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Our Weekly Parish Bulletin



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Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:3-6,8-11
Luke 3:1-6

MAKE STRAIGHT THE PATH OF THE LORD

Have you ever driven on a zigzag road? If you have, then you know how long it takes to get somewhere. It would be so much faster if you could just take a straight path to your destination. In today's reading, we are told, "The winding roads shall be made straight." But the real question is why roads, especially the road to God, get crooked in the first place.

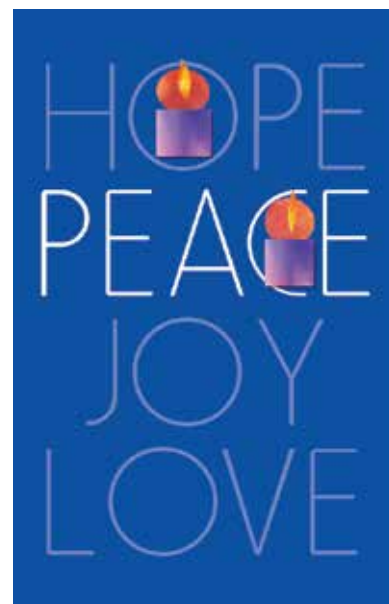
The answer is simple: First, we follow our will, and then we veer back to God. But that doesn't last and we go our own selfish way again. Then we decide to do it God's way, but before long, we are wandering off down our own road of bad intentions again. We do this over and over, and pretty soon we have created a very zigzag path indeed.

How do we make our path straight? By following God's will wholeheartedly. Our Father gently calls us to repent from our crooked paths and return home to him. He reaches out and offers to help us find our way directly back to him. But it's up to us if we are going to accept his offer to return from our self-imposed exile and "come back rejoicing, carrying [our] sheaves."

Luke shows a remarkable interest in tying together the Old Covenant and the New Covenant in Christ. Luke is believed to have been a Gentile, and it's likely that the time he spent

sharing the missionary travels of St. Paul gave him profound insight into the intimate connection between Judaism and its fulfillment in Christ.

In this week's reading, John the Baptist's ministry is introduced; he's the last prophet of the Old Covenant and the first of the New Covenant. John is the great precursor of the Messiah that the prophet Isaiah had foretold. He is, in fact, the precursor of Christ in our souls this Advent season. In a homily on Luke, the early Church theologian, Origen says of the Baptist, "I think that the mystery of John is still being carried on in the world. If a man is to believe in Jesus Christ, the spirit and power of John must first come into his soul and prepare for the Lord a perfect people, make the rough ways of the heart plain, make the crooked straight. Even now the spirit and power of John precede the coming of our Lord and Savior."



What are some ways in which you've experienced God's grace keeping you on a straight path in your life?

MASS TIMINGS

DAILY MASSES

6.30am, 6.15pm
7.30am, 5.30pm (Public Holiday)

WEEKEND MASSES

Sat 6.30am, 7.30am (Public Holiday)
5.30pm (Sunset)
Sun 7.00am, 8.15am (Mandarin)
9.45am, 11.30am & 5.30pm

DIVINE MERCY MASS

8.00pm (Chapel)
FIRST Tuesday of the month

TAMIL MASS

6.30pm (Chapel)
FOURTH Sunday of the month

MALAYALAM MASS

6.00pm (Chapel)
FIFTH Sunday of the month

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PARISH UPDATES



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE @ CTK

CHRISTMAS VIGIL (24 Dec 2018, Mon)
8pm, 11pm

CHRISTMAS DAY (25 Dec 2018, Tue)
7am, 8.15am (Mandarin), 9.45am, 11.30am, 5.30pm

CANTEEN

This week's canteen is run by COMBINED NCC. Come by for great food and fellowship!

2ND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND FOR 'GIFT'

Please give generously in faith and thankfulness next weekend 15 & 16 Dec for the Archdiocese's projects and organisations.

NORTH DISTRICT ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

14 Dec (Fri) OLSS @ 8pm
17 Dec (Mon) Risen Christ @ 10.30am & 8pm
18 Dec (Tue) Holy Spirit @ 8pm
19 Dec (Wed) Christ the King @ 10.30am & 8pm
20 Dec (Thu) St. Anthony @ 8pm
21 Dec (Fri) St. Joseph (BT) @ 8pm

ROSARY DEVOTION

This will be held on 13 Dec (Thu), 8.00pm at the Grotto of Mother Mary.

FR. JOHN KHOO'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Let us wish Fr. John Khoo, our Assistant Parish Priest, a happy and blessed 49th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary on Thursday, 13 Dec! May God continue to bless his priestly vocation!

INFANT BAPTISM

The next Infant Baptism is on 6 Jan 2019 (Sun), 4pm. Preparation session on 26 Dec 2018 (Wed), 8pm. Parents & godparents, please register by 19 Dec (Wed).

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

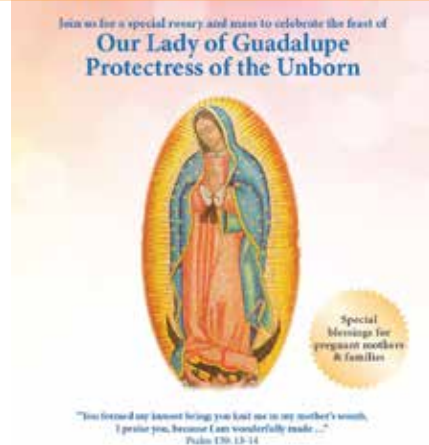
Praise & Worship • 8pm at the Chapel
All are welcome! Come Taste And See!

28 Dec (Fri) – "Christmas Praise" - Praise & Worship, Sharing, Intercessory Prayers

* No prayer meetings on 14 Dec and 21 Dec 2018

REGISTRATION FOR 2019 CC1 (SEC 1) CATECHISM

Registration is now open. Classes are on Sundays, 9.30am to 11am. Register at <http://bit.ly/2019-CC1-Registration>.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ROSARY & MASS

Join us for a special Rosary and Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Protectress of the Unborn on 12 Dec (Wed) - 5.40pm Rosary, 6.15pm Mass will be celebrated by Fr. John Sim, at CTK. There will be special blessings for pregnant mothers & families.

SIMBANG GABI 2018 @ CTK

20 Dec (Thu), 7.30pm Cantata, 8pm Mass @ CTK. For enquiries, contact Betty 96582456 or Robert 93848265. Simbang Gabi full schedule @ <https://bit.ly/2Rzj47V>

MONTHLY PPC EXCO MEETING

Gentle reminder to all PPC Exco members, Ministry Leaders and NCC Heads to attend, on 10 Dec (Mon), 8pm at the canteen.

MAGNIFICAT: CELEBRATING OUR LIVES

We have lived a full life. Let us take time out once a week to celebrate these together with Victor and Vivienne Wee.

Date : Wednesdays (starting 5 Dec 2018)

Time/Venue : 10am - 1pm @ CTK Canteen

Programme : Talk, Prayer, Exercise or Dance, Lunch

Participants : Anybody who is available, sick, retirees and disabled.

NO LEGAL CLINIC IN DECEMBER 2018

Please note that there is no legal clinic session on 25 Dec 2018 (Tue, Christmas Day). The next session is on 29 Jan 2019 (Tue). Kindly deposit your registration form into the CTK letterbox no. 46 by 22 Jan 2019 (Tue).

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

If you, or someone you know, need medical help but cannot afford clinic fees, do come by CTK's free medical clinic on Wednesdays 7pm-9pm or Sundays 2pm-4pm

NEIGHBOURHOOD CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

NCC 200 Divine Mercy Devotion, Thanksgiving & Christmas Celebration
17 Dec (Mon), 8pm @ Blk 223 AMK Ave 1 #03-527



NCC 300 Rosary & Fellowship
9 Dec (Sun), 8pm @ Blk 310B AMK Ave 1 #09-373
All are welcome to join us in prayers.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT @ CTK!

On the Saturday evening of 1 December, Ad Orientem Solisti (formerly Risen Christ Youth Symphony) and Sts. Peter & Paul Choir presented a Christmas concert at the Church of Christ the King. The audience were treated to a delightful selection of popular classical music, including the Christmas favourite, Vivaldi's Gloria.



DIOCESAN EVENTS

GIFT ADVENT 2018

The Catholic Foundation is renewing its annual appeal for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign to build a more vibrant, evangelistic and missionary Church. GIFT challenges every Catholic to make a regular pledge to support the operational and building needs of the archdiocese. Every Catholic is also encouraged to pray and volunteer for the archdiocese. More information can be found in the GIFT pamphlets that will be distributed during Mass, and at gift.catholicfoundation.sg.

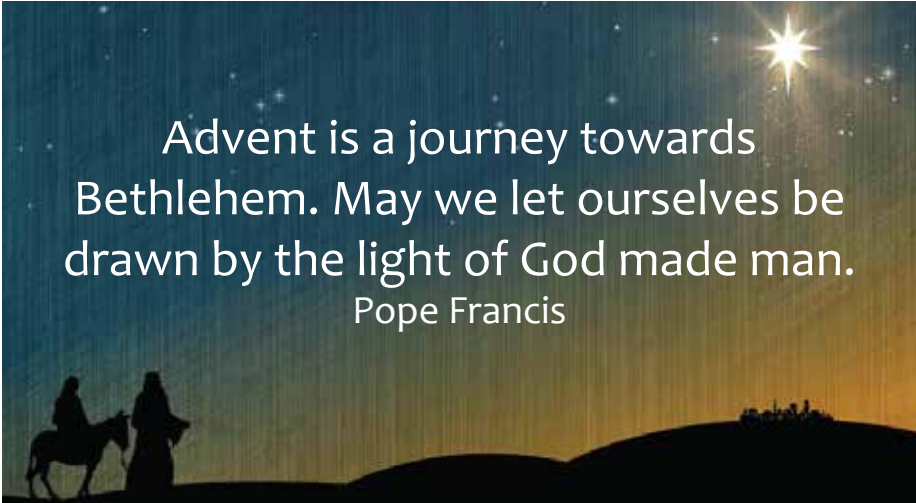
CHANCERY SEEKING INTERNS

The Chancery Archives, a department supporting the Archdiocese in records management and archives, is seeking self-motivated and detail-oriented interns who have academic training in historical research and/or are interested in history and heritage matters. Applicants should be students with minimum 'A' level or diploma qualifications, and should be able to commit to the internship for at least 3 months or longer. Kindly submit your resume, your available period and a recent photo to chanceryrecruitment@catholic.org.sg by 23 December 2018.

IS THE CHRISTMAS STORY TRUE?

Some Bible critics have argued that the events surrounding the birth of Jesus are literary creations which ought not to be understood as history. Does this obscure the meaning and message of Christmas? Or are there grounds to assert the basic reliability of the text?

Join us for this Advent special talk by the Catholic Theology Network. 18 Dec (Tue), 7.30pm-9pm @ CANA 55 Waterloo Street #02-01. Speakers: Mr Keenan Tan & Nick Chui. Reserve your seats through theology.sg@gmail.com or sms Nick at 97843692.



Advent is a journey towards
Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be
drawn by the light of God made man.
Pope Francis

OUR PARISH PRAYER SCHEDULE

ROSARY DEVOTION

Weekdays 5.40pm (Main Church)
Sat 4.40pm (Main Church)

13th day of the month
Weekdays 8.00pm (Grotto)
Weekends 7.00pm (Grotto)

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Tue 8.00pm (Chapel)

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Last Wed of the month 8.00pm (Chapel)

LEGION OF MARY

Thu 7.00pm - 8.15pm (Room 108)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Thu 8.00pm - 9.00pm (Room 303)

CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING

1st & 4th Fri of the month 8.00pm (Chapel)

DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Fri after evening Mass (Main Church)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WITH CHILDREN

2nd Sat of the month 3.45pm (St Mary's Room, Level 3)

NEW TO OUR PARISH? YET TO REGISTER WITH US?

Our warmest welcome to you dear brothers & sisters in Christ! Visit our Parish Office & contact us at 64599958 or email parishoffice@christtheking.com.sg



OPENING HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

Mon - Fri 9.00am - 8.00pm
Sat - Sun 9.00am - 7.00pm
(Closed on Public Holidays)

MAIN CHURCH

6.30am - 7.00pm daily

ADORATION ROOM

6.00am - 10.30pm daily
(Closed for cleaning on Mondays
and Fridays from 10am - 11am)

COLUMBARIUM

6.00am - 10.30pm
daily

Kindly note that the Church gates will be automatically closed by 10.30pm.



OUR PASTORAL SERVICES

CHURCH WEDDINGS

Arrangement should be made at least ONE year in advance so couples have adequate time to attend Marriage Preparation Course (www.catholic.org.sg/mpc) or Engaged Encounter Weekend (www.catholic.org.sg/ceespore). Contact parish office for application forms and booking of wedding date.

INFANT BAPTISM

Infant baptisms are celebrated every first Sunday of the month at 4pm. Parents and godparents must attend the pre-baptism preparation session on the last Tuesday of each month at 8pm. Dates may change for public holidays. Registration forms are available at parish office. For enquiries, email infantbaptism@gmail.com.

BLESSING OF FAMILIES

Blessings of families is given at all Masses on the last Sunday of each month for this year.

MASS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available outside the parish office. Kindly submit your offerings via the Mass Offerings box ONE week in advance of intended date.

COUNSELLING

By appointment only. Contact Family Life Society, Mon - Fri (10am - 5pm) at 6382 0688.

CTK FREE LEGAL CLINIC

Free legal advice to low-income individuals is on last Tuesday of the month. Please fill in registration form (available at the parish office) and deposit form into CTK letterbox no. 46 at least one week in advance. Strictly no walk-ins.

CTK FREE MEDICAL CLINIC

CTK Free Medical Clinic hours are every Wed 7 - 9pm and every Sun 2 - 4pm. The service is for the poor and needy only.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office to arrange for a priest for this Sacrament to be administered to any Catholic awaiting for surgery or is suffering from serious illness especially near the time of death.

FUNERAL

Kindly contact the parish office for priest's availability and Mass timing. The parish office is able to assist with prayers arrangement at the wake if required.