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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

What Can We Learn From What We Cannot See?

Each time when the calendar year comes to a close, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. As Christian families, we are asked to imitate Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Lest we think that's a tall order, let us recollect a bit of background on the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Mary is a teen who conceives before she is married. Joseph contemplates leaving her to avoid a scandal. A stable in the manger is where Jesus is born.



"My hope is that the Good News of Christ will enter every home and help families to rediscover that only in Christ can man find salvation."

St. Pope John Paul II



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12-14
or 1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

Psalm 127: 1-5 or 83: 2-3,
5-6, 9-10

Colossians 3: 12-21 or
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Luke 2: 41-52

The family have to flee to Egypt to avoid Herod's wrath. They were refugees for some years!

Once, someone remarked after a reflection on the Holy Family: 'What can we learn from what we cannot see?' The Holy Family live obscure lives. Nothing much is mentioned of how the child is being brought up, except a narration of finding the lost child in the temple ending with a one-liner that says, 'And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favour before God and man.'

Yet, **the Holy Family is a model for Christians who endeavour to build families rooted in love.** We know that the Holy Family observes the Law and its requirements faithfully. Mary is docile to the Holy Spirit. Her prayer, the Magnificat is drawn from Scriptures. Joseph is 'a just man' as Scripture says. Jesus' life is steeped in Scriptures and traditions. The atmosphere in the home at Nazareth will be that of love and respect, with Jesus being trained in the trade of His foster father. Plus, Jesus already knows he must be about His Father's work by the tender age of 12!

Sirach teaches us to *honour our parents, for God sets a father in honour over his children; and a mother's authority over her sons.* The first reading and St Paul's letter to the Colossians speak of the deep respect that the family members need to have for one another.

Paul teaches on the values that we ought to cultivate in our families: *heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another.* And most important of all, over all these values, put on love.

Let us remember that we are blessed those who fear the Lord and walk in His ways. We turn the table around by asking instead, "How can we learn from what we cannot see?" ✚

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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 21 & 22 December 2024: RM 9,113.05
2nd Collection on 4 & 5 January 2025 is for the poor and needy

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

- 1. UPDATES IN CHS**
From 1 January 2025, Rev Fr Raymond Raj is appointed the Rector of the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang and Fr James Tan, a Jesuit from Singapore will be residing in the parish.

Fr Joachim Robert will be the resident full time Formator and Initiation Year Director at the College General Major Seminary, Penang with effect from 15 February 2025. He will continue his role as the Head of Caritas Penang Diocese.
- 2. TAMIL MASS**
Tamil Mass will be celebrated every **first Sunday** of the month at 5.30pm in church.

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
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)	THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, FEAST (Blessing of Families) No Livestream Livestream
	5.00 pm	MASS (ETMBM)	DIOCESAN OPENING MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE Livestream (link: https://youtu.be/VWAaK6L7PiA)
Dec 30 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas No Livestream
Dec 31 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	NEW YEAR'S EVE St. Silvester I, Pope Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas No Livestream
	9.30 pm 10.00 pm	Rosary followed by MASS (ETM)	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Livestream
Jan 01 (Wed)	9.30 am 10.00 am	Rosary followed by MASS (E)	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S DAY World Day of Peace Livestream
Jan 02 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors No Livestream
Jan 03 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	The Most Holy Name of Jesus No Livestream
Jan 04 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	(before Epiphany) No Livestream
	5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	Livestream
Jan 05 (Sun) <i>Is 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3,5-6 Mt 2:1-12</i>	8.00 am	MASS (M)	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY No Livestream Livestream No Livestream
	10.30 am	MASS (E)	
	5.30 pm	MASS (T)	

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

- 3. 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.