

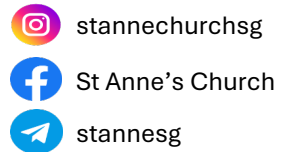


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21 & 22 Feb 2026

1st Sunday of Lent

Year A

Catholic Family Life (CFL): Making Our Olden Years Golden

In partnership with Catholic Family Life (CFL), St Anne's Church is inviting all those entering into their 60s to join the "Making Our Olden Years Golden" 4-session workshop. This workshop will aid those who are seeking to better prepare themselves interiorly for this new phase of life.

Date: 3, 10, 17, and 24 March (Tuesday)

Timing: 9.30am to 12.30pm

Venue: St Joachim's Hall, in St Anne's Church

To register, scan the QR code or go to the link: www.familylife.sg/MOYG

Do note that a payment of \$40 to CFL is required for this series of workshops.

For further information or financial assistance, please contact sac.pastoral.outreach@catholic.org.sg



Triple P Parenting with Catholic Ethos for Parents with Primary & Secondary School children

In collaboration with Morning Star, our parish will offer an 8-week programme starting from 28 March on Saturday mornings at our Parish Centre Hall at Level 2.

We invite parents with primary and secondary school-going children to sign up for this program which leverages evidence-based positive parenting strategies infused with the teachings of our Catholic faith to become better parents. More details on the programme or how to sign up can be found at the Posters on our notice board.

Parish Summer Camp

All are invited, singles, families, young and old! This camp will be full of renewal, formation, fun and fellowship.

Location: HARRIS Resort Barelang Batam

Dates: Tuesday 2 June to Friday 5 June 2026 (4D3N)

Registrations are still open! Sign up closes on 28 February 2026.

Scan the QR code or click this link: tinyurl.com/sacsummerinterest
(More information in the interest form)

For enquiries, please email us at sac.pastoral@catholic.org.sg



Lenten Holy Hour and Formation Series

As a follow up from our Inaugural Parish Gathering, we will be having a 5-part formation series with Holy Hour over Lent starting Saturday, 21 Feb. We will focus on prayer, communion, and mission as we prepare our hearts for Easter and as we move towards becoming a missionary parish.

Location: Main Church

Dates: 21 Feb, 28 Feb, 7 Mar, 14 Mar, 21 Mar (Every Saturday)

Time: 8pm – 9.30pm

All are invited, and ministry members should be present.

CHRIST, THE SECOND ADAM

Today we celebrate Christ, the Second Adam, who overcame temptation and sin, and by his obedience won back the world to God.



Reflecting on the Gospel

It is the subtle way that temptation resembles truth that gets us. For people who have made a fundamental choice to accept God's invitation to orient their lives toward the divine life, those things that are blatantly evil do not hold allure. They are easily recognisable as wrong, and it does not take much effort to reject them. The real temptations are the ones that are just close enough to the truth that they appear good and beneficial.

In the gospel reading from Matthew that we hear today, Jesus has just had a powerful experience at his baptism, of being filled with the Spirit and knowing in a profound way that he is God's beloved Son (Matthew 3:17). It is this very sense of his identity that the tempter tries to undermine. First, the devil holds out this seductive image: surely the beloved Son is entitled to have all his hungers satisfied. Quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, Jesus instead focuses on his hunger for the word of God. Throughout the gospel, we see him feeding God's hungry people with both physical and spiritual food (see Matthew 5:1-7:29; 14:13-21; 15:32-39; 26:26-30).

Next is the temptation to believe that if Jesus is truly the beloved Son, God would never let any harm come to him. God's angels would swoop down and rescue him before any danger could befall him. Again Jesus turns to the Scriptures, which enable him to recognise the falsity in the claim of the tempter. A third time the devil tries to derail Jesus' centeredness on God as the source of all power and the one deserving of worship. And yet again, Jesus clings to the word of God to overcome the wiles of the tempter.

Finally the devil departs when Jesus commands, "Get away, Satan!" But not for long. The temptations circle back again and again, as variations on the same theme, throughout Jesus' life and ministry. Midway through the gospel, we again hear Jesus say, "Get behind me, Satan!" (16:23), when he is tempted by Peter to reject suffering as integral to his identity as beloved Son. Right to the end, as Jesus is dying on the cross, the devil's words are echoed by the passerby: "If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross!" (27:40). The chief priests, scribes, and the elders chant the same: "He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God'" (27:43).

Finally, the bandits who were crucified with Jesus taunt him the same way (27:44). Yet again on the cross, Jesus turns to the Scriptures and prayer to stay solidly grounded in his identity as God's beloved Son. The words of Psalm 22 sustain him through the challenges that try to undermine his expectations of how God would care for him. The final verse of today's gospel assures us that just as God's angels accompanied Jesus in his ordeals, so we are never abandoned in times of trial.

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
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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

INFANT BAPTISM

12 Apr, 9 Aug & 13 Dec at 1.30pm
Applications close 1 month before
each Infant Baptism Mass.

COUNSELLING (BY CFL)

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