

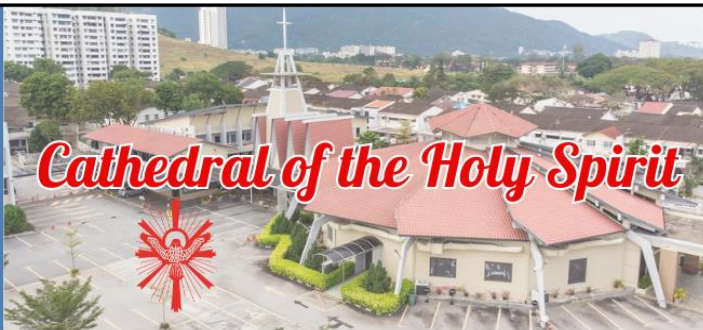
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2023 THEME
DECEMBER

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 10 (Sun) <i>Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) No Livestream Livestream
Dec 11 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Damasus I, Pope No Livestream
Dec 12 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	Our Lady of Guadalupe No Livestream
Dec 13 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr No Livestream
Dec 14 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor No Livestream
Dec 15 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 16 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Praise & Worship MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream
Dec 17 (Sun) <i>Is 61:1-2,10-11 1 Th 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8,19-28</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) BAMBINELLI SUNDAY No Livestream Livestream
BANNS OF MARRIAGE			
Dec 16 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Mass (E): Patrick a/l Mariadass & Sereetasarah a/p Santhanasamy	
Dec 23 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Service (M): Victor Chow & Karen Ng Pei Voon	

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Dec 10 (Sun)	12.00 pm	RCIA (English)	St. Mark, Ground Floor, OIKOS
Dec 11 (Mon)	3.30 pm	Legion of Mary	
	6.30 pm	Glowing Embers: Line Dancing	St Clare, 1 st Floor, OIKOS
Dec 12 (Tue)	7.45 am	Christian Meditation	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Portico
Dec 13 (Wed)	8.00 pm	Tamil Apostolate Charismatic Prayer Group Praise & Worship	St. Michael, 2 nd Floor, OIKOS
Dec 14 (Thu)	5.00 pm	Christian Meditation	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Portico

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 Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project Outreach Projects
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 02 & 03 December 2023: RM 8,880.00

2nd Collection on 02 & 03 December 2023: RM 8,066.35

Sharing Hope Donations for November 2023: RM 550.00

Café Donations for November 2023: RM 1,180.00

2nd Collection on 09 & 10 December 2023 is for the Kasih Fundraising Initiative 2023

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

1. ADVENT VISITS TO HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

In preparation for Advent to receive Jesus and to enlarge the space of our tents, Fr Joachim will be visiting our homebound parishioners from Dec-11th to Dec-14th together with our EMHCs by Zones. Kindly do keep them in your prayers.

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

3. 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.

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

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

5. MERCY HOME'S WORLD AIDS DAY DONATION DRIVE

Mercy Home extends their thanks and appreciation for all your support and generosity in their Red Ribbon fund raiser on 02 and 03 December 2023.

6. 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.

7. 2ND COLLECTION ON 9 & 10 DEC 2023 - KASIH FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE 2023

Rooted in "Do everything in love" (1 Corinthians 16:14), join the KASIH Fundraising Initiative by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Malaysia. KASIH aims at empowering and executing the Social Mission of the Catholic Church in Malaysia. It focuses on Integral Human Development works of Caritas Malaysia, the Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerants, and the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice. KASIH focuses on the empowerment of the marginalised, environmental stewardship, disaster response, and support for migrants and refugees through Direct Aid, Awareness, Advocacy, Training, and Projects. There will be a nationwide special collection—2nd Collection at all Masses—on December 9th and 10th, 2023, and be a catalyst for positive change. Be part of KASIH's transformative journey, creating a mission for dignity, justice, and a more compassionate world.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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 (3R size) with the following written on the back of the photo:-

Name: _____

Contact: _____

Zone: _____

Drop the photo into a collection box prepared in the Church office starting 25 November to 21 December. Our team of volunteers will help to place our family photo(s) in the tent. Let us wait together in the tent for Jesus.

c) Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture (Year B) by Fr Mark Touns

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) Daily Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament | Mondays to Fridays (7.15pm to 9.15pm) 04 – 08 December and 11 – 15 December | Blessed Sacrament Chapel

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 journey from religiosity to authentic spirituality is an ongoing process. It involves moments of self-reflection, honesty, and a willingness to let go of the clutter that hinders a genuine encounter with God. ... It might mean setting aside intentional moments of silence, reconnecting with the Word of God, or simply being present to the beauty that surrounds us."

Fr Fabian Dicom (Homily ~ November 2023)

e) Penitential Service @ CHS | 12 December at 10.30am and 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!

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.

g) Christmas Caroling & Zone Get-Together! | From 16 - 20 December

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!

Date

Zone

10 Dec (Sun)

Zone H

17 Dec (Sun)

Zone B & Zone I (with HYM Carolers)

18 Dec (Mon)

Zone E & Zone F (with HYM Carolers)

19 Dec (Tue)

Zone A & Zone G (with HYM Carolers)

20 Dec (Wed)

Zone C & Zone D (with HYM Carolers)

h) Parish Advent Prayer

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".

Bless a Family this Christmas
CHS ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT

Let's make this Christmas a Journey of HOPE!

5 STEPS

- 1 CHOOSE A FAMILY
- 2 GET DETAILS OF THEIR ESSENTIAL NEEDS
- 3 PURCHASE, PACK & DELIVER
- 4 BLESS THEM
- 5 SHARE WITH US YOUR STORY

Contact : Juliana Khoo 012 408 1392
 Roselyn 016 521 5027 for more details

Rejoice!
 An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture
 YEAR B

ADVENT @ CHS
 Saturdays | After Sunset Mass
 Sundays | After 10:30am Mass
 Blessed Sacrament Chapel
 Guided Meditations Throughout Advent

First Sunday (Dec 2 & 3) HEAR	Second Sunday (Dec 9 & 10) SPEAK
Third Sunday (Dec 16 & 17) HEAL	Fourth Sunday (Dec 23 & 24) ENTER IN

**Dec 25
CHRISTMAS DAY**

"Enlarge the space of your tent"
 Isaiah 54:2

Christmas
 Caroling & Get Together
 with the
 HYM Carollers

DEC 17
 Zones
 B, H & I

DEC 18
 Zones
 E & F

DEC 19
 Zones
 A, G
 &
 FOCHS

DEC 20
 Zones
 C & D

*"Tis the season to be
 thankful, let us bless
 each other with
 love and cheer!"*

COMMUNITY PRAISE & WORSHIP
 FOOD-DRINKS-FUN FELLOWSHIP
 Celebrating Inclusivity, Care & Unity
 this Christmas @ CHS
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Bambirelli
 Sunday**

Blessing of Baby Jesus
 Mass

16 Dec 2023 6:00 pm (English)
 17 Dec 2023 8:00 am (Mandarin) / 10:30 am (English)

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**"Enlarge the space
 of your tent"**
 Is 54:2

Parish Advent Prayer

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.



Advent Penitential Services 2023

11 December 2023 (MONDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM
 8.00PM - 10.00PM
 Church of Our Lady of Sorrows,
 Macalister Road

12 December 2023 (TUESDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM (Mandarin & English)
 8.00PM - 10.00PM
Cathedral of the Holy Spirit
 Greenlane

13 December 2023 (WEDNESDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM
 6.30PM - 8.30PM
 Church of Divine Mercy,
 Sungai Ara

14 December 2023 (THURSDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM (Mandarin)
 8.00PM - 10.00PM
 Church of the Risen Christ,
 Air Itam

18 December 2023 (MONDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM
 8.00PM - 10.00PM
 Church of the Immaculate
 Conception, Pulau Tikus

19 December 2023 (TUESDAY)

10.30AM - 11.30AM (Mandarin)
 8.00PM - 10.00PM
 Church of the Holy Name
 of Jesus, Balik Pulau



For with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness,
 and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.
 Romans 10:10

Enlarge the space of your tent
Isaiah 54:2

Advent 2023 @ CHS

From
19 Nov

Advent Outreach
Programs:
Sharing Hope,
Zone Outreach &
Agape Meal

From 02 Dec

Lighting of Candle

09 Dec
Lighting of
Christmas
Tree

17 Dec
Blessing of
crib

16/17 Dec
Bambinelli
Sunday

10 - 20 Dec
Christmas Parties

16 - 20 Dec
Caroling @ CHS

From 02 Dec

Rejoice!

An Advent Pilgrimage into the heart of Scripture

Capture your moments:

Instagramable spots @ CHS

Submit your moments @ CHS (self, family, friends) to
build a photo collage of CHS' Family of Faith.

Enquire details from Parish Office

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. Penang

