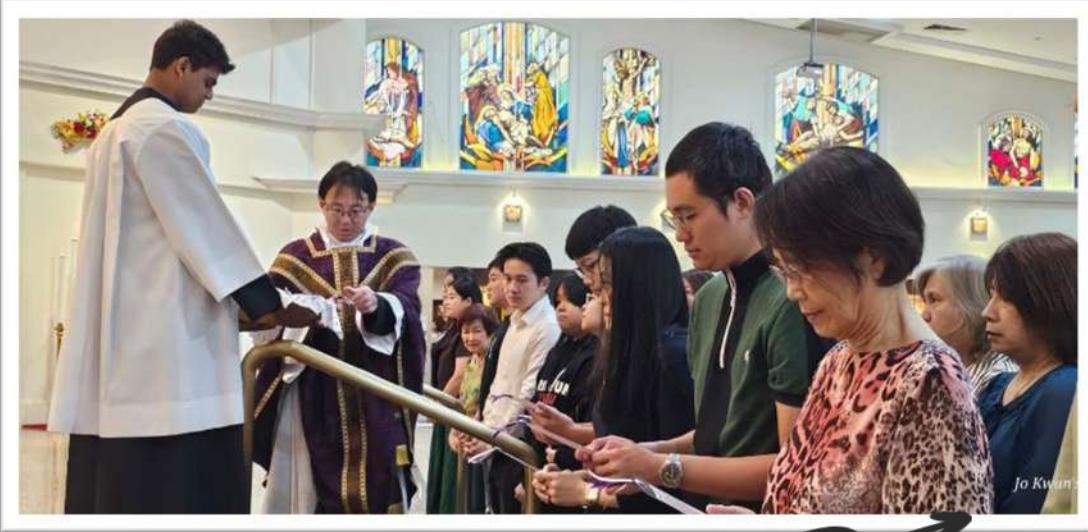


Lenten Reflection in March - The Cross Examination



CWOM Visit to Workers Dorm in April





RCIA Rite of Election in April



Holy Week (Palm Sunday)



Holy Week (Maundy Thursday)



Holy Week (Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service)



Holy Week (Good Friday)

Holy Week (Good Friday visit by MP Ng Ling Ling)



Holy Week (Easter Vigil)



Holy Week (Easter Fiesta)



Parish DOR in June



Youth Retreat at Majodi



First Holy Communion Retreat & Mass



Feast Day Mass





Pilgrimage to Vietnam with Fr Clarence



**Confirmation in Nov
All Saints Parade for Kids**



**Christmas Bakes and Blessings
Simpang Gabi in Dec 2025**

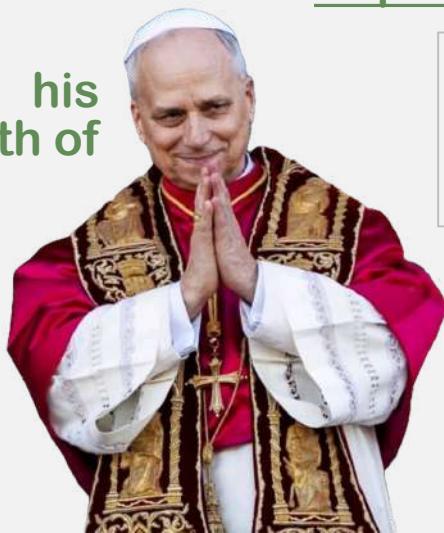


CHRISTMAS MASSES

- 24 Dec: 6pm (Christmas Vigil Mass), 12am (Midnight Mass)
 - 25 Dec: 9am, 11am, 6pm
- * Christmas Carols 30 minutes before Masses on 24th & 25th Dec

POPE'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION: FOR CHRISTIANS IN AREAS OF CONFLICT

Pope Leo XIV releases his prayer intention for the month of December, and invites the faithful to pray that Christians living in the midst of war may be seeds of peace. Let us pray for the Holy Father's intention: "For Christians in areas of conflict." May the Lord guide us to seek His will with open hearts and attentive spirits. Access the video [here](#).



NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

- 31 Dec: 6pm (Thanksgiving Mass)
- 1Jan: 7am, 11am, 6pm (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

LEVEL 1 REGISTRATION FOR CATECHETICAL YEAR 2026

Registration exercise for 2026 Level 1 Catechetical sessions is now open at <https://mycatholic.sg>.



Click [HERE](#) for a tutorial on how to register your child.

For queries, please email us at catechism.csvdp@catholic.org.sg.

ST CLARE THRIFT SHOP APPEAL

Due to overwhelming donations and storage limitations, the St Clare Thrift Shop has stopped accepting donations with immediate effect until further notice. We regret that all drop-offs will be binned immediately. We seek and greatly appreciate your kind understanding and compliance.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our condolences to the families of Cecilia Chandran, Teresa Lee, Violet Anirudhan, Paul Terence Chua



This month, our **kids' zone** focuses on Christmas. Christmas is a blessed time of the year, but also a time where we get lost in all of the fun and excitement. Luce loves this season, and she says a special prayer everyday to thank God for each special thing she experiences at Christmas. Let's all try to do the same.

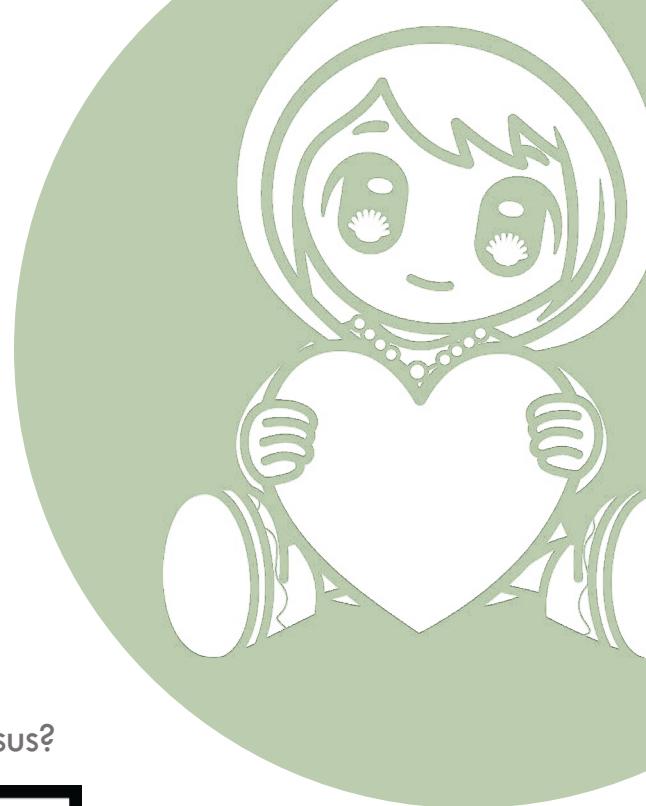
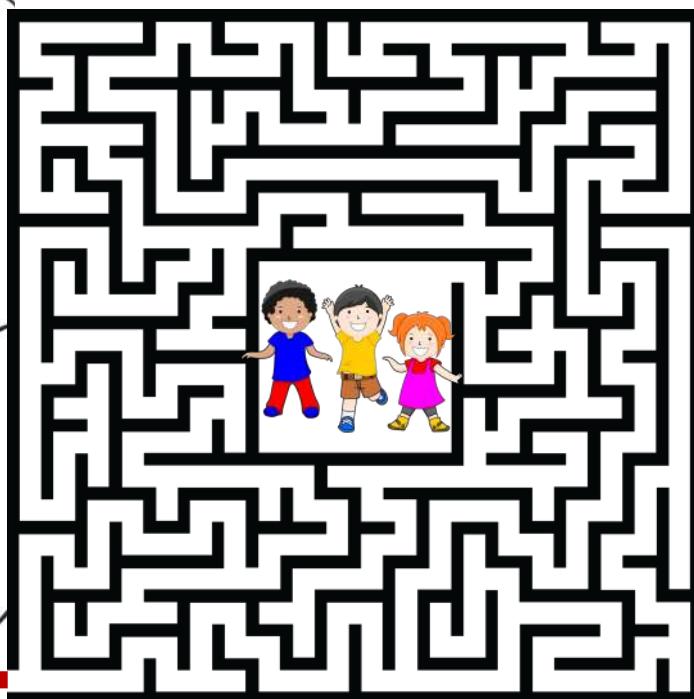
A Gift for Jesus

Colour in this picture, and think about what you would give to Jesus for his birthday...

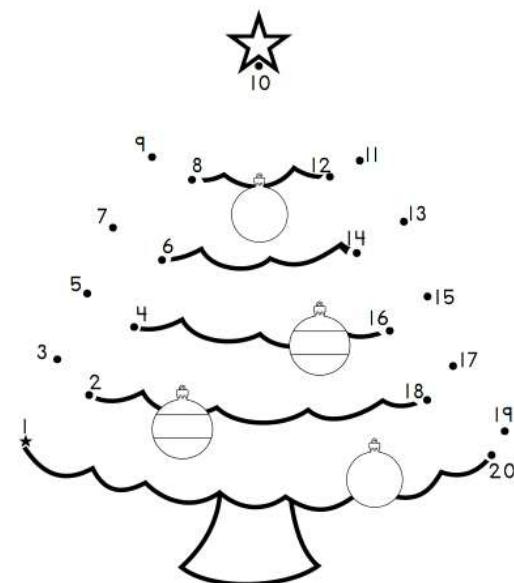


Finding their Way

Can you help the other kids find Jesus?



Connect the dots



What I Love about Christmas

Can you think of all the things that you like about Christmas – one for each letter of the word 'Christmas'...

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Food for Thought

Christmas is such a special time of year.

- What are the things that you love most about it?
- What do you do as a tradition every year?

Let's take a minute to pray for others during this special season:

Dearest God, Christmas is a wonderful time for us, but it can be tough for many others. We lift up their struggles in prayer to you, and ask you to shower them with peace and joy this season. Amen.