Liturgy of The Word

First Reading : Isaiah 7:10-14
Responsorial Psalm : Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.
Second Reading : Romans 1:1-7
Gospel : Matthew 1:18-24

Next Week’s Reading
Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas)
Psalter Week I - Year A
1st Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10
Respons. Psalm 97:1-6
2nd Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: John 1:1-18

Notices & Events Announcement

Registration for New Catechumens and Faith Formation (at SHC Parish Centre)

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1. The following sessions will begin January 8th, 2017
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3. The following session will begin February 12th, 2017

Documents required for registration are photocopies of Birth Certificate, Identity Card and Marriage Certificate (if married) with two photographs (passport size).

Thoughts for prayers SHALOM

Today’s Gospel reading sets a model for discerning God’s will / plan for us. Joseph responded to God’s call as in a dream to be the foster-father of Jesus, the Son of God. This was possible due to his total submission to God’s will. It was not easy then and not easy for us today. It demands the readiness to remain open always to the promptings of the Holy Spirit which may involve changing one’s mind even in a previous decision. This echoes the way Mary responded in her YES in the Annunciation account.

As Christmas approaches, let our desire to be drawn closer to “Emmanuel” (God-is-with-us). Let us “not … wander far from the crib of Jesus, so that, there be a greater simplicity in everything,” (Nicholas Barre), even in our preparations for the celebration of this coming great feast. Let us take this word “Emmanuel” as the mantra in our prayer time these days.

“For let us all take this example of Joseph, who was not only a simple and poor little one in this society, this is a step towards the fulfillment of God’s Kingdom here on earth, i.e. to be immersed in our realities with the marginalized and rejected in our society. Pope Francis says, “… Mission is to have passion for Jesus and the passion for the poor…”

“Lord, grant us a heart that longs for the coming of the revelation of the Mystery of God in the birth of Jesus.”

Parish Priest: Archbishop John Wong
Assistant Parish Priests: Fr. Rhobby Aaron Mojiok Fr. Maximilliano Benthor Hontor Fr. Mitchellly Kian Fr. Joshua Lew
CAC: Fr. Wilfred Atin
IY & Carmelite Chaplain: Fr. Rayner Bisius

Gabriel, the angel of the Annunciation, is the one who revealed to Joseph his mission to be the legal father of Jesus. This is a pure and simple figure, a silent witness of Jesus Christ, as was the Baptist and he can be a back with the unexpected pregnancy of his wife. But it opens at the same time, the glorious horizon of his vocation, which is to introduce to the world the Emmanuel, the Christ, the God of Salvation (Jesus). He is a pure and simple figure, a silent witness of Jesus Christ, as was the Baptist and he can be any of us in this world that demands love and truth.

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Daily/Weekly Schedules

Sacred Heart Cathedral (SHC)

Saturday
Confession (Chapel) : 4.30pm - 5.30pm
Rosary (English) : 4.40pm
Novena (English) : 5.05pm
Mass (English) : 6.00pm

Sunday
Chapel will be opened from 6.00am – 10.00pm
Mass (Mandarin) : 7.00am
Mass (English) : 9.00am
(Interpreted mass in Sign Language)
Mass (Bahasa Malaysia) : 10.45am
Holy Hour (Mandarin) : 8.00pm - 9pm
(2nd & 4th Week)
Monday – Saturday (Chapel)
Chapel will be opened from 5.00am – 10.00pm
Morning Prayer & Confession: 5.30am - 5.55am
Mass (English) : 6.00am
Rosary (English) : 6.30am
Friday Noon Mass : 12.15pm
1st Friday Mass (English) : 7.30pm
Thursday (Cathedral)
Vespers & Holy Hour : 7.00pm - 8.30pm
CHURCH OF MARY IMMACULATE (CMI)

Saturday
Rosary (Mandarin) : 5.00pm
Novena (Mandarin) : 5.30pm
Mass (Mandarin) : 6.00pm
Sunday
Rosary (English) : 8.15am
Mass (English) : 9.00am
**Notices & Events Announcement**

**Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour**
The Vespers and Holy Hour on Thursday, December 22nd, 2016 will be facilitated by Liturgical Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communions (Victor Foo). All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

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**Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish**

**Children Christmas Party 2016**

**Dec 18th, 2016 (Sun) 2:00pm SHPC Hall**

Please call Marcus 016-8276375, Phyllina 014-6795833, Jane 016-8323710, Lucy 016-3312569 for details.

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**Church of Mary Immaculate Sub-Parish**

**Dec 18th, 2016 (Sun) 10.30am CMI canteen**

Please call CMI Office 244345 for details.

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**Archbishop Christmas Open House 2016**

Our Archbishop will be having an open house at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2016 (Wed) from 2:30pm to 5:00pm. Let us celebrate Christmas with our Archbishop and other well-wishers and visitors.

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**Rev. Cosmas Lee’s 40th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary Dinner**

The SHC Parish Pastoral Council is organizing a Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, December 27th, 2016 at 6.00pm at the Putera Theatre Ballroom, Bukit Padang. Ticket at RM60.00 per person is available from SHC Parish Office during office hours.

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**Talk on Our Blessed Mother Mary**

This talk will be held on Friday, December 30th, 2016 at 7.30pm at Room F7, SHPC, organized by the Light of Jesus Christ Covenant Community. The invited speaker is Anna Cappello, who holds a licentiate in Sacred Theology with a specialization in Spiritual Theology (Rome). All are welcome.

**Advent Penitential Service 2016 (Year A) with Sacrament of Confession**

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**Individual Confession**

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Confession at SHC Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Parishioners, please be informed that there will be NO Confession from December 22nd, 2016 to January 8th, 2017 at the Chapel.

**SHC / CMI Offices, Bookshop and St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund Office Closed**

The Parish/Sub-Parish Offices, Bookshop and SJBF Office will be closed from 11.00am onwards on Thursday, December 22nd, 2016 (Annual Parish Clerges & Staff Christmas Fellowship).

**MASS DURING CHRISTMAS TIME**

**Christmas Eve December 24th, 2016 (Saturday)**

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Please note the Cantata will start at 8.30pm (instead of 9.00pm, published last weekend).

**Christmas Day December 25th, 2016 (Sunday)**

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**Return Thanks**

On the recent demise of Rev. Aloysius Tung on December 7th, 2016, Archbishop John Wong would like to express his sincere thanks and heartfelt appreciation to all parishioners, Church groups, ministries, communities, friends and acquaintances for their kind attendance, spiritual support, assistance, generous contributions, wreathes and prayers. Let us continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Aloysius Tung, that the Lord will shine His perpetual Light on him and grant him eternal rest.

**Adventures in Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom**

The 2nd part (10 sessions) of this 20-Week Bible study on DVD by Jeff Cavins will begin every Tuesday, from January 10th, 2017 for 10 consecutive weeks at 7.45 p.m., SHPC Room F6. The programme includes home preparation, small-group discussion, video presentation & review of responses. Please register with Monica 012-8342547, Helen 016-8391449; SHC Parish Office 224741, 223618. Fees: RM30.00 (Registration plus Student Pack). All are welcome!!!

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**Infant Baptism**

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**Details**

**Mandarin**

**Sunday Donations (Dec. 10th & 11th, 2016) (in RM)**

**Sacred Heart Black Bag (7,297.85), Red Bag (5,833.85); CMI Black Bag (7,297.85), Red Bag (5,833.85).**