



The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus is a feast of the liturgical year celebrated by a number of Christian denominations. It has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church since the end of the fifteenth century. Held on different dates, usually in January, it commemorates the circumcision and naming of the child Jesus eight days after Christmas, as recounted in the Gospel reading on that day.

According to the 1962 Missal of Blessed John XXIII, this feast is celebrated on Jan 2, whereas in the liturgical revisions of Vatican II, the feast was removed, though a votive Mass to the Most Holy Name of Jesus had been retained for devotional use. When Blessed John Paul II published the third edition of the Roman Missal in 2002, he restored the feast to the liturgical calendar as an optional memorial on Jan 3.



The Church reveals to us the wonders of the Incarnate Word by singing the glories of His name, and we give honour to the Most Holy Name of Jesus, not because we believe that there is any intrinsic power hidden in the letters composing it, but because the Most Holy Name of Jesus reminds us of all the blessings we receive through our Holy Redeemer, and because Christ has commanded that we should pray in His name: "Holy Father, protect them in Your Name that You have given Me," and "If you ask the Father anything in My name He will give it you."

It is our belief that the Most Holy Name of Jesus, called upon with confidence and faith, helps us in our bodily needs, gives consolation in spiritual trials, protects us against Satan and his trickery, and grants us blessings and grace far beyond our imagination. This is why the Church, in the formulation of the liturgy, concludes her prayers with reverence, using the words: "...Through Our Lord Jesus Christ," affirming the words of St Paul "that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). The name "Jesus" proclaims that "God saves" and through Him, we are saved. This Most Holy Name also specifies his relationship with his people: It says both who He is and what He is, namely a brother and Saviour. That is, Jesus is the sole Mediator and Saviour. By means of this devotion, we also make amends for improper use of the Holy Name; honour to the Holy Name is the reason that devout Catholics bow their heads at the sound of "Jesus" both inside and outside the liturgy. So, to pray "Jesus" is to invoke him and to call him within us. His name is the only one that contains the presence it signifies – Jesus is the Risen One, and whoever invokes the name of Jesus is welcoming the Son of God who loved him and who gave himself up for him."

The invocation of the holy name of Jesus is the simplest way of praying always. When the holy name is repeated often by a humble, attentive heart, the prayer is not lost by heaping up empty phrases, but holds fast to the word and "brings forth fruit" with patience. This prayer is possible "at all times" because it is not one occupation among others but that of loving God, which animates and transfigures every action in Christ Jesus.

The Most Holy Name of Jesus includes all the mysteries of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church that is found in its liturgy. It is the central point of all the Sacraments, as it embraces the Christian life. The believer begins his journey through faith in Jesus. Through the Sacrament of Baptism, he dies with Jesus, is buried with Jesus and is raised as a new creation with Jesus. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are given to the believer for the growth of the Church that was instituted by Jesus on earth. The believers live their faith in Jesus by manifesting love towards their brothers and sisters in Christ.

A special lover of the Holy Name of Jesus was St Bernard of Clairvaux (Cistercian monk, 1090 – 1153), who speaks of it in most glowing terms, saying: The sweet Name of Jesus produces in us holy thoughts, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, begets good works, and nourishes pure affections." But the greatest promoters of this devotion were St Bernardine of Siena (Franciscan Friar, 1380 – 1444), and St John Capistrano (Franciscan Friar, 1385 – 1456). They carried with them on their missions in the turbulent cities of Italy a copy of the monogram of the Christ's Name – "IHS" (the first three letters of Jesus as spelled in Greek) illustrating that Jesus, our brother and Saviour, is the centre of the universe, and the light and sustenance of our lives, and indeed Life itself – surrounded by rays, painted on a wooden tablet, wherewith they blessed the sick and wrought great miracles.

Jesus died and rose for the sake of all people. No one can trademark or copyright Jesus' name. Jesus is the Son of God and son of Mary. Everything that exists was created in and through the Son of God (Col 1:15-20). The name of Jesus is debased if any Christian uses it as justification for berating non-Christians. Jesus reminds us that because we are all related to him we are, therefore, all related to one another.

"Glorious name, gracious name, name of love and of power! Through you sins are forgiven, through you enemies are vanquished, through you the sick are freed from their illness, through you those suffering in trials are made strong and cheerful. You bring honour to those who believe, you teach those who preach, you give strength to the toiler, you sustain the weary."

- St Bernardine of Siena

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

7 / 8 Jan 2012

AT A GLANCE

MONDAY 9 JAN

The Baptism of the Lord

TUESDAY 10 JAN

1st Week, Ordinary Time

WEDNESDAY 11 JAN

1st Week, Ordinary Time

THURSDAY 12 JAN

1st Week, Ordinary Time

FRIDAY 13 JAN

1st Week, Ordinary Time

SATURDAY 14 JAN

1st Week, Ordinary Time

SUNDAY 15 JAN

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parish Event

Special Notice

Liturgy Related

Outward Bound



INFANT BAPTISM:
Sun 5 Feb | 3pm

Preparation Course:

Thur 2 Feb | 8pm | Main Church

Baptism Application Form:

Available from Parish Office, church racks or website. Submit completed form with a copy of child's Birth Certificate to Parish Office **1 week** before Baptism date.



EUCHARIST

Sat: 6.55am (Morning Mass)
Sat: 5.30pm (Sunset Mass)
Sun: 7.30am (Mandarin), 9am, 10.45am, 12.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.15pm
3rd Sun: 3.30pm (Indonesian)
Weekday: 6.55am (with Morning Prayer) & 6.30pm



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

R1 1 Sam 3: 3-10, 19
R2 1 Cor 6: 13-15, 17-20
G Jn 1: 35-42



NOVENA

To Our Lady: Sat, 5pm
To St Anthony: Tue, after 6.30pm Mass



ROSARY DEVOTION

Mon-Sat, after Morning Masses
Family Rosary: Every Sat, 4.30pm



RECONCILIATION

20 mins before Sunday Masses, or by personal appointment with priest



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SALVATION FOR ALL

The Lord Jesus is come to save all humankind, Jews and non-Jews alike. Today we feast the revelation of that great mystery. God's grace-filled covenant is opened up to all. The "wise men," and all wise women and men seeing with a child's eyes, discover the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother, Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord's arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore him!



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HIGHLIGHTS

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Inviting all Christians to join in prayer, reflection, songs and fellowship, with the theme **"We will all be changed by the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ"** (1 Cor 15).

First Service | Mon 16 Jan 2012 | 8pm

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer. 30 Duke's Road.

Second Service | Thurs 19 Jan 2012 | 8pm

Catholic Church of St Mary of the Angels.

Please invite your family and friends to be part of this world-wide event of prayer for unity among Christian believers.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Sale of Chinese New Year Goodies

Share the festive joy with your families and friends this Chinese New Year! Share the blessings of the season with homemade cookies and snacks.

Homemade goodies by friends and parishioners will be on sale on 7/8 Jan, 14/15 Jan & 21/22 Jan at the piazza.

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Agatha Cheong, Director | acheong@stmary.sg

Catechism classes for all levels in 2012 will resume on Jan 28 (Saturday) and Jan 29 (Sunday)

NCC SECRETARIAT

Stephen Wong, Pastoral Assistant | stephen@stmary.sg

**NCC MEETINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK
Mon 9 Jan – Fri 13 Jan**

The following Neighborhood Christian Community (NCC) will be having their meetings for the coming week:

Bukit Batok Area

Blk 267 Bukit Batok East Ave 4 | Wed 11 Jan | 10.15am
Mystical Rose NCC | Monica ☎ 9328-6862

Blk 251 Bt Batok East Ave 5 | Wed 11 Jan | 8pm
Bt Batok East View NCC | Helen ☎ 9479-7964

Bukit Panjang Area

Blk 654 Senja Road | Thur 12 Jan | 8.30pm
Bukit Batok NCC | Rey ☎ 9680-4761

Blk 183 Jelebu Road | Fri 13 Jan | 11.45am
Lady of the Rosary NCC | Josephine ☎ 9763-2671

Choa Chu Kang Area

Block 681 Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Thur 12 Jan | 8.30pm
Yew Tee Branch NCC | Gani ☎ 9154-8405

Blk 683A Choa Chu Kang Crescent | Fri 13 Jan | 8pm
Mary's Soldiers NCC | Gina ☎ 9168-3047

Blk 306 Choa Chu Kang Ave 4 | Mon 9 Jan | 8pm
God's Providence NCC | Dominic ☎ 9800-5597

Please contact the respective NCC coordinators for more details.

AROUND ST MARY'S

RCIY

Have any friends between the ages of 13 and 20 who are interested in our Catholic faith? Invite them to sign up for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Youth! Weekly sessions (Saturdays) commence on 17 March 2012.

To register or enquire, please contact:

Andrew ☎ 91004832 ✉ andndrew@hotmail.com

Patrician Meeting - An Open Forum Our Lady Terror of Demons Praesidium

Sun 8 Jan | 2.30 - 4.30pm | Classroom 6,7
Theme: Purgatory - is it only a Christian myth or real purification?

For more information contact :
Cheryl ✉ cheryledinateo@gmail.com
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GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT LOVE

Come, explore the Franciscan worldview on Love & the Primacy of Christ, Creation & the Humility of God and The Dignity of the Human Person with Sr Pat Smith, OSF and Sr Ann David, OSF from the United States.

Fri 17 Feb 2012 - 8-10pm
Lecture @ St Clare Hall, St Mary.

Sat 18 Feb 2012 – 8:30am - 4:30pm
Seminar Day 1 @ FMM House of Prayer.

Sun 19 Feb 2012 – 8:30am - 6pm.
Seminar Day 2 @ FMM House of Prayer.

Contribution : Fri Night \$20; Seminar \$100 (includes Friday night)
For registration and enquiries:
✉ franciscanfamily@gmail.com

Wedding Choir (M-cubed) Recruitment

Calling all keyboardists, organists, psalmists and aspiring singers!

The celebration of marriage in the Catholic Church is one of the most profound and joyous occasion in a couple's journey together. Join the wedding choir in being part of this symbolic union of Christ and His Church as we lift our voices in celebration of Holy Matrimony.

Auditions will be held in January 2012.

All who are interested, please email Ethan

✉ ethanjayhsu@gmail.com for more details.

Recruitment for IT Project

Adept with various web technologies (Drupal, html, css, PHP, ASP, Java, Perl, or C++ or any lightweight web programming language), different multimedia editing applications (InDesign, Photoshop, Flash, etc) and Security; some familiarity with web server administration and project management.

Any IT-related degree desired but actual work experience in design implementation and web administration with emphasis on security is required. Good interpersonal relationship and communication skills in the English language, a must. Please include your portfolio, if any. Please send your applications to Viji ✉ viji@stmary.sg

Canteen Resumes Operations

Canteen will resume operations on the Jan 8, 2012.

MANDARIN CORNER 堂区通讯

2012年华文成人慕道班开始招生了。

开课日期是2-2-2012 (星期四)晚上8点。
有亲戚朋友要认识天主教信仰的, 请向慕道班负责人报名。

华文邻里基督团体NCC

聚会日期: 11 / 1 / 12 (星期三)

地址: Blk 290D, Bukit Batok East Ave 3,
#02-372

时间: 晚上8点

要参加者请预先联络Anna

美纳姐妹 9222-5141

OUTSIDE THE PARISH

CROSSING BOUNDARIES OF FAITH

**Thurs 12 Jan | 7.45pm
Church of the Risen Christ**

Invitation to a talk by Father Kamelus Kamus, cicm

Topic: My missionary experience with Muslims:
crossing boundaries of faith

Date & Time: Thursday 12 January 2012, 7.45pm

Venue: Church of the Risen Christ (canteen)
91 Toa Payoh Central

All are welcome. Light refreshments will follow.

Talks on Book of Prophet Jeremiah

By Msgr Eugene Vaz

17 Tuesdays From 3 Jan till 22 May

9.30am - 11.30am (or) 7.45pm – 9.45pm

Contribution: \$95

To register: ☎ 68583011 | ✉ admin@catholicspi.org

The Contemplative Dimension of Faith

Sat 7 Jan - Sun 8 Sun | CJC

For enquiries/registration:

✉ commonground2012@gmail.com
☎ 84113130 / 63364815

天使驿站 (新春聚会)

日期: 2012年1月8日 (星期日)

时间: 下午5点到晚上8.30分

地点: 圣佳兰礼堂 (二搂电梯旁)

对象: 所有还不认识天主教信仰的人

我们提供丰富的晚餐、茶水和节目。

欲参加者清一定要向黄修女报名,

以方便我们准备足够的晚餐和茶水。

联络: 黄修女 9239-6226