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SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING TOGETHER IN A SPIRIT OF COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION AND MISSION (MATTHEW 5: 13-16).



MONTHLY FOCUS
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

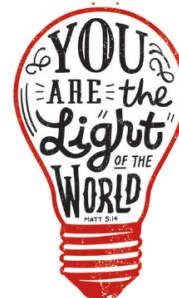
Let It Be Done To Me According To Thy Will

The stage is set. In days to come, the great feast of Christmas will be celebrated. Today's readings bring to light some delightful personalities. First, we have the two babes in the wombs - John the Baptist and Jesus. Then we have their mothers - Elizabeth and Mary. The focus is no longer on John the Baptist and his preaching on repentance.

"Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage.

Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are."

St. Augustine of Hippo



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Micah 5: 1-4

Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19

Hebrews 10: 5-10

Luke 1: 39-45

In Micah, we hear of this obscure place, Bethlehem-Ephrathah. Even the prophet says the place is too small to be among the clans of Judah. *Yet from here shall come forth, the One who is to be ruler in Israel; and whose origin is from old.*

Then, we are transported to the scene of Mary hastening to visit her cousin, Elizabeth who is with child. The little Judean town where Elizabeth stays is not even named. Two mothers-to-be meet, and the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps for joy. Elizabeth recognises the divine life in Mary's womb and she bursts into praise, proclaiming, *'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?'*

Such is the joy that comes forth when one has the presence of the Lord. And the bearer of the Lord's presence is His Mother. Mary takes the initiative to be of service to her aged cousin. **In essence, Mary is showing us the way.** Christ is going to live his life amongst us when he is incarnated. His will be a birth of poverty ending on death on the Cross. It is not possible to celebrate Christmas without having to think of Christ's Cross and redemption.

In the letter to the Hebrews, the writer says that God is not keen in sacrifices and oblations of animals and he takes no pleasure in holocausts. Instead, God prepares a body for his Son, one that will be offered unconditionally back to the Father.

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your Will. This is what Jesus wants us to imitate Him. To do the Will of the Father, totally and unconditionally. His Mother sets the pace when she answers the angel and says, *'I am the Handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me, according to thy Will.'*

Have we anything to lose? Blessed Christmas, everyone. ❖

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DECEMBER

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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

Our Collection on 14 & 15 December 2024: RM 8,563.00

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

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The 6pm Christmas Vigil Mass will be celebrated in English and Tamil. This Mass is available for the elderly who may not be able to attend the 11pm Vigil Mass.

2. FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS | 28 DECEMBER 2024

There will be 9am Mass on Sat, 28 December 2024 animated by the children. There will be a special blessing for children. The lauds and 7am Mass are cancelled.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 22 (Sun) <i>Mic 5:1-4 Hebr 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream
Dec 23 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. John of Kanty, Priest No Livestream
Dec 24 (Tue)	6.00 pm 8.00 pm 10.30 pm 11.00 pm	MASS (ET) MASS (M) CANTATA (E) MASS (E)	CHRISTMAS EVE No Livestream No Livestream Livestream
Dec 25 (Wed)	10.00 am	MASS (E)	NATIVITY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY CHRISTMAS DAY Livestream
Dec 26 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Stephen, the First Martyr, Feast No Livestream
Dec 27 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. John, Apostle & Evangelist, Feast No Livestream
Dec 28 (Sat)	9.00 am	MASS (E)	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast (Blessing of Children) No Livestream
	5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST (Blessing of Families) Livestream
Dec 29 (Sun) <i>1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24 Lk 2:41-52</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream
	5.00 pm	MASS (ETMBM)	DIOCESAN OPENING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE Livestream
E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia			
MARRIAGE BANNS			
Dec 28 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Service (M) of Alex Ting Rie Hung & Catherine Nah Yeou Tyng	

- #### 3. ADVENT AT CHS: JESUS, OUR HOPE

Jesus, Our Hope is our Advent theme for this year. Let us come together this Advent with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love on:-
Date/Time/Venue: **22 December 2024 (Sunday), 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Dewan Holy Spirit**

What to bring:

 - Food for our potbless (enough to serve 4-5 people)
 - 2 gifts for the gift exchange (max RM10, wrapped, suitable for all ages and genders)

Feel free to invite your neighbors and friends!

Let's celebrate in the festive colors of **red, green, and white.**

2025 is a special Jubilee Year of Hope and CHS is privileged to host the opening on 29 December 5pm for the Penang Diocese. Do come offer our five loaves and two fish as we welcome our Penang Diocese clergy & parishioners and together celebrate the opening of Jubilee Year.

4. **TITHING / GIVING ENVELOPES**

The tithing envelopes for the year 2025 are ready and available at the parish office. When making payment online, please quote your tithes registration number. Please call our parish office for your tithe registration number.

You are invited to participate in tithing with grateful hearts. In doing so, we are reminded to thank, honour and rely on God. It is also an act of commitment to the mission of the Church.

As scripture says in **2 Cor 9:7** “Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Everything we have is a blessing from God. Tithing/giving is an act of the heart to show our gratitude to God, who provides for our every need. Our tithing/giving is also an act of commitment to the growth of the mission of the Church and it also allows us to grow in gratitude.

5. **BADMINTON COURTS | DECEMBER 2024**

The badminton courts will not be available for use for the month of December 2024.



Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

Jesus, our Hope!

CHS ADVENT GET-TOGETHER
22nd December 2024 | 05:00pm - 08:00pm
@Dewan, Cathedral of the Holy Spirit



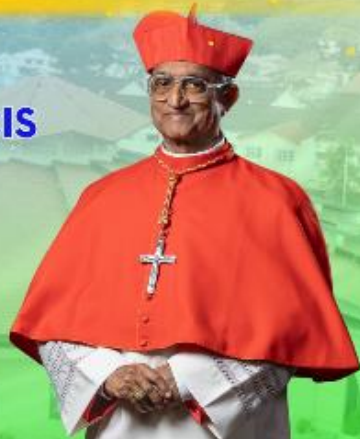



**BRING A DISH, 2 WRAPPED GIFTS (MAX RM10), AND A FRIEND.
COME DRESSED IN RED, GREEN OR WHITE!**

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OPENING MASS FOR THE *JUBILEE* 2025 YEAR OF **HOPE**

**SUNDAY, 29 DEC 2024
5.00 PM
CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,
PENANG**

**PRESIDED BY
CARDINAL SEBASTIAN FRANCIS**



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Nov	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Jesus Our Hope (1 Timothy 1 : 1)				Lighting of Christmas Tree	
Dec	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	First Week of Advent 						CEC Graduation 
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Second Week of Advent The Candle Of Peace 		Penitential  10.00am 8.00pm				Bambinelli 
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Bambinelli 	Mandarin Carollers going house to house Carolling 15th-19th Dec 					Chinese Youth Party 
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Advent Get Together 		Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00pm Mass(T) 8.00pm Mass(M) 10.30pm Cantata(E) 11.00pm Mass(E)	Christmas Day Mass 10.00am Mass(E) 			Holy Innocents  9.00am 6.00pm
	29	30	31	1	2		
	Holy Family  8.00am Mass Blessing of Families 5.00pm Opening Year of HOPE		9.30pm Rosary (ETMB) 10.00pm Vigil Mass (ETM)  SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD January 1st	9.30am Rosary (E) 10.00am Mass (E)	2024 CHS Advent Calendar		