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2019 THEME
DEC THEME **BAPTISED AND SENT**
Bringing the message of Hope

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 22 (Sun) Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24	6.45 am	Mass (E)	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A)
	8.15 am	Mass (C)	
	10.30 am	Mass (E)	
Dec 23 (Mon)	7.00 am	Mass (E)	St. John of Kanty, Priest
Dec 24 (Tue) Is 9:1-7 Tit 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14	7.30 pm	Mass (T) - Dewan H.S.	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY At the Mass during the Night
	7.00 pm	Cantata (M) - Church	
	7.30 pm	Mass (M) - Church	
	10.00 pm	Cantata (E) - Church	
Dec 25 (Wed) Is 52:7-10 Hebr 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18	9.00 am	Mass (E)	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY At the Mass during the Day (CHRISTMAS DAY – Day of Obligation)
Dec 26 (Thu)	6.00 pm	Mass (E)	St. Stephen, Protomartyr, Feast
Dec 27 (Fri)	6.00 pm	Mass (E)	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast
Dec 28 (Sat)	7.00 am	Mass (E)	Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast
	5.30 pm	Novena to OMPH	
	6.00 pm	Mass (E)	
Dec 29 (Sun) Sir 3:3-7, 14-17 Col 3:12-21 Mt 1:18-24	6.45 am	Mass (E)	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST (YEAR A)
	8.15 am	Mass (C)	
	10.30 am	Mass (E)	

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Dec 25 (Wed)	6.30 – 9.30pm	RCIA (C) Christmas Gathering @ Grd. Fl.
Dec 27-29		Chinese Youth Camp
Dec 28 (Sat)	2.30 pm	Children's Cantor Practice @ Church
	8.00 pm	Chinese Choir Practice @ Church

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE OFFERING

Dec 14 & 15	Mass Collection	Publications	Church Boxes	Tithes
3rd Sunday of Advent (A)	RM 7,562.40	RM 165.65	RM 90.60	RM 730.00

Catholic Calendar 2020 printed by HERALD on the Seven Sacraments is on sale at the parish office at RM7.00 per calendar only.

"Teacher of children became himself a child among children, that he might instruct the unwise. The Bread of heaven came down to earth to feed the hungry." - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM FR. JOACHIM ROBERT, FR. MICHAEL RAYMOND & CHS STAFF

Dear people of CHS,

As we approach the feast of the Incarnation, a celebration so close to our Christian traditions, we wish to share with you some reflections as we draw close the Advent and beginning of Christmas season.

We recall the great prophet Isaiah accompanying us in our journey through Advent to the crib of Bethlehem. Isaiah spoke about the very heart of Israel's stubbornness, sinfulness, hopelessness and fear; *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."* Isaiah spoke that their freedom will rise from the very heart of pain. He says that something excitingly new:

"FROM THE VERY HEART OF DARKNESS, YOU WILL FIND AND NAME YOUR LIGHT".

As we step into the story of Christmas, the Nativity; people of Israel awaiting the Messiah was coloured by tinge of hopeless and frustration. The Christmas narrations of the Gospel announces the very proclamation; a virgin had conceived and was about to give birth to a son!!

Peace is proclaimed to shepherds... all are touched and visibly changed in the core of their being. The truth has leapt down from heaven:

"FROM THE HEART OF YOUR DARKNESS YOU WILL FIND AND NAME YOUR LIGHT".

"You have nothing to fear!" (Luke 2:10) this is the message of the angel when we are trapped in relationships burdened by pain, bitterness, hurts alienation and failure. "God's grace has been revealed!" It is now an invitation of reconciliation and forgivingness... **Name your light!!**

"A saviour has been born to you, the Messiah and Lord!" (Luke 2:11)

My dear sister and brothers as you find yourselves amidst family and friends throughout this Christmas celebration, let us discover within ourselves and our families the light and live in hope!!!

Blessed Christmas to you and your family!!

1 SACERDOTAL GOLDEN JUBILEE OF BISHOP EMERITUS ANTONY SELVANAYAGAM

Thank you! To all those involved in making the celebration a beautiful and a special one for Bishop Emeritus. Many of you have been generous in assisting in the so many areas. May God bless all your effort and charity. Terima Kasih!

2 ADVENT OUTREACH 2019

Thank you for taking part in the Advent Outreaches at Zones / Ministries / Parish level. It was truly amazing to see so many of you being a source of blessing and joy for others as open your hearts and share the story of Jesus. May God be praised!

3 ACCOUNTS FOR 2019 AND BUDGET FOR 2020

As we embark into the year 2020 we ask all ministries / Zones to provide a budget for the year and to also submit their cash confirmation and accounts for 2019. Kindly obtain the forms from the parish office and submit them latest by 28th February 2020. Thank you for the transparency and cooperation.

4 NEW YEAR EVE & NEW YEAR DAY 2020 SCHEDULE OF MASSES

31st December 2019 (New Year's Eve) – 7.30pm (Tamil) & 10.30pm (English)
1st January 2020 (New Year's Day) – 9.00am (English)

5 TITHES ENVELOPES 2020

We thank you for your generous gift from your heart so freely and cheerfully for the love of the parish. Tithes envelopes 2020 are now available at the parish office. Online banking details: Public Bank A/C No 3093049812. Kindly e-mail bank-in slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

"God loves a cheerful giver." -2 Cor 9:7

6 **ST. JOSEPH'S HOME, PENANG ROAD** has immediate vacancies for Manager/Supervisor; Administrative Clerk; Caregivers; Driver; Cleaner & General Worker. Kindly refer to the notice board for further details.

"Open wide your door to the one who comes. Open your soul, throw open the depths of your heart to see the riches of simplicity, the treasures of peace, the sweetness of grace. Open your heart and run to meet the Sun of eternal light that illuminates all men." - St. Ambrose of Milan