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27 & 28 Dec 2025

Feast of the Holy Family

Year A

Fr Jovita, Fr Simon, Fr Majo, Fr Terence Kesavan and Dcn Eugene and all parish staff
wish all parishioners a Blessed Christmastide and a Happy New Year!
May we continue to grow in greater love and deeper faith in this new year!

The Search 2026 Registration

Our friends at the Augustine Institution have created an award-winning video-based series called 'The Search' which explores fundamental questions about God, Faith and Church. We are bringing it to our parish again for all our spiritual benefit and growth. The Search is not meant just to be watched and it is certainly not meant to be watched alone. That is why we are forming small groups to watch, discuss and truly benefit from this programme.

Dates: 3 February 2026 – 24 March 2026

The Search will be done online (Zoom) every Tuesday @ 8pm.

To register, you can use the link <https://tinyurl.com/search2026> or scan the QR code.

The closing date for registration is 20 January 2026.

For all enquiries, email Brandon at sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg



The Rite of Christian Initiation For Adults – RCIA (English) 2026-27

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is open to non-Catholics, baptised Christians and newly baptised Catholics. Registration for the next RCIA journey in English (for Baptism at Easter 2027) is now open. RCIA begins with The Search (see above) and will continue on 7 April 2026, Tuesday at 8pm in St Joachim's Hall (Level 4). Thereafter, it is on every Tuesday at the same time and at the same place.

You may obtain physical copies of the form placed at the sides of the Church.

Please submit the completed registration form at the Parish Secretariat Office or email it to sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg by **20 January 2026**. Alternatively, you may complete the online form at <https://tinyurl.com/sacrcia26> or scan the QR code.

We are also looking for sponsors. Please email Brandon at sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg with your contact details to indicate your interest.



RENEW by Office for Young People (OYP)

Calling all recent secondary school graduates and current/recently graduated A-levels/IB students, come and join us on 9 January 2026 for RENEW, a day of recollection organised by OYP. As we step into a new year, RENEW invites you to come just as you are; with your doubts, questions, unknowns, and to place them gently before God. This is a day to rest in His presence and to receive a renewed faith in Jesus Christ!

So come and join us for a time of prayer, lunch, fellowship, and Mass! Bring your friends along as we begin this new journey together. **The details are as follows:**

Date: 9 January 2026, Friday

Time: 10am – 6pm

Venue: Level 8, Catholic Centre (55 Waterloo Street, S187954)

Sign up at tinyurl.com/OYPRENEW26 (Sign ups close 6 January 2026)

For all enquiries, reach out to Gaby (@gspykerman) or Kristen (@kristenyeo) on Telegram.

THE HOLY FAMILY

We celebrate that Holy Family of Nazareth which is the model for all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.



Reflecting on the Gospel

Several years ago, Fermina López, a native of Guatemala, found herself divorced, homeless, and jobless, with three children to raise. She felt she had no choice but to flee her beloved homeland and make the perilous journey north in search of work. She was one of the lucky ones who survived the five-day trek across the desert and found employment in Phoenix, Arizona. When she was able to save enough money for smuggler fees, she sent for her children one by one, whom she had left in the care of her neighbours. The first the two made it, but her youngest, who got as far as the US-Mexican border, is feared dead. The López family is one

small unit among the 214 million international migrants in the world today.

Today's gospel tells of Joseph's dream, in which a divine messenger relays Herod's intent to kill the infant Jesus. The angel instructs Joseph to flee with Mary and the child to Egypt, a traditional place of refuge for Israelites (e.g. Genesis 42-48; 1 Kings 11:40; Jeremiah 26:21). They too faced a treacherous desert crossing, though the gospel tells none of these details. We can only imagine Mary and Joseph's fear as they stole away under the cover of darkness and all hardships they endured. Matthew says nothing about what happened when they arrived in a strange place, having to navigate in an unfamiliar language and culture. Who helped them along the way? How did Joseph find work? What did Mary think about Joseph's dreams? The evangelist skips ahead to the Holy Family's departure from Egypt, quoting Hosea 11:1, "*Out of Egypt I called my son.*" As he is wont to do, Matthew interprets all that happens in the life of Jesus as fulfilment of Scripture. By identifying Jesus with Moses and the exodus, he introduces the theme that Jesus is the new authoritative teacher of the law.

Just as Moses received a divine command to return home after the death of those who sought his life (Exod 4:19), so Joseph follows the angel's command to return home after the death of Herod the Great. Herod's sons, however, still pose a threat. Archelaus, the eldest, was no less cruel than his father, so Joseph is fearful of returning to Judea. Once again he is directed by an angel in a dream, and he settles his family in the more peaceful Galilee. Again, Matthew interprets this move as fulfilment of Scripture. Matthew's meaning is puzzling, however, since there is no text in the Scriptures that says, "He shall be called a Nazorean." It is likely that he intends an allusion to Isaiah 11:1, which speaks of a shoot (*netzer*) that will sprout from the stump of Jesse, thus highlighting Jesus's royal Davidic lineage.

The experience of the Holy Family of having to flee for their lives into a foreign land gives strength and courage to millions of today's migrants. Those living in their countries of destination are challenged by the gospel to consider what kind of welcome they would want to offer to newcomers if there were none other than Jesus's own family.

The Living Liturgy

CHURCH GROUNDS OPENING HOURS

Mon – Sat: 6am – 10pm;
Sun: 6am – 6pm;
Public Holidays on Weekdays:
7am – 1pm.

MASS (ENGLISH)

Mon – Fri:
6.30am & 7.30pm
Sat:
6.30am & 4.30pm (Sunset)
Sun:
7.30am, 9.30am,
11.30am, 4.30pm
Public Holidays on weekdays:
8am (no evening Mass)

华文弥撒

每个月第一和第三个星期日
(主日弥撒)
下午1.30pm (圣堂内)

TAMIL MASS

Every 4th Sun of the month: 2pm

SECRETARIAT OFFICE

Mon – Fri: 9am to 6pm
2nd & last Sun of the month:
9am to 12pm
sac.secretariat@catholic.org.sg

PASTORAL OFFICE

Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri & Sat:
9am to 6pm
Closed on Wed, Sun & PH
sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg

CATECHETICAL OFFICE

Tues & Wed: 9am – 2pm
Sat: 9am – 1pm, 2pm – 5pm
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COLUMBARIUM OFFICE

Mon: 2pm to 4pm
Tues – Fri:
9am – 11.30am; 1pm – 4pm
Tel: 63863792
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COLUMBARIUM PRAYERS & MASS INTENTIONS

On the last Sunday of the month
Prayers at the columbarium
after the 11.30am Mass

CHILDREN LITURGY

Every Sun at 11.30am Mass

CONFESSIONS

20 mins before English weekend
Masses in Church

HOLY HOUR

1st Thursday of the month
8.15pm in Church

COUNSELLING

by Catholic Family Life
Available for face-to-face
session in St Anne's Church every
Tues at 7.30pm & 8.45pm or via
Zoom from Mon to Sat by appt.
Tel: 66318963
(Mon – Fri: 12pm – 4pm)
https://pbc.familylife.sg/

BOOK & GIFT SERVICE CENTRE

Sat: 4pm – 6pm
Sun: 8am – 1pm
Contact Stephen @ 90880575