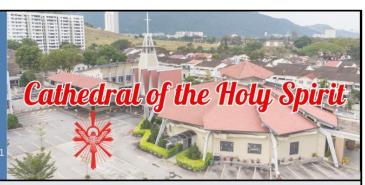
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2023 THEME

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD: COMMUNION. PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Nov 26 (Sun) Ez 34:11-12,15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26,28	8.00 am	MASS (M)	CHRIST THE KING, SOLEMNITY (YEAR A) 38th World Youth Day No Livestream
Matt 25:31-46	10.30 am	MASS (E)	Livestream
Nov 27 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Nov 28 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Nov 29 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Nov 30 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Andrew, Apostle, Feast No Livestream
Dec 01 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 02 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream
Dec 03 (Sun) Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9	•		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) International Day of Persons with Disabilities RCIA Rite of Acceptance
Mk 13:33-37	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream

PARISH ACTIVITIES					
Nov 26 (Sun)	12.00 pm	RCIA (English)	St. Mark, Ground Floor, OIKOS		
Nov 27 (Mon)	3.30 pm	Legion of Mary			
Nov 27 (Mon)	6.30 pm	Glowing Embers: Line Dancing	St Clare, 1st Floor, OIKOS		
Nov 28 (Tue)	7.45 am	Christian Meditation	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Portico		
Nov 29 (Wed)	8.00 pm	Tamil Apostolate Charismatic Prayer Group Praise & Worship	St. Michael, 2 nd Floor, OIKOS		
Nov 30 (Thu)	5.00 pm	Christian Meditation	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Portico		
Dec 02 (Sat)	3.00 pm	CEC (E) Graduation	Dewan Holy Spirit		
BANNS OF MARRIAGE					
Dec 16 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Mass (E): Patrick a/l Mariadass & Sereetasarah a/p Santhanasamy			

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Offerings of Mass Intentions, financial giving of monthly tithing, love offerings or donations to the Parish can be made through online transfers to the following designated bank account:-

Online Payment for	Donations	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project
	Mass Offering		Outreach Projects
	Hall Booking		
	Wake Room Booking		
Bank	Public Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad
Account Number	309 3049812	20708 2000 39510	20708 2000 39928
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

TITHES FOR 2024

Envelopes for tithes for 2024 are now available at the parish office.

Our Collection on 18 & 19 November 2023: RM 7,381.60 2nd Collection on 02 & 03 December 2023 is for the poor and needy.

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

1. DEVOTIONS BEFORE SUNSET MASS | DECEMBER 2023

WEEK	DATE / TIME	DEVOTIONS
1st Saturday	02 Dec 2023 / 5.30 pm	Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help
2 nd Saturday	09 Dec 2023 / 5.30 pm	Silent Adoration
3 rd Saturday	16 Dec 2023 / 5.30 pm	Praise & Worship
4 th Saturday	23 Dec 2023 / 5.30 pm	Novena to the Holy Spirit
5 th Saturday	30 Dec 2023 / 5.30 pm	Rosary

2. CHURCH AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM (AC SYSTEM) UPGRADE

The AC system installed more than 20 years ago is currently operating below its capacity, thus requiring higher energy consumption to compensate for the low efficiency. With the advice of M&E consultants, the parish will commence with the upgrading of the AC system on 8 November 2023 in order for the work to be completed before Christmas. For those who wish to contribute to the parish maintenance -Church AC System Upgrade project, kindly contact parish office at 04-658 4909 or you can bank in your donations to "Cathedral of the Holy Spirit" Public Bank Berhad Account 3093049812 and email payment receipt to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

INFANT BAPTISM AT CHS FOR 24 DECEMBER 2023

For parents who wish to have their child baptised, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 24 December 2023 at 12 noon. Please register at the Parish Office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

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4. DISPLAY OF LITURGICAL ITEMS | 25 & 26 NOVEMBER 2023

Gold-plated items fade and tarnish naturally over time, losing their initial lustre and brightness. As such we have sent the following liturgical items to re-plate it back to gold:

- 1) Chalice
- 2) Ciboriums
- 3) Thurible
- 4) Aspergillums.

To also enhance our celebration of the Eucharist, we recently purchased the following items:

- i) 2 green Vestments, 1 purple vestment
- ii) Altar crucifix
- iii) Candle stand

All the newly purchased and re-plated liturgical items will be on display beside the Chapel this weekend, 25 & 26 November together with a brief explanation of the liturgical items. The blessings of liturgical items will take place on the 26 November after the 10.30am Mass.

BADMINTON COURTS IN DEWAN HOLY SPIRIT | 26 NOVEMBER - 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Badminton Courts will not be available for use on 26 November to 31 December 2023 due to a parish events and activities.

6. CEC (E) SECONDARY CAMP FOR 2023 POSTPONED TO 27 & 28 JANUARY 2024

The CEC Secondary Year-End Camp has been postponed to 27 & 28 January 2024 due to some schools having exams during the earlier scheduled dates in December 2023. The new dates will enable all our Form 2 to Form 5 students (CEC calendar year 2024) to attend our TRUE BEAUTY/TRUE STRENGTH CAMP. See you all there!!

7. RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE | 03 DECEMBER 2023

RCIA Rite of Acceptance will take place on Sunday, 03 December 2023 during the 8.00 am and 10.30 am Masses.

8. THE DAUGHTERS OF ST PAUL'S SALE OF BOOKS | 02 & 03 DECEMBER 2023

The Daughters of St Paul will be having a book sale at CHS on 02 and 03 December 2023.

9. MERCY HOME'S WORLD AIDS DAY DONATION DRIVE | 02 & 03 DECEMBER 2023

The team from Mercy Home will be at CHS on 02 and 03 December 2023 to run their World Aids Day red ribbon donation drive.

10. GLOWING EMBERS MINISTRY: COME FOLLOW ME | 05 DECEMBER 2023

John 8:12 ~ "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Speaker: Regina Xavier

Date/Time/Venue: 5 December (Tuesday) at 9.00 am, St Mark Classroom, Ground Floor, OIKOS

Registration: Joann e +6013-922 2819 (WhatsApp)

11. SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL (SSVP) 2024 CALENDARS

SSVP 2024 Calendars are available at the parish office at RM15 each.

12. ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT (ENGLISH)

Youth from ages 10 to 16 are welcome. Scan the QR code to register. For any enquiries, contact:- Ethan (012-453 2107) or Azrieel (017-411 2005

13. PRAY FOR PEACE

As a parish, let us, in one heart and mind, light a candle at our Grotto and pray for peace. Let us, together with Pope Francis, pray for the restoration of justice and peace in the regions of Palestine and Israel. You are invited to come individually, with your BEC group, family or friends, to pray for peace at our Grotto. Candles and matches are available outside our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

14. THANKSGIVING SOLEMN MASS CELEBRATED BY HIS EMINENCE CARDINAL SEBASTIAN FRANCIS

Diocese of Penang invites you to the Thanksgiving Solemn Mass to celebrate the appointment of His Eminence Cardinal Sebastian Francis to the College of Cardinals at Minor Basilica of St Anne Bukit Mertajam on 8th January 2024 (Monday) at 6.00pm.

To assist and encourage more of our parishioners to be able to participate in the celebration, CHS will be organizing a bus at a fee of RM20 per head. Bus will leave CHS at 4:20pm. Parishioners who would like to take the bus, kindly register with the Parish Office. Registration will close once the bus is full. Let us come together as CHS parish to witness this joyful celebration.

15. ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Advent is a time when we prepare our hearts and minds to receive Jesus once again. It is a time to renew our faith, to grow in faith, to rediscover Jesus, and discover ourselves a little more as we relate to Him. May we approach Advent prayerfully and purposefully this year and always. Apart from beautifying the Church grounds preparing for all things Christmas, we have lined up various events and activities to help us prepare ourselves and the community of CHS at large to receive Baby Jesus this year

a) CHS Advent Outreach Project - Bless a family | From 19 November

Commencing 19 November, outreach programs (Sharing Hope Project, Zone Outreach, SVDP and Agape Meals) will be available for all to donate, and to partake. Find out more at the Advent Room.

b) CHS 2023 Advent Family Collage | 25 November - 21 December

Embracing our Advent Theme this year Isaiah 54:2 to enlarge the place of our tent, we invite you to share a picture of your family to fill the tent we have enlarged together as we prepare our hearts to receive Christ this Christmas. Kindly share a 3R size family photo with the following written on the back of the photo:-

Name:	Contact:	Zon	e:				
Drop the photo into a	collection box	prepared in the	Church of	ffice starting	25 N	ovember	to 21
December. Our team	of volunteers wi	ll help to place	our family	photo(s) in	the te	nt. Let us	wait
together in the tent for	Jesus.						

c) Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture (Year B) | From 02 December Commences from 1st Sunday of Advent at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Immediately after each Saturday Sunset Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass, come join us for a quick 30-minute session to help you in your personal Advent pilgrimage to receive Christ once again this Christmas! A personal journal and daily meditations will be provided to help us in this personal journey we choose to

partake!

d) Penitential Service @ CHS | 12 December at 8pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation brings about a change of heart through God's mercy and forgiveness. Reconciliation is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God. This is the Sacrament of the Resurrection in that it raises us up from our fall to sin and gives us new life and direction! Advent provides a poignant time to experience the joy of reconciling with God and the Church, being one with Christ in the here and now, while preparing to celebrate His First Coming in His birth in Bethlehem!

e) <u>Christmas Caroling & Zone Get-Together! | From 16 - 20 December</u>

Find out more from your Zone and BEC leaders! Let us come together as a community with the HYM (Haven Youth Ministry) as they present and lead us with some of our favourite Christmas Carols whilst reflecting and reminding us that God, in his love for us, sent his son to be one of us. Let us in our focus towards being a more Inclusive, Caring and United community at CHS parish, extend the place in the tent of our hearts, in preparation of the coming Baby Jesus this Christmas!

f) Bambinelli Sunday | 16 & 17 December

Celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Families gather during Mass bringing figurines of the Christ Child from the family Nativity scene to be blessed.

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Begin to practice silence. We all need silence in order to draw close to Our Lord. Silence is an essential component of a holy Advent. During this busy time of year, we must remind ourselves of our need for silence if we wish to hear what God has to say. Along with the daily meditations that you can receive through the Rejoice! program, commit to some 'alone time' with our Lord Jesus each day in Adoration.

"The wisdom of God has generated in every person a great love that nourishes the little silence of the human heart." Robert Cardinal Sarah

h) Parish Advent Prayer | From 03 December

Commencing on the 1st Sunday of Advent, commit to praying this prayer daily as an individual, as a family and as a community in the family of CHS bringing all our thoughts, intent, and actions in preparation to celebrate His First Coming in His birth in Bethlehem!

"To extend the place of your tent in my heart! Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings so that I may be in my small way, willing to include, to care and to unite all of my endeavors with your family here on earth".







<u>Parish Advent Prayer</u>



My little Lord Jesus,
I love You and thank You for this Advent season.
Please help me to understand all that You have done for me.
Your loving mother held You in her heart
and brought You into this world.
Help me to do the same.

My loving Jesus,
I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God.
Draw me close to You and help me to see my sins
so that I can change the things
that You want me to change.

Father Almighty,
extend the place of your tent in my heart!
Stretch out the curtains of your dwellings
so that I may be in my small way,
willing to include, to care and to unite
all of my endeavors with your family here on earth
for Your Glory and Your Honor this Advent.

Dear Mother Mary,
pray for me this Advent
so that I may do all that God wants me to do.
You said "Yes" to all that God asked of you.
Please pray for me that I may do the same.

Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, Come, Lord Jesus, come! I love You, Jesus.

Amen.

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