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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

Praying With GRATITUDE

When we experience joy, we experience God for His every essence is Joy. So, as Joy fills the air on this *Gaudete* Sunday and we do away with the sombre mood of Advent, we exhort everyone to shout for joy and to sing joyfully. This is what Zephaniah exhorts the daughter of Zion to do. *For the Lord has removed the judgement and rid the enemies of his people.* The Psalmist with joyful song sings that with God in their midst, the people cry out with joy and gladness.



“The hope of the upright is joy, the expectations of the wicked come to nothing.”

Proverbs 10: 28



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Zephaniah 3: 14-18

Psalm Isaiah 12: 2-6

Philippians 4: 4-7

Luke 3: 10-18

We can only be joyful when our hearts are filled with gratitude. What should be our inner disposition? St Paul tells us to have no fear, and not be anxious because ‘the Lord is near.’ He will bring a peace which surpasses anything that we have known. This gives us every reason to offer supplications in thanksgiving, and to pray always with gratitude.

How can real joy come about? By emptying of one’s self, just like the Father who empties himself out of love for His Son. And for Jesus to empty himself out of love for His Father. The emptying of this resplendent love results in the Third Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit.

John the Baptist gives us some concrete examples. Thrice, it is asked of him: ‘What are we to do?’ To each of the group, John cautions them to act justly and do what is right. If one has an extra cloak, share with the one who have not. The tax collector is not to be taxed more than what he should. And to the Roman soldiers, John advises them not to abuse their position.

The same question is asked of us, ‘*What am I to do?*’ *How do I empty myself?* Perhaps, we pray for grace so as to be able to let go and let God take control. That the Spirit of the Lord be upon us, so that by His anointing, we can continue to be channels of grace and bring glad tidings to the poor. John’s message of repentance must continue to ring in our hearts as we strive to turn away from sin and live a life of grace, praying always with gratitude to Our Lord who empties himself completely for our salvation. Toward this end, then, we await the coming of Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

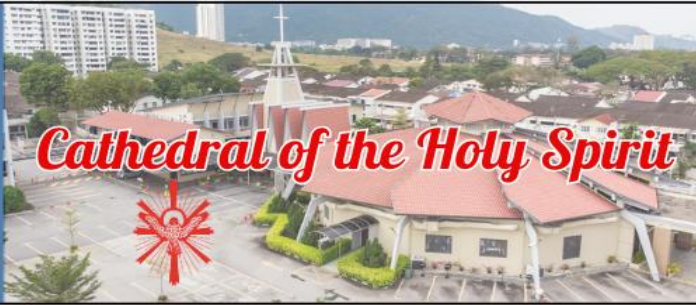
Rejoice! ✦

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2024 THEME
DECEMBER

**SALT OF THE EARTH AND LIGHT OF THE WORLD:
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PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Dec 15 (Sun) <i>Zeph 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	3 RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) BAMBINELLI SUNDAY No Livestream Livestream
Dec 16 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 17 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 18 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 19 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 20 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Dec 21 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	St. Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor No Livestream Livestream
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)	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream

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

MARRIAGE BANNS

Dec 21 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Mass (E) of Edmond Khoo Boo Hean & Catherine Tan Yee Wen
Dec 28 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Service (M) of Alex Ting Rie Hung & Catherine Nah Yeou Tyng

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 07 & 08 December 2024: RM 8,287.95
2nd Collection on 07 & 08 December 2024 (Kasih Mission): RM11,450.00

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

1. ADVENT AT CHS: JESUS, OUR HOPE

Advent is round the corner and is the start of our new Liturgical Calendar.

Jesus, Our Hope is our Advent theme for this year.

Let us come together this Advent with Hope, Peace, Joy and Love on 22 December Advent Get-Together (5pm-8pm) at Dewan Holy Spirit as we await the celebration of Jesus birth this Christmas. Do bring our children for special blessings on 28 December 9am Holy Innocents and come together for family blessings on 28/29 December weekend for Holy Family Mass.

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.

2. BAMBINELLI SUNDAY | 14 & 15 DECEMBER 2024

Next weekend, we celebrate Bambinelli Sunday. It is a tradition whereby, on this Sunday, the faithful especially the children bring their Baby Jesus figurines from their homes for a special blessing. It is to remind families of the joyous arrival of Baby Jesus in the manger.

Come, bring your Baby Jesus figurines and be blessed. The blessing will happen after Communion in all the weekend masses next week.

3. CHS ADVENT GET-TOGETHER | 22 DECEMBER 2024

Date: 22 December 2024 (Sunday)

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Dewan Holy Spirit

To help us prepare, please register by 15 December 2024.

Registration link:- <https://tinyurl.com/CHSAdventGetTogether2024>

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.**

For more information, you could reach out to:-

Adrian Oyog (+60 16-495 7256) | Christine Ho (+60 12-402 5292)

4. BOOK SALE

Fr Mark Michael's book entitled "*Fear - Do Not Be Afraid, It Is I!*" will be on sale this weekend.

5. 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.

6. MERCY HOME - RED RIBBON COLLECTION

A total of RM2,912.00 was collected last weekend. Thank you for your support.

7. 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

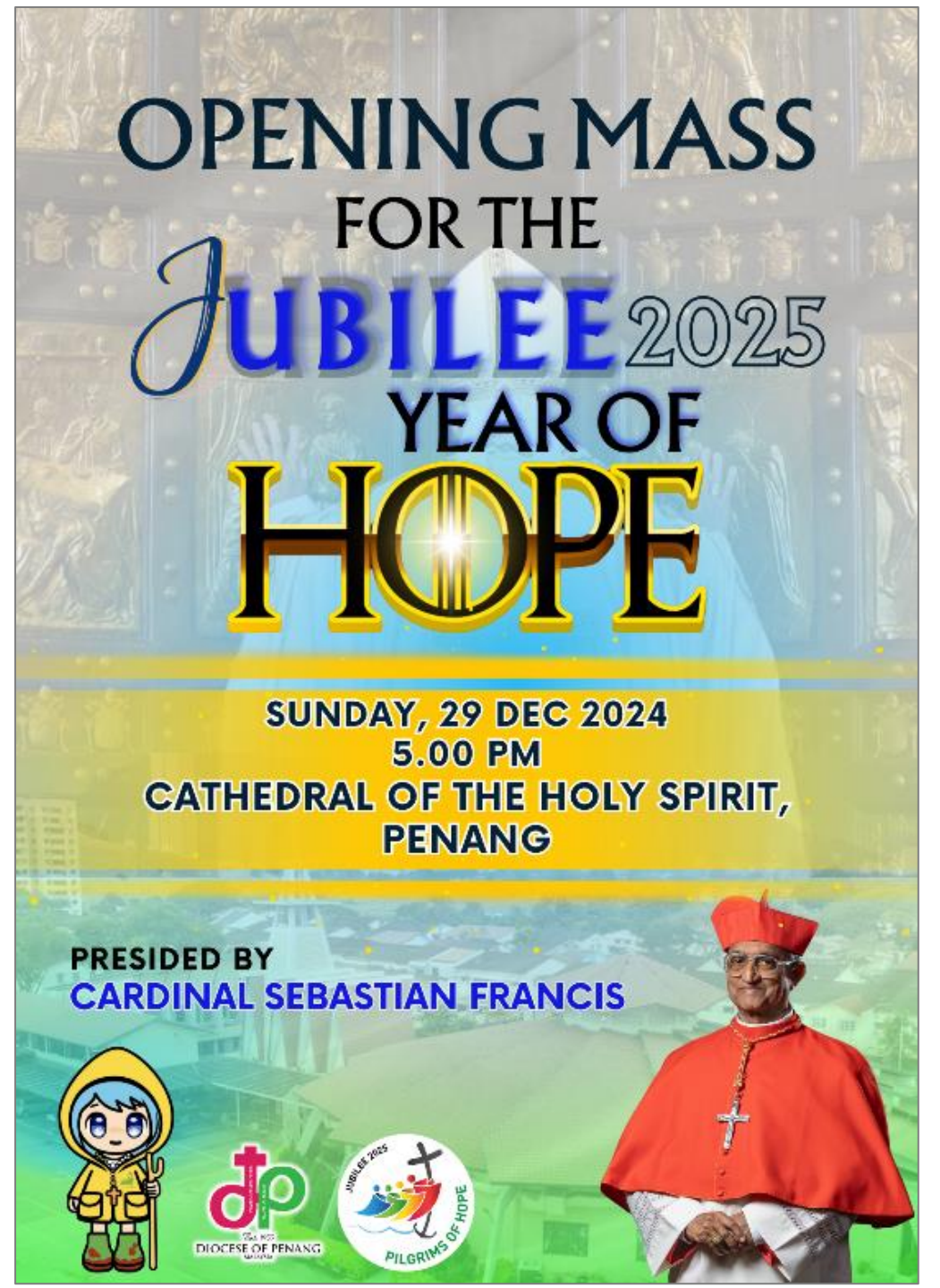
Jesus, our Hope!

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!**

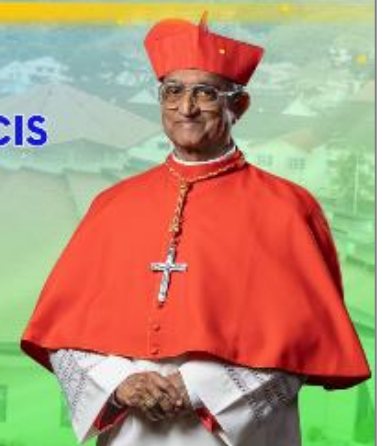



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OPENING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE 2025 YEAR OF HOPE

**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 <i>Hope</i> 					Blessing of Christmas Crib	CEC Graduation 
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Second Week of Advent The Candle Of Peace <i>Peace</i> 		10.00am 8.00pm 				CEC Camp Primary 
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Bambinelli <i>Rejoice</i> 3RD Sunday of ADVENT 		Mandarin Carollers going house to house 	Carolling 15th-19th Dec 			Chinese Youth Party 	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Advent Get Together <i>Love</i> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 		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 Mass Blessing of Children Mass Blessing of Families 	
29	30	31	1	2	2024 CHS Advent Calendar		
8.00am Mass Blessing of Families 	5.00pm Mass Opening Year of HOPE 	9.30pm Rosary (ETMB) 10.00pm Vigil Mass (ETM) 	9.30am Rosary (E) 10.00am Mass (E) 				