

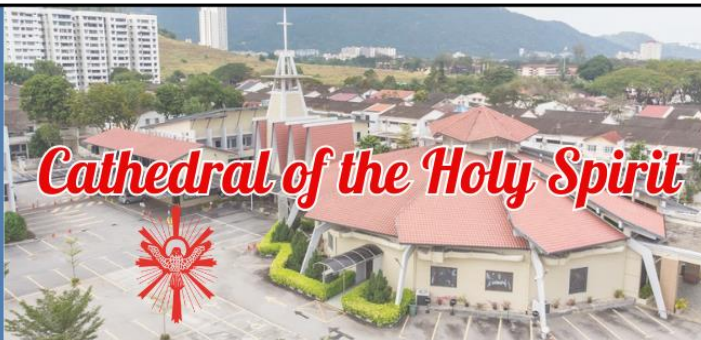
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2023 THEME
DECEMBER

SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:

COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 03 (Sun) <i>Is 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B) International Day of Persons with Disabilities RCIA Rite of Acceptance No Livestream Livestream
Dec 04 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor No Livestream
Dec 05 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 06 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Nicholas, Bishop No Livestream
Dec 07 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor No Livestream
Dec 08 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity No Livestream
Dec 09 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Silent Adoration MASS (E)	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoazin No Livestream Livestream
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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Dec 03 (Sun)	12.00 pm	RCIA (English)	St. Mark, Ground Floor, OIKOS
Dec 04 (Mon)	3.30 pm 6.30 pm	Legion of Mary Glowing Embers: Line Dancing	St. Clare, 1 st Floor, OIKOS
Dec 06 (Wed)	8.00 pm	Tamil Apostolate Charismatic Prayer Group Praise & Worship	St. Michael, 2 nd Floor, OIKOS
Dec 07 (Thu)	5.00 pm	Christian Meditation	Blessed Sacrament Chapel Portico
Dec 09 (Sat)	8.30 am - 4.30 pm	CEC (E) Year End Primary Camp	Dewan Holy Spirit

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Dec 16 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Mass (E) Patrick a/l Mariadass & Sereetasarah a/p Santhanassamy
Dec 23 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Service (M) Victor Chow & Karen Ng Pei Voon

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 25 & 26 November 2023: RM 7,790.00
2nd Collection on 02 & 03 December 2023 is for the poor and needy.

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

1. 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

2. 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.

3. 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!!

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. COLLEGE GENERAL CHRISTMAS PARTY | 03 DECEMBER 2023

We are invited to join in the College General Christmas party on 3 December, 5.30pm-8.30pm. Our CHS sisters and brothers of Chinese Apostolate will be performing carols during this celebration.

8. RCIA RITE OF ACCEPTANCE | 03 DECEMBER 2023

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

9. 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: Joanne +6013-922 2819 (WhatsApp)

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

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

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

14. 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: _____ 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) 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)

d) 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!

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**

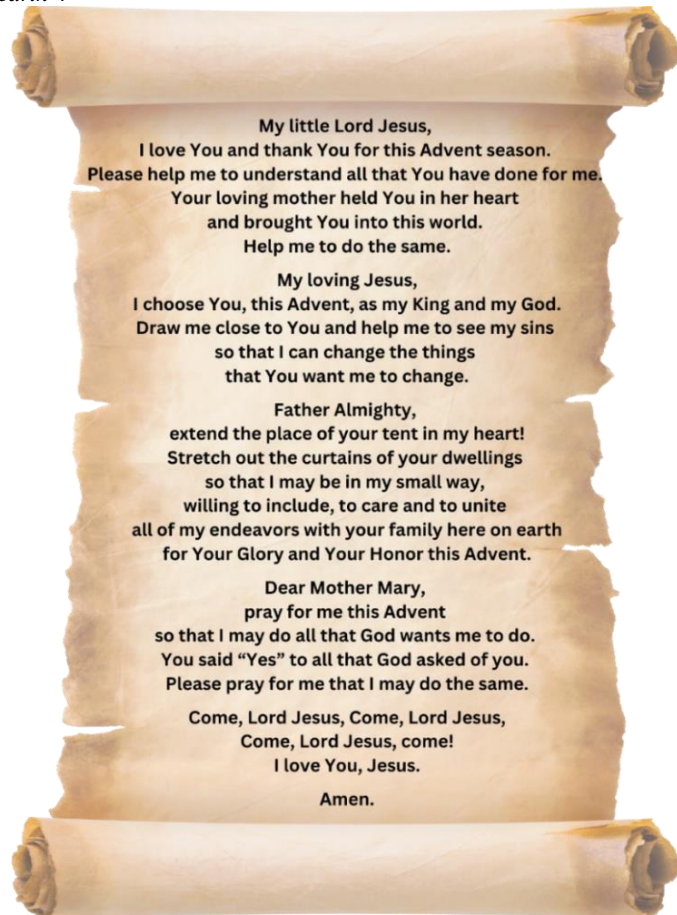
Find out more from your Zone and BEC leaders! Let us come together as a community with the HYM (Haven Youth Ministry) as they present and lead us with some of our favourite Christmas Carols whilst reflecting and reminding us that God, in his love for us, sent his son to be one of us. Let us in our focus 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!

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".



A celebration of Christmas
3rd December 2023 | Sunday
College General, Tg Bungah
5.30 pm - 8.00pm

Christmas is a celebration of the life of One who came to make all things new. In memory of that Christmas night, a Christmas Play will be presented with a Live Crib followed by Carol Singing and Fellowship.

This invitation is opened to all parishioners of the Penang Island Deanery. All are welcomed to this joyous occasion.

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

Bless a Family this Christmas
CHS ADVENT OUTREACH PROJECT

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

Come FOLLOW ME

Speaker:
Regina Xavier

5 Dec
9.45am
St Mark Classroom

Registration :
WhatsApp Joanne 013 9222819

CHS CEC SECONDARY SCHOOL CAMP
OPEN TO ALL 2024 FORM 2 - FORM 5 STUDENTS**

JANUARY 2024

27 (SAT) 8.30AM-10.00PM	TOP FLOOR CLASSROOMS CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
28 (SUN) 9.00AM-6.00PM	

RM40

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True beauty

REGISTER NOW

SCAN ME!

MORE INFO

True strength

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



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



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