

Song for Vincent

Lead us back to God's ways...

Another issue of SFV, and this one is full of thought-provoking insights and testimonies. We also get to know our new Pastoral Coordinator, Nicholas Lee, better. We're sure that these articles will encourage a lot of 'food for thought'. Advent is here as well and we've lined up an interesting quiz to test your knowledge of this wonderful season...

Happy reading!



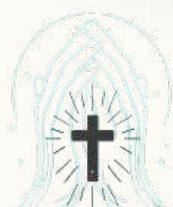
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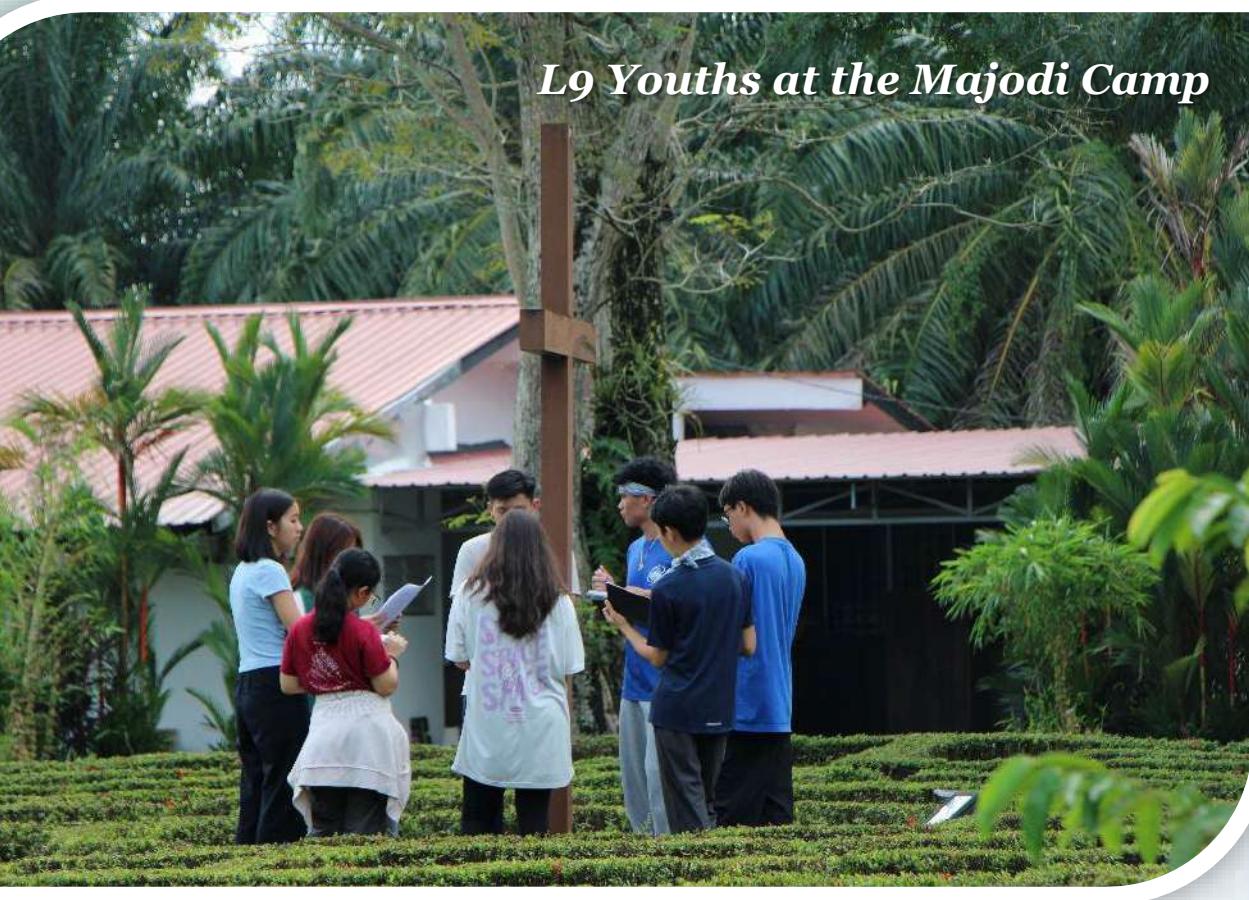


Pray with me

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

CONFIRMATION 2025

On 16th November 2025, the Church of St Vincent de Paul once again hosted Cardinal William Goh as he administered the Sacrament of Confirmation to 40 youths and 6 adult Catechumens. For the youths it was the culmination of a long and memorable journey that started in 2023 when they entered the Secondary Catechism programme.



L9 Youths at the Majodi Camp

For many, the highlight was the Majodi Camp in June this year where they truly encountered the Lord as they disconnected from the hustle and bustle of their lives in the rural nature in Johor, Malaysia. For others it was the Youth in the Spirit Seminar that they recently concluded in October.

These youths also served their Ministry Attachment which saw them joining ministries such as the Lectors, the Wardens, the Youth Catechists and even the Thrift Shop for the first time. But perhaps it is best to hear from one of their own and below is an excerpt from the testimony of one of the Confirmands, Jaeden Lim who also shared his testimony at the Confirmation Mass in front of the Congregation.



L9 Youths at the Majodi Camp

TESTIMONY OF JAEDEN LIM

My name is Jaeden Lim, a Confirmand from the L9 batch of the Church of St Vincent de Paul. Today, I am here to share my Confirmation journey, and how I slowly learned to love God again. Before preparing for Confirmation, I struggled a lot to stay close to God. Life felt heavy, and I went through setbacks that pulled me further away from Him. I was once betrayed by a friend, which led me to become a spiteful and selfish person.



I struggled particularly with violence and anger, and the company I kept only encouraged my behaviour. Life at home also often left me feeling frustrated and alone. Eventually, because of my own selfish behaviour, I also lost many close friends, and for about a while, I felt completely isolated. Early this year, I also lost my grandmother, with whom I was very close.

While I felt distant from most others in my life, my grandmother was someone who believed in me, encouraged me, and loved me. Before she passed, I had missed a family dinner and was unable to meet her. I was deeply regretful and her death impacted me greatly. I struggled to see where God was and often found myself asking him, “why God?”.

In my loneliness and desperation, one night, I brought myself before the Lord in prayer. In prayer, I was reminded of a dream from when I was 10 years old. In the dream, there was danger around me, but suddenly, a bright light appeared – and I saw a man in a white gown, with long hair, a beard, and a mustache. It was Jesus. He looked at me, protected me from the danger, and said, “Do not be afraid of suffering and struggles, for I will always be there for you.” In that lonely season of my life, this memory brought me strength again. In time, the Lord also blessed me with a few good friends.



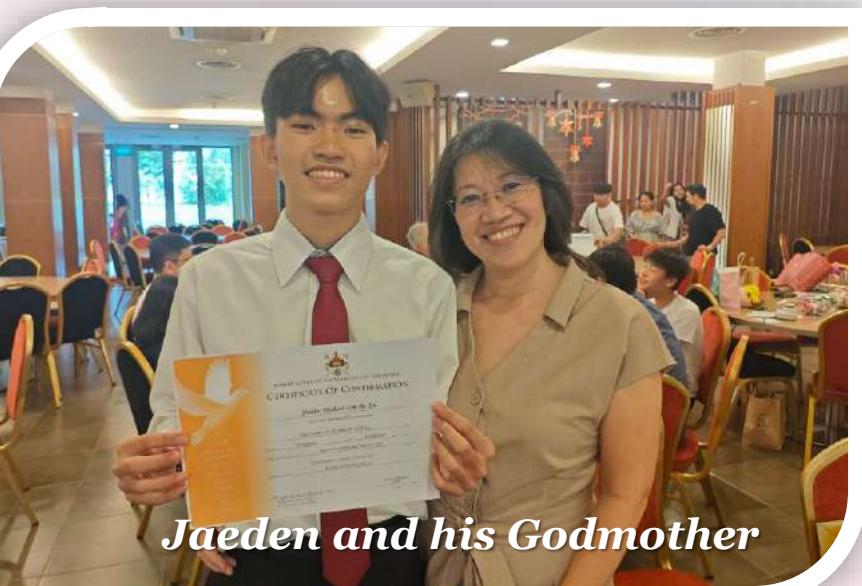
I met friends who were always there for me when I needed help – they readily and lovingly listened and guided me through my struggles. Their friendship reminded me of God’s unconditional love – that no matter how badly I had messed up, God would never abandon me and I am loved by Him. I claim the truth that even when I walk away from God, He never walks away from me. I thank God for being with me through grief and doubt, and for taking care of me, every step of my journey.

Throughout my faith journey, I learnt that we will all face struggles, temptations, and suffering. A verse that struck me is Romans 5:3-5: – "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope".



The Lgs renew their Baptismal Vows

Slowly, I am learning to trust God, to let Him in, and to walk with Him even when life gets difficult. I began to change because I knew that God was with me through everything I went through. Knowing his presence was with me, I was determined to change and look at life from a different perspective, a perspective where God was in it. I became less selfish by learning to think about others, and learning to draw closer to God by trusting and opening up to Him.



Jaeden and his Godmother

Importantly, I have begun to learn again, how I can love him better. I praise God for the community of this parish – all my catechists across the past 9 years for teaching me so much about God; for our parish priests, our spiritual directors and mentors who have also helped me grow in ministry as an Altar Server. I praise God also for all my friends who have supported me in my tough times.

To my fellow confirmands: This is not the end of our faith journeys. This is the beginning of a new chapter of our life lived for Heaven. I pray that we may remember to always return to God, because leaving Him is the worst decision one can ever make. I know now because I have lived it once. Brothers and sisters, whenever you struggle or doubt God, may you remember that He will always be there for you. He always has been. He always will be.

MARKED WITH THE CROSS OF CHRIST

*On 26th October
2025, our Church
celebrated the
Rite of Acceptance
for 36 inquirers*

The Rite of Acceptance is the first public ritual of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Youths (RCIA and RCIY). At this Rite, a change of identity takes place: those previously known as Inquirers become Catechumens. They are officially welcomed by the Church as disciples and, members (albeit not yet full members) of the household of faith.

For several months, our inquirers on their RCIA/RCIY journey have come to know more about Jesus Christ and have also experienced the beginnings of faith. They are now ready to take the next decisive step and publicly declare their intention to follow Christ.



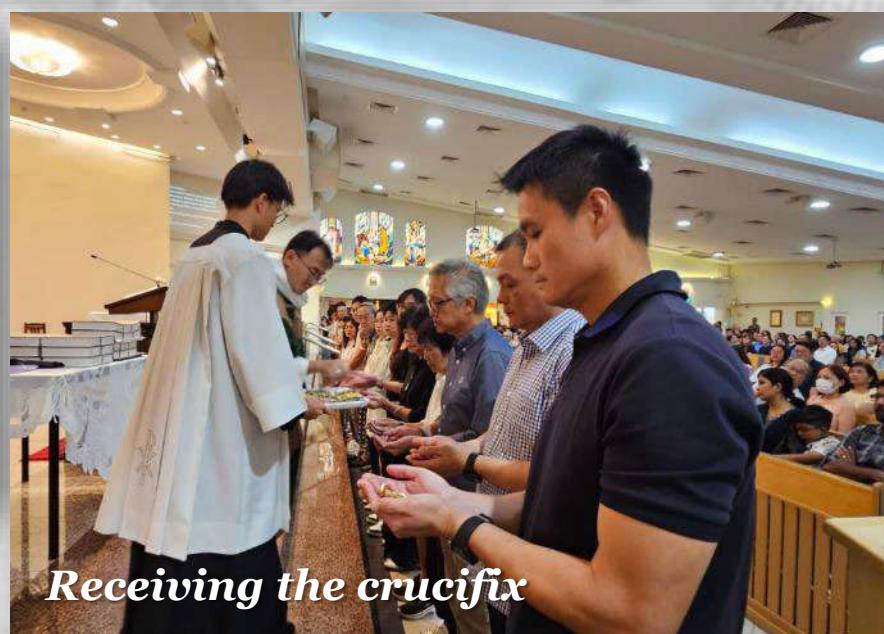
Our Inquirers at the Rite of Election on 26 October

On the 26th of October 2025, during the 6pm Mass, our Church celebrated the Rite of Acceptance for 36 inquirers (25 from RCIA and 11 from RCIY) to receive them into the Order of Catechumens.

They are literally marked with the cross of Christ as God's own. "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross every day and follow me" (Luke 9:23). At the Rite, Fr Clarence signed the cross on the foreheads of the Inquirers with the exhortation: "Receive the cross on your forehead. It is Christ himself who now strengthens you with the sign of His love. Learn to know Him and follow Him."

In the months to come, they will continue to prepare for their initiation into the Christian faith by Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. As they enter more fully into our way of life in Christ, let us as a whole faith community, stands ready to help them and continues to pray for them:

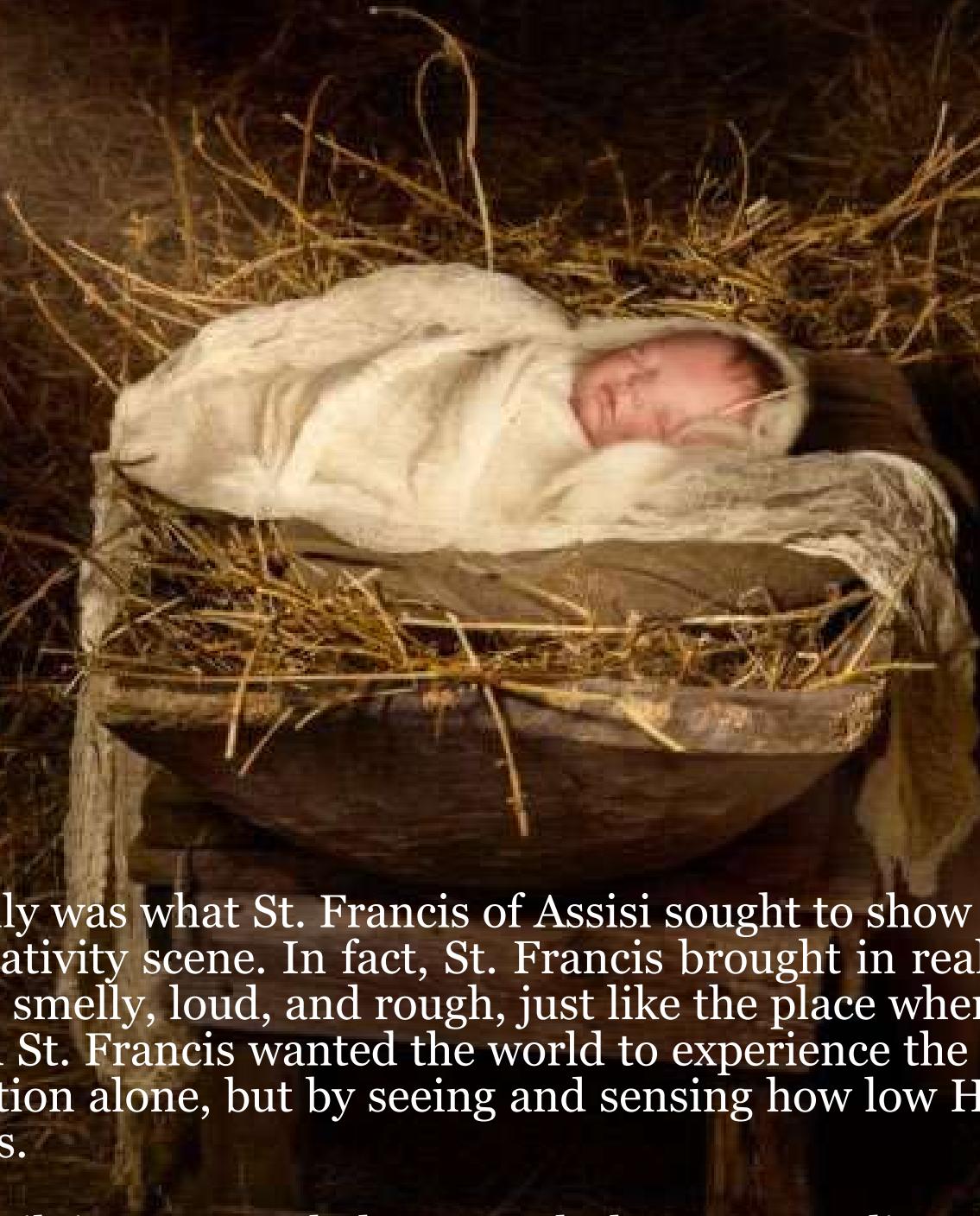
*Lord, we pray for those who journey to You.
Strengthen their faith.
Open their hearts to the fullest of Your love.
Deepen their understanding.
Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom.
We ask this through Jesus, who is the Way,
the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen*



THE MESSY MANGER

This year, you would notice that the Christmas Crib at the side of the Church looks very different from what we usually put up. It looks very messy with hay, old clothes, rags - nothing neat or polished. And that is intentional.

It is meant as a reminder for us that Christ was not born into a clean, perfect, storybook setting. He was born into a real stable. He was born into poverty, discomfort, and a mess of a world due to sin. The God of the universe chose to arrive in a place that was smelly, noisy, and completely ordinary.



And this actually was what St. Francis of Assisi sought to show when he created the very first nativity scene. In fact, St. Francis brought in real animals. It was not tidy. It was smelly, loud, and rough, just like the place where Christ entered our world. And St. Francis wanted the world to experience the humility of God, not in imagination alone, but by seeing and sensing how low He stooped out of for love all of us.

So this year's Crib is meant to help us touch that same reality. Christ comes into the chaos and mess of human life. We invite you after Mass or during the week, to spend a few quiet moments before the Crib. Let it speak to you. Let it remind you that God is not afraid of your struggles, your imperfections, or the messiness of your heart.

And speaking of God not being afraid to enter the messiness of your heart...

SVDP ADVENT ACTIVITIES

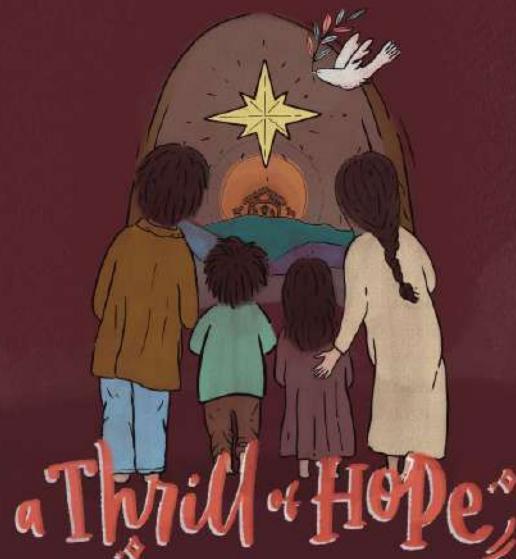
Advent Vespers & Mass

This Advent, we invite you to take some time to enter into the peace of prayer. Vespers, part of the Liturgy of the Hours, is the Church's evening prayer - a "hinge hour" of psalms, Scripture, and thanksgiving that sanctifies the day.

Join our parish every Friday during Advent for Vespers with Exposition of the Holy Eucharist at 7.30 pm, followed by Mass at 8pm. There will be no 6pm Mass, Rosary before Mass and Sacred Heart Devotion on these Fridays.



ADVENT TO CHRISTMAS
REFLECTION BOOKLET 2025-26



Advent to Christmas

Reflection Booklet 2025-26

Filled with Scripture reflections, sharing questions and faith-growing activities, the Advent to Christmas booklet is your companion to grow in holiness, one week at a time. [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)



The Messy Manger

Spend a few quiet moments before our Messy Manger and let it speak to you. Let it remind you that God is not afraid of your struggles, your

imperfections, or the messiness of your heart. Is there room in the messy manger of your heart for Christ?

Day of Corporal Works of Mercy

13 December 2025

The Day of Corporal Works of Mercy is dedicated to the spirit of Almsgiving - offering our time, resources and compassion to those in need as a reflection of our faith and love for others. This Advent, let us bring cheer to the residents of the Institute of Mental Health and the children at Gracehaven Children's Home. Come and pray together as a community for the lonely and needy who sadly do not have anyone to pray for them. You can also be actively involved and contribute by donating cash and sponsoring the Event. [REGISTER HERE](#)



Penitential Service (Advent 2026)

- Tue, 9 Dec @ 8pm: Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary
- Wed, 10 Dec @ 8pm: Church of St. Vincent de Paul
- Thu, 11 Dec @ 8pm: Church of St. Francis Xavier
- Fri, 12 Dec @ 8pm: Church of the Nativity of BVM
- Mon, 15 Dec @ 8.15pm: Church of St. Anne
- Tue, 16 Dec @ 8pm: Church of the Transfiguration



ALL SAINTS DAY

Family Mass

This year, the Solemnity of All Saints landed on a Saturday and as such, SVDP cancelled Catechism sessions and organized a Family Mass at 11am on 1st November 2025. Once again, the children from the lower primary Catechism sessions got dressed up as their favourite Saint or Holy person from the Bible but this time, they were also involved in a Procession marching into church to the hymn 'O When the Saints Go Marching In'.

The presence of so many children and so many of them saints warmed the hearts of everyone who attended the packed mass.



The children were also invited to take roles in the Liturgy for this special family mass and so the Lectors, Cantor and even the wardens were all children. Fr Andrew Wong also catered his sermon accordingly and invited the children to come up and display the Saint that they had dressed up as while he gave the congregation some information and background of each Saint. After mass, the children and their families had a potluck fellowship in Saussard's Café. It was a beautiful feast and a perfect way to commemorate this important Day of Obligation of the Church.

ALL SAINTS DAY

Family Mass



Our Parish Priests and the little Saints of SVDP



A packed canteen full of joy and laughter and love



The hardworking Catechists who put it all together

O COME, EMMANUEL

by Francis Sim

Another year, another Advent, another Christmas. Or will it be different this year? We have participated in Advent activities all these years and traditions like Advent candles and Nativity Scenes may bring memories of childhood, but do we really know the meaning behind them?



Let us not let this season of Advent pass us by without taking a moment to reflect on the joy, significance, and beauty of this important liturgical season. The more we know and understand our faith traditions, the greater our appreciation for them. Test your knowledge of this privileged season as a way to prepare and enter into this most wonderful time of the year.

1. What does the word Advent mean?

- (a) the end of the year
- (b) the start of the year
- (c) the arrival
- (d) thanksgiving

2. There are 40 days of Advent.

- (a) True
- (b) False

3. What do the four Advent candles represent?

- (a) the four gospels
- (b) the four weeks of Advent
- (c) North, South, East and West
(referring to the entirety of God's creation)
- (d) Salvation, Glory, Honour and Power
(referring to the 4-part praise to God in Rev 19:1)

4. Advent is the first season on the Church calendar.

- (a) True
- (b) False

5. On which day of the week does Advent always begin?

- (a) Sunday
- (b) Monday
- (c) Wednesday
- (d) No fixed day

6. What does the pink (or rose) candle symbolize in the Advent wreath?

- (a) Hope
- (b) Peace
- (c) Joy
- (d) Love

7. Which two Gospels contain the Infancy Narratives?

- (a) Matthew
- (b) Mark
- (c) John
- (d) Luke

8. The Gloria is omitted at Sunday Masses during Advent.

- (a) True
- (b) False

9. A common scripture reading during the Advent season is, "A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." In which book of the Bible is this verse found?

- (a) Gospel of Luke
- (b) Genesis
- (c) Prophet Jeremiah
- (d) Prophet Isaiah

10. Which of these is the best example of an Advent hymn?

- (a) O Come, O Come Emmanuel
- (b) We Three Kings
- (c) The Old Rugged Cross
- (d) Hark the Herald Angels Sing

11. Which saint is most associated with the Nativity Scene?

- (a) St Nicholas
- (b) St Francis of Assisi
- (c) St Lucy
- (d) St Luke

12. Which Marian Feast is celebrated during the season of Advent?

- (a) Annunciation
- (b) Holy Name of Mary
- (c) Assumption
- (d) Immaculate Conception

13. The Hebrew word "Emmanuel" appears 4 times in the Bible—three times in Isaiah and only once in the New Testament. In which Gospel can you find this word?

14. Besides the birth of Jesus, the readings at Masses for Advent also focus on Jesus' second coming.

- (a) True
- (b) False

15. What colour vestments do priests wear during Advent?

- (a) Green
- (b) Purple
- (c) Red

ANSWERS:

1. (c) the arrival: The word Advent comes from the Latin word "adventus", meaning "arrival" or "coming" and in the Christian context it refers to the arrival of Jesus Christ.

2. False: Advent is four weeks long, starting on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ending on Christmas Eve. The total number of days can vary from 22 to 28, depending on which day of the week Christmas falls on.

3. (b) the four weeks of Advent: Each candle represents a week of Advent, and focuses on one of four themes, or virtues - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. They are progressively lit on each Sunday leading up to Christmas.

4. True: The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year. The liturgical year serves as a Christian calendar, aiding believers in connecting with significant moments in Jesus Christ's life. It guides us through various seasons, fostering reflection, celebration, and continuous learning along the way.

5. (a) Sunday

6. (c) Joy: The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent. It represents the joy of the coming of Christ and marks the halfway point of Advent, signalling that Christmas is near. While Advent typically uses purple to symbolize penance and preparation, the pink candle offers a joyful pause and shifts the tone to joyful anticipation. The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday because of the first word "Rejoice" in the entrance antiphon of Sunday's Liturgy. The Latin word "Gaudete" means "Rejoice". The entrance antiphon itself is from Philippians 4:4 - "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice."

7. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke: The Infancy Narratives are the accounts of Jesus's birth and early childhood found in the Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2.

8. True: The Church puts away this happy hymn of praise until the Christmas Vigil so that we stand like the shepherds on that night in Bethlehem, hearing the angels sing anew: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men with whom he is pleased!" (Lk 2:14)

9. (d) Prophet Isaiah: Prophet Isaiah is featured heavily during Advent at Mass because it contains numerous prophecies about the coming of the Messiah. Isaiah's writings speak of hope, new beginnings, and a future ruler who will bring peace, which directly relates to the Advent themes of preparing for and celebrating Christ's birth and his promised return.

10. (a) O Come, O Come Emmanuel: "We Three Kings" is an Epiphany hymn that celebrates the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentiles and commemorates the magi visiting Jesus and bestowing gifts upon him. "The Old Rugged Cross," which is about the Crucifixion, would be more appropriate for Lent or Easter while "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" is a Christmas hymn. "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," however, anticipates the coming of Christ and is a popular hymn to sing in the Advent season.

11. (b) St Francis of Assisi: St. Francis had a special devotion to the Child Jesus, and he is credited with creating the first Nativity Scene on Christmas Eve of the year 1223 while visiting the Italian village of Greccio. On the meaning and importance of the nativity scene, Pope Francis said, "The nativity scene is like a living Gospel rising from the pages of sacred Scripture. As we contemplate the Christmas story, we are invited to set out on a spiritual journey, drawn by the humility of the God who became man to encounter every man and woman."

12. (d) Immaculate Conception: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is celebrated on 8 December each year while the latest possible start date for Advent is 3 December.

13. The Gospel of Matthew: "Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.'" (Mat 1:22-23)

14. True: Advent has two distinct parts. The first portion, the First Sunday of Advent until 16 Dec, is preparation for the second coming of Christ. The second portion from Dec. 17 to 24 directly prepares us for the commemoration of the first coming of Christ, Christmas. The Catechism of the Catholic Church points out that "When the Church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for His second coming." (No. 524).

15. (b): Violet or purple is used during Advent and Lent as a sign of penance, sacrifice and preparation.

7 QUESTIONS WITH...

by Jasmine Arika

An interesting email landed in my mailbox two weeks ago. It was so eloquently written – an email introducing one Nicholas Steven Ambrose Lee, SVDP’s new Pastoral Coordinator. In this article, we take some time to get to know him...

Nicholas kicked off his introduction with admitting SVDP already felt like a home to him even though he wasn’t familiar with our Parish, having been a parishioner of St. Ignatius, where he serves both as a catechist and a member of the DVC Youth and Young Adults Community. We sit him down for ‘Seven Questions With...’ to find out more.



Nicholas in the UK, where he loves the cold!

1 *Is this your first job at a Parish? What were you doing previously?*

Well, this isn’t my first time working in a parish, but it’s my first full-time job in a parish. I had previously interned for the Youth and Young Adults Office in St. Mary of the Angels as well as for the Catechetical Office in that parish. But that was at least 10 years ago!

I have previously worked as a Business Development Manager for my family business, Be The Voice Academy, which specialises in teaching people the art of speaking well, but with a special emphasis on the voice and the way that one sounds. I have also worked as an Operations Manager in the Fitness & Wellness Industry, which was my last role before coming to SVDP.

2 *What did you do to prepare for this role?*

I suppose that my time in formation with the Franciscan Friars did prepare me for the demands of full-time ministry! And if there’s anything I learnt during formation, it is that everything that you go through in life is formation, if you choose to approach it in the right spirit. And so, when I was discerning Religious Life, I learnt the importance of having a consistent prayer life. Prayer is the foundation of our relationship with God, and it is what would allow us to discern what the Lord wants for this parish and the kind of formation/programmes that would help to build his kingdom in this parish. I make sure to pray the Divine Office daily, as well as spend time in the Adoration Room every day so that I can hopefully be in the right disposition to be the instrument to allow God to work through me.

I suppose I also have done my best to allow my experiences in the working world as well as in my ministry involvement to shape the way I approach ministry and it’s practicalities. I suppose it has shown me the importance of change management, dialogue, and being as prompt as I can be! Building the Kingdom of God is not a “by the way” kind of thing. It is something that requires urgency and a prompt response, just like Mother Mary’s fiat.

3

What are some of the things you would like to accomplish at SVDP?

In all honesty, I do not have plans to accomplish anything here. I am here as a response to God's love and mercy, and I am here to work with the people of God. I am merely the instrument, and I will do my best to simply allow myself to be just that and allow him to work through me. Though in all honesty, in my human weakness, I know that this may not always happen. And so, if you ever see me straying, please tell me!

Having said that, there are some things that I feel called to do for this parish and that I hope to do. For one, to help our liturgies and the Sacraments to be celebrated as prayerfully as possible, and to help our people to understand what we are celebrating, so that we can all go out and live the Christian Life in the world, which is the primary mission given to each of us at every Mass. Every formation session and every parish program should lead us back to the Liturgy and to live the Christian Life in the world.

I would also like to promote the spirit of prayer and devotion, both for individuals and as a parish community. Prayer is what keeps our relationship alive, and it is what leads us back to the Liturgy. Of course, all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. And so, I would also like to promote the community spirit here in this parish, and to have events to bring the community together to have fellowship and fun as well!



Nicholas at Kings Cross in London

4

Currently, you serve as a Catechist at St. Ignatius Church, and as a member of the DVC Youth and Young Adults Community. Could you tell us what you find different between working with youth and with adults?

Personally, I feel that for adults, there is generally a captive audience for most parishes. The adults who come to the parish are generally here because they want to be here, and not because they are "forced" to be here. And so naturally, the adults are more excited to be part of the life of the Church and to

contribute to the parish. This is not always the case with youths. With youths, there are many who want to be here for sure, but there are also just as many who come simply to appease their parents. Having said that, with the youths who do want to be part of the life of the Church, they are a lot more open to formation and to change than adults generally are. Of course there are adults who are open minded, but in my experience, a lot of the time, the adults are generally here for the community spirit and perhaps for prayer. But not so much for faith formation. Youths who want to be here are generally more hungry to actually learn about the Liturgy and the Scriptures, as well as to be part of a community.



Nicholas with Seminarians Joseph D'Cruz, Joel Tan and Nicholas Lim

5

You have also spent two years in formation with the Franciscan Friars. Could you share a little about what that was about, and how was your experience in doing so?

I actually grew up with the Franciscan Friars, as I was an Altar Server at St. Mary of the Angels. And so naturally, I learnt quite a bit about the Franciscan spirituality and the life of St. Francis of Assisi, which I still resonate very much with! And I got to see the work of a Friar Priest up close. Friar Clifford Augustine was a very positive influence, and I suppose that planted in my heart the desire to discern if the Lord was calling me to the religious life and to the priesthood. And I knew that the only way I could discern this properly was through a lived experience, and so I entered the formation program.



Nicholas and his fiancée, Kimberly, who is also a catechist in SVDP

My time in the formation program was generally lifegiving and I definitely learnt a lot about myself. It gave me a lot of time for reflection and prayer, and many of the friendships forged there, I keep till this day. It gave me a deeper love for the Liturgy and the life of the Church, as well as for the poor. However, I also will not shy away from saying that it also exposed me to the realities of the brokenness of our Church. And that is something which has spurred me to continue to building the Lord's kingdom on earth in whatever ways he calls me to.

6

What do you like to do for fun, or in your spare time?

I'm a huge Potterhead! Feel free to chat about me about Harry Potter anytime, because I spend a lot of my spare time reading the books, looking up Harry Potter Fan Theories and I know for sure that when the new TV series of Harry Potter comes out, I'll be spending a good amount of my spare time watching it!

I also enjoy cooking and I love dogs! I also try to spend a good amount of my time outside of work with my family and that includes my fiancée's family. I suppose that means a lot of my spare time is taken up with wedding planning and house planning too.

7

What are some of your favourite bible verses?

"If we take happiness from God's hand, must we not take sorrow too?" – Job 2:10

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16

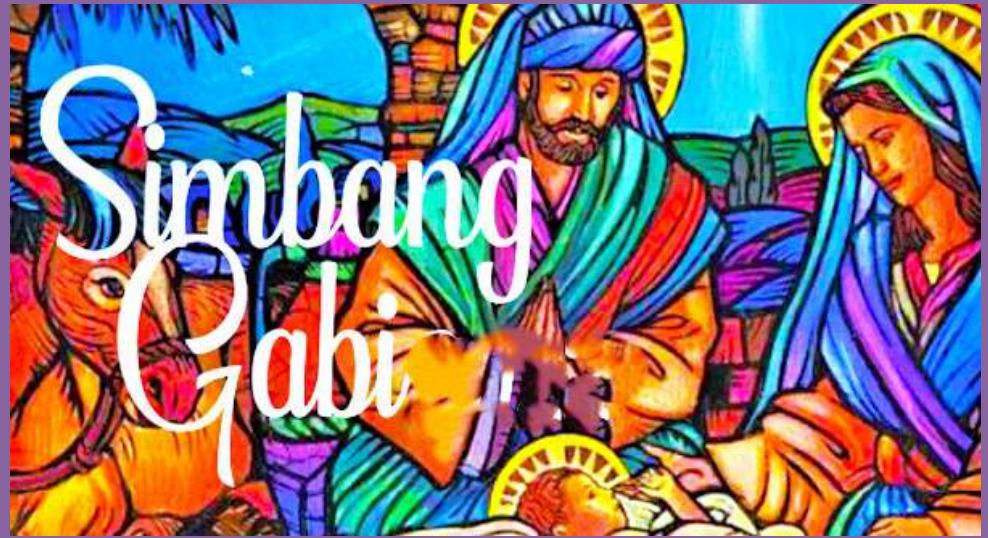
"And Mary said, Behold, the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her." - Luke 1:38



Nicholas with Friar Gerald Tan, OFM and Friar Vernon Chua, OFM

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.



SIMBANG GABI DAY 1

Monday, 15 December at 8pm

Rosary at 7.30pm

Calling all Filipino parishioners! Join us as we celebrate the first night of Simbang Gabi at our very own parish! We're also looking for volunteers for the Mass, so if you feel called to serve, please contact Ems at 8359 6703.



CHRISTMAS BAKES & BLESSINGS

Sunday, 21 December, 8 am – 1 pm

Calling all home bakers! Contribute home-baked goods for the Christmas Bakes & Blessings organised by SVDP Laudato Si' Sewing Circle. All funds raised during the event will go towards our church painting fund. Contact Mrs Teresa Wright at 93801578 (Whatsapp) by 14 Dec if you wish to contribute.

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

Our condolences go out to the family of Samuel Norman Angove



CONGRATULATIONS

Joshua Nah & Feldlin on their nuptials



This month, our **kids' zone** focuses on Advent.

The season of Advent is the four weeks before the birth of Jesus. Many of us getting busy decorating and thinking about Christmas gifts. Luce loves Advent especially lighting the candles every week. What do you like about Advent?



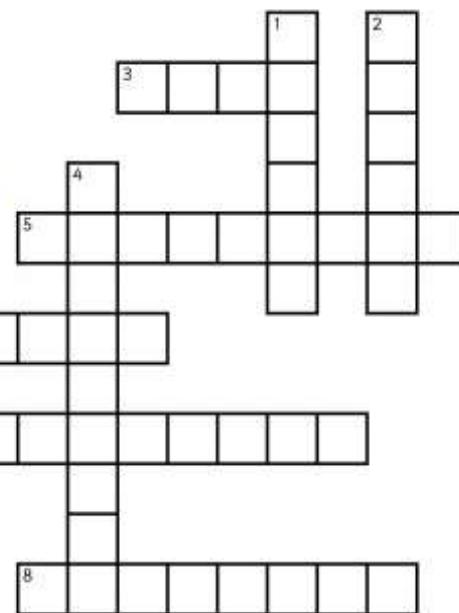
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Crossword Puzzle

Can you figure out the answers?



Word Search

Can you find the hidden words?

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F	H	O	E	A	O	N	K	R	C	V	U	W	L
R	A	C	J	N	E	N	A	T	I	V	I	T	Y
A	I	H	E	M	S	T	E	T	N	E	N	N	I
N	S	R	S	E	S	R	E	S	E	G	O	L	D
K	S	I	U	H	N	E	M	E	S	I	W	E	N
I	E	S	S	E	Y	S	Y	A	E	O	J	V	I
N	M	T	R	L	L	E	R	M	N	Y	R	O	T
C	S	M	A	H	T	P	R	W	J	G	R	L	L
E	A	A	M	T	M	O	H	Y	O	J	E	I	A
N	C	S	A	E	S	H	E	R	P	H	L	L	H
S	L	Y	A	B	W	R	E	A	T	H	S	R	S
E	N	O	W	A	D	V	E	N	T	S	C	N	A
S	H	E	P	H	E	R	D	S	E	H	A	A	A

- STAR
- SHEPHERDS
- ANGELS
- PEACE
- GOLD
- BETHLEHEM
- JESUS
- FRANKINCENSE
- JOY
- CANDLE
- NATIVITY
- CHRISTMAS
- WREATH
- LOVE
- WISEMEN
- MESSIAH
- MYRRH
- ADVENT
- HOPE

Across

3. The number of candles on an Advent wreath.
5. The festival at the end of Advent.
6. Religious building where you might go to an Advent service.
7. Open windows in one of these to count down the days.
8. Most of Advent falls in this month.

Down

1. Circle of fir tree and other evergreen plants.
2. The first day of Advent is sometimes called Advent
4. Many Advent calendars have a _____ behind each window.
6. One of these is lit on every Sunday in Advent.

food for thought

Advent is a special season filled with anticipation...

- What are the things that usually make you excited?
- What are the things that make you feel anxious?

Let's take a minute to pray for all the things we are eager for: Dearest God, in our lives, we're always looking forward to things. Please help us lift up these moments to You so that we will always stay on your path, no matter what we pursue. Amen.