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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph | 28 December 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE:
CHURCH (MERCIFUL)
CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING
AND EMPOWERMENT TO EVANGELISE



Reverence & Honour in Families

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, where Jesus, the Blessed Mother, and St Joseph are honoured as the holiest of families, and therefore a model for us. The reading from Sirach (Ecclesiasticus) lays the foundation. It gives precise and practical guidelines for family life.



Blessed are
the merciful,
they shall have
mercy shown
them.

Matthew 5: 7

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14

Psalm 127: 1-5

Colossians 3: 12-21

Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

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Parents are to be honoured, not with mere feelings but with concrete action, patience and care, particularly in old age. This honour is seen as a spiritual act of just living and filial piety. We learn that a family is to be a sanctuary of mutual support, and the home is where ties are strengthened through duty and reverence.

The Holy Family exemplifies all the virtues mentioned. The gospel speaks of the flight to Egypt and the family becoming refugees, facing uncertainties. Mary and Joseph's unshakeable trust in God and His Providence help them overcome all odds, and eventually to settle down in Nazareth.

Today, more than ever, we face the stark realities of dysfunctional families. Dysfunction arises from a breakdown in the virtues rooted in the Holy Family, and it exists on a wide spectrum. On the list are broken trust and betrayal, ineffective communication leading to crisis, pressure which leads to financial strain, addiction, mental challenges and the list go on. Lest we think it is too tall an order to emulate the Holy Family, St Paul gives us bite-size advices in his letter to the Colossians.

First, he says to put on compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. These virtues are synergistic and they exist not in isolation but that one virtue builds on another. Thomas Aquinas teaches us that the moral life is not a series of isolated actions but an interconnected web of good habits, where fruitfulness in one area fuels growth in another.

Let the Word of God dwell in us richly, as we teach and admonish one another in good faith, putting on love, the bond of perfection so that the peace of Christ will control our hearts and reign in us. Journeying together as families is a lifelong process, but so long as we remain faithful and respectful; spouses toward each other, children honouring parents, we will have the strength to face life's challenges, come what may.

Blessed the holy families who fear the Lord and walk his ways.✠

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CHURCH (MERCIFUL)

**– CALLED TO FOSTER A SENSE OF BELONGING
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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 28 (Sun) <i>Eccl 3:2-6, 12-14</i> <i>Col 3:12-21</i> <i>Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (ETM)	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST CLOSING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE (followed by fellowship meal in Dewan Holy Spirit)
Dec 29 (Mon)		NO MASS	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas
Dec 30 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas
Dec 31 (Wed)	9.30 pm 10.00 pm	Rosary (ETM/BM) MASS (ETM)	NEW YEAR'S EVE St. Silvester I, Pope Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas
Jan 01 (Thu)	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary MASS (E)	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY/WORLD DAY OF PEACE
Jan 02 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors
Jan 03 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH MASS (E)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Jan 04 (Sun) <i>Is 60:1-6</i> <i>Eph 3:2-3, 5-6</i> <i>Mt 2:1-12</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am 5.30 pm	MASS (M) MASS (E) MASS (T)	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY

E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia

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 20 & 21 December 2025: RM 8,261.10

2nd Collection on 3 & 4 January 2026 is for the poor and needy

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

1. **NO MASS ON MONDAYS**

Kindly note that with effect from 18 December 2025, we will not have any Mass on Mondays. Mass on Tuesdays will remain at 7am.

2. **TITHING ENVELOPES**

The tithing envelopes for the year 2026 are ready and available at the parish office. You are invited to participate in tithing with grateful hearts. 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."

3. **CLOSING OF JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASS AT 5.30PM ON SUNDAY, 28 DECEMBER 2025**

Closing of Jubilee Year of Hope Mass at 5.30pm on Sunday, 28 December 2025 followed by fellowship meal in Dewan Holy Spirit.

Please bring along your personal crucifixes to the abovesaid Mass for a special blessing.

4. **INFANT BAPTISM FOR JANUARY 2026 | 25 JANUARY 2026**

For parents who wish to have their child baptized, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 25 January 2026 at 12noon. Please register at the parish office.

There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

5. **ADVENT DONATION DRIVE: THANK YOU**

Christmas is a season of joy and hope, yet it can also be a difficult time for those who are struggling.

With the rising cost of living, many families are experiencing financial strain. Among the most affected are retired elderly persons whose savings have been depleted, as well as families facing illnesses or disabilities.

Sharing Hope, a Caritas CHS project, is jointly organised by the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVDP), the Chinese Apostolate Agape Meal, Zone and BEC leaders, together with dedicated volunteers. Through this project, we currently support 66 families by supplementing their basic needs on a monthly basis. This would not have been possible without the faithful and generous support of our community over the years.

During Advent 2025, donation drive boxes were placed around the parish to invite parishioners to contribute basic food items, essential supplies, and special Christmas gifts. The response was truly overwhelming. Because of your generosity, every family was able to receive something special this Christmas.

We recognise that this beautiful act of giving comes from the heart. Many CHS parishioners themselves come from humble beginnings and deeply understand the challenges of hardship and struggle.

Thank you for bringing hope to others this Christmas — a hope that rises from knowing there is a caring and compassionate community walking alongside them. Should you become aware of any families within the CHS vicinity who may be in need of assistance, kindly encourage them to register with the CHS office. A project coordinator will reach out to them, and all information will be treated with strict confidentiality.

We give thanks to God, from whom all blessings flow. May His grace and blessings continue to abound in our community.

God bless you, and may you all have a very Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.

