

ST. ANTHONY'S VOICE



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Epiphany Of The Lord

(Year C)

3rd January 2010

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Sunday : Is 6:1-12, Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12
Monday : 1 Jn 3:22-4, 9, Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday : 1 Jn 4:7-10, Mt 6:34-44
Wednesday : 1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday : 1 Jn 4:19-4, 5, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday : 1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday : 1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30

Thought of the Week

**IF YOU FIND HONEY,
EAT JUST ENOUGH,
TOO MUCH OF IT
AND YOU WILL
VOMIT**

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HIGHLIGHTS

1. CATECHISM MATTERS

2. ALPHA COURSE

3. PARISH RETREAT 2010

Parish Announcements

Catechism Matters

1. Commencement of Catechism Class for 2010

Catechism Classes will commence on the 23/24 January weekend.

2. Registration and Confirmation for Catechism Classes in 2010 for New & Current Students.

There will be a 2nd round of registration which will be held on the 17 January 2010 between 9.00 am - 11.00 am in the Auditorium. Those that have not completed their registration are reminded to hand in all the necessary documents.

3. Talk on Para-Liturgy

There will be a series of talks on Para-Liturgy for all Parents of Primary 2 Children on the 11, 18 & 25 of January at @ 8.00 pm. Attendance is compulsory.

4. Meet the Parents

There will be a meet the Parents on the 23 January of children in Primary 3 at 1.30 pm in the Auditorium, Primary 4 at 3.30 pm in St. Thomas and Primary 5 at 5.00 pm in the Auditorium. For Primary 6 the meeting will be on the 30 January at 4.30 pm in St. Thomas. Attendance is compulsory.

5. Rite of Confirmation Meeting

There will be a meeting for all Parents, Godparents and Ministry Mentors of children in Conf 4 who are preparing for Confirmation in 2010 at 4.00 pm in the Auditorium.

Parish Retreat 2010

It will be held on 31st Jan 2010 from 8.00am to 5.00pm with Mass in St. Peter's Auditorium - SPI. Retreat master: Fr. Gerard Louis.

Tickets available from this weekend onwards at the Foyer.

Divine Mercy Group

Devotion to The Divine Mercy will resume on Fri, 8th Jan 2010 in St. Gregory's room.

Chinese New Year

Chinese New Year this year falls on 14th of February a Sunday. We are again appealing to your generosity towards this celebration funds. We would appreciate cash donations in lieu of oranges and flowers. Thanks

Emmanuel Praise and Worship

Come and grow in the Spirit by attending talks every Wednesdays at 8.00pm in St Thomas Aquinas Room

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
6th Jan 2010	The Good news is for everyone
13th Jan 2010	Trust in ordinary times steadfast in trials
20th Jan 2010	Being Church
27 Jan 2010	The Pilgrim Church

Certificate Of Marriage

There have been a number of people asking for letters to enable them to marry in their own country, henceforth your name must be in the Parish Register before any letter can be issued.

Teacher Needed

St. Anthony's Child Care Centre is looking for a full-time childcare teacher. Please call Mdm.Lim at 6 368 5058

Prayer for Priests

St Anthony's Emmanuel Intercessory Prayer Group is holding Holy Hour for priests every first Monday of the month. January session will be on 04/01/10, time 8:00 to 9:00pm at St Cecilia Room. Come and join us in praising the Lord for our Priests.

Parish Announcements

Alpha Course

The Alpha Course aims to connect people to the faith by introducing them to the basics of the Christian faith and is designed primarily for non-Churchgoers and new Christians. It is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting with thought provoking weekly sessions. Alpha is also meant to reach out to the nominal and casual Catholics inviting them to a deeper experience of Christ.

The Alpha Team is opening an invitation for all parishioners to introduce participants to join the next Alpha Course scheduled to commence on Fri, 29 Jan 2010

Please pick up a registration form at the church foyer after the Eucharist Celebration or at the Parish Office

Contact: Andrew Norfor: 9758 5781

Jeffery Goh: 9818 5724

Archdiocesan News

Homecoming Dinner

Josephians, your Alma Mater invites you for dinner at Malcolm Road to reconnect with the school, former teachers and classmates. SJIOBA will be raising funds for the school and needy students in SJI.

4th Homecoming Dinner - Sec 4 Clsss of 1983-1986, Sat, 23rd Jan 2010

5th Homecoming Dinner - Sec 4 Class of 1972-1975, Sat 24th Apr 2010

6th Homecoming Dinner - Sec 4 Class of 1968-1971, Sat 24 Jul 2010 Call Veronica at 62500022 for more information

Catholicism 101

Singapore Pastoral Institute is offering an introductory course "Catholicism 101". It is designed for those who are curious about the catholic faith. It will be held at 55 Waterloo Street Level 8 Auditorium from 7.30pm to 9.30pm on Thursdays, beginning February 4, 2010. Application forms are available at the parish office. Closing date for registration is 14th Jan 2010.

Living Pathways Retreat

How do we engage with the Gospel narratives in ways that truly connect to our daily living? Find out during a retreat as we explore some approaches to scriptural meditation and reflective living.

Date: 2nd - 5th Feb 2010

Registration forms are available at the parish office.

Beginning Experience

There is a special heartache for those who find themselves single again. Now there is help. "The Beginning Experience" is a weekend programme which help those involved work through the grief and put the past behind so that the person can be free again to love on-self Gods and others. For more information contact: Janet (96260912) or Jenny (96756904).

DRESS CODE

We made a survey as to what is appropriate attire for the Eucharistic celebrations. The results were subsequently published. After much deliberation, the following have been adopted.

Recommended Guidelines for Dress Code

For Men

- Casual Wear defined as shirt, slacks, shoes, polo shirt, T-shirt, Jeans.
- Formal wear defined as coat, shirt, shoes and trousers.

For Women

- Casual wear defined as polo shirt, T-shirt, Jeans, sandals.
- Formal wear defined as tailored dress, knee length(or longer) skirts, blouses, shoes.

Strictly Prohibited:

- Clothing promoting vices like drugs, alcohol, violence.
- Clothing made of spandex (skin-tight) and translucent (see-through) materials.
- Clothing exposing entire shoulder, chest, back or thighs.
- Sport Wear.
- Flip Flops.

Our Priests

Rev Fr Terence Pereira (ext 14)

Rev Fr Bruno Saint Girons (ext 13)

Rev Fr Cyril John Lee (ext 15)

Parish Office

Pastoral Coordinator

Kenny Chen (ext 12)

Administrator

Anthony Tan (ext 11)

St. Anthony's Child Care Centre

Mdm Lim Guat Eng, Manager

Tel: 6368 5058, Fax: 6368 4307

St Anthony's Medical Clinic

Mon (7pm - 9pm)

(Closed on Public Holidays)

Tel: 6365 6683, Fax: 6365 8339

Mass Times

Weekdays

6.30am (Mondays to Saturdays)

6.30pm (Mondays to Fridays)

*except Tuesdays & 1st Friday - Mass is after the devotions.

Saturday Sunset Mass

6.00pm

Sunday Masses

7.30am (**Mandarin**).

9.15am, 11.00am & 6.00pm.

Tamil Mass @ 7.30pm on 2nd Sat of the Month.

Tagalog Mass @ 7.30pm on 4th Sat of the Month.

Devotions

- Devotion to St Anthony on Tuesdays at 8pm with Mass. Recitation of Rosary at 7.30pm)
- Devotion to Sacred Heart on 1st Fri at 8pm with Mass.
- Devotion to Divine Mercy on Fridays except 1st Fri from 8.00pm to 9.30pm in St Thomas Aquinas Room.

The Library

Visit our Library located at the Basement which is open from 8.30am to 12.30pm every Sunday.

Mass Offerings:

The office of Fr Cyril handles **Mass Offerings**. Intentions of Masses to be offered will be printed weekly on Saturday and left on the altar for the Celebrant(s) and on the notice board for all to view. Offerings made after Friday night will not be published. They will, however, be recorded in a book kept in Fr Cyril's office. Masses will also be offered on the day and time stipulated. Please do not drop your Mass Offering envelopes into the collection bags. A collection box for your Mass Offering is provided at the back of the Church.

Infant Baptism :

The schedule for Baptism Preparation is as follows:

Parents are required to attend 3 Sessions commencing from the 2nd Sun of each month.

Upon completion all 3 sessions, couples can then register with the Presenters their preferred Baptism date. Godparents are to attend the last session to prepare themselves.

The Baptism ceremony will be held on the 1st Sun of each Month at 12.30pm. All the Sessions will be held in St John Vianney's Room. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Marriage : The Sacrament of Matrimony celebrates the union of two people within the church community. We request those planning a marriage to contact the priests of the church 6 months prior to the anticipated date, so that proper preparations can be made. For those who want Fr Terence, you are to inform him 1 year in advance.

Funerals :

Please inform any of the Priests or the Parish Office immediately.

Reconciliation :

The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates the healing and forgiving love that God has for each of us. There are opportunities for confession 15 minutes before the Sunset Mass on Sat and before all the Sun Masses. Priests are available for confession at other times upon request.

Parish Community Census Registration :

We invite you to be a part of our community of faith and to participate in all areas of our parish life. You are welcome to register as members of our Parish. The forms are available in the church and can be given to any of the Priests or the Secretariat when completed.

Intercessory Prayers

We have an Intercessory Prayer group who will meet regularly to pray for all your prayer intentions. You are welcome to place your prayer intentions in the drop box located at the right hand staircase of the Church hall entrance.

Wrapped in a manger

Christmas is the celebration of Christ's Mass. That is where the name came from. It is a celebration of thanksgiving to our Father specifically for Jesus who allowed Himself to be sent by the Father. Jesus' entire willingness to be sent is an example laid before us to emulate. Wow, what a contrast to Adam and Eve who chose to follow their own dedicates. Here is God who is willing to submit or is it more correct to say, that the Son in total love served the Father without seeing it as a sacrifice or a pain to bear. In perfect love Jesus responded to the Father. Here we are invited to be 'perfect' as Jesus is. No one can be perfect as Jesus is but we are invited to come as close to it as possible. We have the saints who are examples of this willingness to walk as closely with Jesus as possible.

In the emptying of Himself, Jesus fulfilled the promise made by the Father. Our Father made a promise that one day a virgin will conceive and bear a son that will save his people. We have this in Genesis and in Isaiah.

Jesus at Holy Communion is helpless in our hands as He was in the manger.

The promise that was fulfilled means that the promises of our Father can be trusted. Our Father has a will for all of us and that will is for us to be saved. We lose the plot when we think that it is our Father's will for

us to marry someone or that it is His will that we should have cancer and so forth. The will of the Father is that we be with Him. Being with Him is salvation. Salvation is being in a right relationship with the Trinity. The reason our Father wants us to be with Him is that He wants us to enjoy His fullness and His all abiding presence which is love in itself.

Looking at Christmas we often hear so many clichés and some are really misleading. Ever heard of the one that goes 'Christmas is a time of giving'? Well the shopping centers will definitely agree with this slogan. It make their cash registers ring. Christmas is a time for appreciation and thanksgiving. It is a time of great gratitude for all that Jesus had and continues to do for us. Christmas is a time of giving only if we have been having a time of being with the Lord Jesus.

We have these aspects to reflect upon and to follow in order to be true disciples of Jesus Christ. It is indeed a time to spend some quality time reflecting and praying in order to appreciate the great event of our salvation.

Born in unconditional
love to give
everything

In the story of Adam and Eve, they were given everything to enjoy the presence of the Father. Most of us are given everything that we basically need. Then of course there are those things that we want, which are not our basic needs but we think they are basic and when we do not have them we begin to mourn and groan. In enjoying the things that was there, Adam and Eve forgot about allowing the Father to be their all in all and succumbed to the temptation of the pleasures in life and to the temptation of thinking what is good and what is bad.

As we celebrate Christmas we have more than what we need, at least most of us. In our abundance, have we once again left Joseph, Mary and Jesus out in the cold with no room left for them. The people were busy with their own lives to think about a woman who was going to give birth and carried on with their lives.

Who made the
difference in your
place?

As we celebrate Christmas, what ways have we allowed Jesus to come into our homes? Was there a prayer of appreciation for what Jesus did when we gathered together for a family meal? Was Jesus shared during our visits with one another?

Christmas is Father's love made visible.

How visible was the Father's love in your home this Christmas? Jesus is the reason for the celebration and the reason for the celebration should not be forgotten. The reason for the celebration must play a big part in the celebration. For a heart to be truly joyous, it must have the Trinity in it. The Father's great love for us made visible in Jesus Christ who gave us the Holy Spirit that we might continue to dwell in their love must constantly be in our minds as we celebrate Christmas.

Remember that we are not Muslims or Hindus or Taoist or Buddhist who are celebrating Christmas. We know some of them celebrate this as a festive celebration by giving each other gifts and exchanging wishes such as 'Complements of the Season'.

To celebrate Christmas
is to be with the Father.

As Christians, what is it that marks the difference in the way you celebrate the Birth of Jesus?

Epiphany Of The Lord

Epiphany comes from the Greek *epiphanein*, a showing, “appearance or revelation.” It was used to describe the appearance of God among the people, a theophany, or a visit from some dignitary. The Greek speaking Church of the East found it natural to use the word to describe the appearance of the true God in flesh. Consequently, some churches in that part of the world celebrated a festival on January 6 (now celebrated on the Sunday between January 2 and 8) recalling Jesus’ baptism in the Jordan and his Cana miracle; others celebrated a festival commemorating his birth and eventually a combination of the two.

Evidence of a nativity festival in Egypt and in the Churches of the near East is very ancient, possibly before the 3rd century. Theories of why January 6 date was chosen by the eastern Churches parallels the arguments for the December 25 date in the West. A popular theory challenged by more recent research presumes that the winter solstice occurred on January 6, according to the calendar used in that part of the world. On that day pagans celebrate with nuances of wine, water, and light the appearance (“epiphany”) of Anion, god of time and eternity among, the people. Christians as the argument goes, adopted this day as their feast of the Incarnation, incorporating into the liturgy the gospel stories of Jesus “epiphanies” at his birth, on the occasion of the visit of the Magi at his baptism at the Jordan and at his first miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana This theme made sense to these early people in the East because was not reveal to the people until his baptism.

The feast of Epiphany was introduced into Gaul in the mid 4th century because the Churches in that part of Europe had close ties to the East. In Gaul, the Epiphany theme of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, his transfiguration, and the miracle at Cana were develop.

By the end of the 4th century, Eastern and Western Churches took over each other’s Nativity sconce. Since then, Christmas and the Epiphany have been celebrated in both Churches. This duplication led to the evolution of a separate theme for each. The eastern church continued to emphasize the theme of Jesus’ epiphanies with the gospel stories of Jesus’ baptism and miracle at Cana. In the Western Church the Epiphany evolved into a celebration of the gospel story of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12) on the occasion of Jesus’ birth: his epiphany to the gentiles.

The Christmas season officially ends the Sunday after Epiphany with the commemoration of Christ’s baptism

Article taken from the book, Catholic Customs and Traditions

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3/1/2010

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平日弥撒

上午 6 点半

傍晚 6 点半

星期二晚上 8 点

星期六黄昏弥撒

傍晚 6 点

主日弥撒

(华语)

上午 7 点半

(英语)

上午 9 点 15 分

11 点, 傍晚 6 点

儿童洗礼

第一主日上午 12 点

婚姻

请给予六个月通知

葬礼

请立刻联络神父

为司铎祈祷(英语)

每个月的第一个星期一, 圣安多尼厄玛奴尔代祷小组会为司铎举行守圣时的活动。一月的活动将于 04/01/2010 (星期一), 8.00pm-9.00pm, 在 St Celilia Room 举行。

中国朋友信仰及洗礼课程 (2009-2010)

时间 : 每个月的第 3 个星期日晚上 7.30pm - 9.30pm

下一课 : 2010 年 1 月 17 日

主题 : 圣神与教会, 圣母与圣人

讲员 : 董立神父

地点 : 圣伯多禄圣保禄堂 3 楼小圣堂

司铎年谈圣体

讲员: 蓝炽华兄弟

日期: 2010 年 1 月 6, 13, 20 日 星期三

时间: 7.45 pm - 9.45 pm

地点: 耶稣君王堂三楼 St Mary Hall

主办: 教委信仰培训小组

灵修加油站“与天主合一”

主持: 圣衣会蔡汉坤神父

讲题分享: 圣女大德兰的《七宝楼台》——祈祷的层次

日期: 2010 年 1 月 23 日 (星期六)

时间: 下午 2 时至 5 时

地点: 和平之后堂达卫楼 4 楼礼堂

主办: 教委灵修小组

农历新年

今年的农历新年在 14/02/2010 (星期日)。希望教友们能慷慨捐款赞助购买柑橘与鲜花的费用, 请将款项交到李神父的办公室。



ஆண்டவரின் திருக்காட்சி - 3/1/2010

தீபாணம்

நமது பங்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யும் இத்தீபாணத்தின் விவரங்கள் :

தேதி - 30/1/2010

நேரம் - காலை மணி 8 - மாலை மணி 5 (திருவழிப்பாட்டுடன் தீபாணம் முடிவுறும்)

இடம் - புனித பீட்டர் ஆரங்கம் (St Peter's Auditorium - Spore Pastoral Institute)

வழி நடத்துபவர் - Fr ஜெரார்டு ஜூயில்

மூலமுடிச்சீட்டுகளை தேவாலய முன்வாயிலில் வாங்கிக் கொள்ளலாம்.

குருக்களுக்காக மன்றாட்டு

ஒவ்வொரு மாதமும், முதல் திங்கள் கிறிஸ்தமசுநிலை நமது குருக்களுக்காக,

மன்றாட்டுக்கு ஏற்பாடு செய்யப் பட்டுள்ளது. முதல் மன்றாட்டு, 4/1/10 அன்று, இரவு

மணி 8 முதல் 9 மணி வரை, புனித சிசிலியா அறையில் நடைபெறும். அனைவரையும்

அழைக்கிறோம்.

திருமணச் சான்றிதழ்

வெளி நாட்டுச்சனோதர சனோதிரிகள் சிவர், அவரவர் நாடுகளில் திருமணம் செய்து

கொள்வதற்கு நமது தேவாலய சான்றிதழ்களைக் கேட்கிறார்கள். இச்சான்றிதழை

பெறுவதற்கு, இவர்கள் நமது பங்கில் முதலில் பதித்திருக்க வேண்டுமென்பதை

தெரிவித்துக் கொள்கிறோம்.

மரிப்பின் மைத்தன் வழியில்

மனித நேயம் பெருக!

புனித ஆண்டில் வருக!

புனித வாழ்வைத் தருக!

Feast of Epiphany (1/3): "They fell down and worshiped Jesus"

Scripture: *Matthew 2:1-12* (alternate reading for January 3: *John 1:1-18*)

1 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, 2 "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; 4 and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 6 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; 8 and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him." 9 When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; 11 and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

Meditation: If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world *the world knew him not and his own people received him not* (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town where Jesus was born. In their thirst for the knowledge of God, they willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge – to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

What fueled their search for the Messianic King? Faith in the promise of God to send a Redeemer, a King who would establish God's reign of peace and righteousness. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God reveals to us. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace. *"Believing is an act of the intellect assenting to the divine truth by command of the will moved by God through grace"* (Thomas Aquinas).

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. What attracted the wise men to find Jesus? What led you into finding Jesus?
2. The wise men rejoiced with great joy when they saw the star. Have you experienced great joy in your life? If yes, what was it? Will you share the joy with someone else?
3. The wise men offered Jesus gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. What are the gifts that you are going to offer to Jesus in this year?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet."