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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

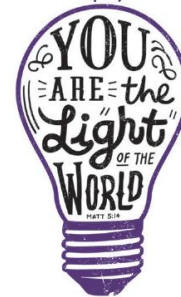
Approach the Day of the Lord With Confidence

As Advent progresses, the penitential mood sets in. Baruch, in the first reading gives a comforting prophecy. The exilic people are at their lowest point. They are lost, scattered and broken. They would have felt that God has abandoned them. The conquerors have them scattered all over the place.



“In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

– Pope Francis



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Baruch 5: 1-9

Psalms 125: 1-6

Philippians 1: 3-6, 8-11

Luke 3: 1-6

east and west. Baruch depicts Jerusalem as a mother gathering her children, all the twelve tribes of Israel. He says to Jerusalem, ‘look up lift up your eyes, arise and see your children coming home not just from the east but from the west.’

In the Gospel today, we hear the familiar voice of John the Baptist in the wilderness. John, the precursor of Christ, fulfils the prophecy of Isaiah. He comes to *prepare the way of the Lord and makes His paths straight*. The post exilic generation have long been praying for the Messiah to come, and John prepares them by his *proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins*. It is sin that has driven them away from their relationship with God in the first place.

What is our takeaway message from scriptures today? Baruch paints a picture of a new Jerusalem, one that is greater than the Jerusalem of the Israelites. One that is clothed with the robe of righteousness and wearing the diadem of God’s glory. It’s the sight of our heavenly kingdom that awaits us. John prepares our hearts for this. When sin dies in us, and we make our paths straight, the Lord himself will embrace our hearts.

We look at the chaotic world today. People being displaced due to conflicts and natural disasters. Corruptions are rampant and cause hardships due to inequality and injustices. Many have a sense of hopelessness and helplessness.

Yet, as Christians we have this sense of hope. St Paul, in encouraging the Philippians is encouraging us too. **We must approach the day of the Lord with confidence**, because the good work that the Lord has begun in us is going to bear the fruit of righteousness. God’s grace is going to bring the work of completion in us.

As we await the coming of Christ, let us continue to bear witness to Him, and be his instruments of love. We echo the Psalmist who says, *the Lord has done great things for us; indeed, we are filled with joy.* ✠

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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 08 (Sun) <i>Bar 6:1-9</i> <i>Phil 1:3-6,8-11</i> <i>Lk 3:1-6</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream
Dec 09 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity No Livestream
Dec 10 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	Our Lady of Loreto No Livestream
Dec 11 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Damasus I, Pope No Livestream
Dec 12 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Our Lady of Guadalupe No Livestream
Dec 13 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	St. Lucy, Virgin, Martyr No Livestream
Dec 14 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	St. John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor No Livestream Livestream
Dec 15 (Sun) <i>Zeph 3:14-18</i> <i>Phil 4:4-7</i> <i>Lk 3:10-18</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream

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

MARRIAGE BANNES

Dec 14 (Sat)	11.00 am	Wedding Service (E) of Prem Kumar a/l Rajandran & Rebecca Alissa a/p Lourdes
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 30 November & 01 December 2024: RM 8,540.40

2nd Collection on 30 November & 01 December 2024: RM 7,855.80

Sharing Hope Donations for November 2024: RM 9,075.00

Café Donations for November 2024: RM 1,274.23

2nd Collection on 07 & 08 December 2024 is for Kasih Mission

“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. KASIH 2024 FUNDRAISING INITIATIVE: ACT NOW WITH LOVE! | 07 & 08 DECEMBER 2024

Rooted in the biblical call to “Do everything in love” (1 Corinthians 16:14), the KASIH Fundraising Initiative is spearheaded by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Malaysia. This campaign embodies the Church’s social mission, championing Integral Human Development through the collaborative efforts of Caritas Malaysia, the Episcopal Commission for Migrants and Itinerants, and the Episcopal Commission for Creation Justice.

KASIH focuses on empowering the marginalized, promoting environmental stewardship, and supporting migrants and refugees.

Special 2nd Collection at All Masses: **December 7th & 8th, 2024**

Join this nationwide effort to transform lives and communities. Your gift to KASIH is not just a donation—it’s a commitment to love in action, hope in hardship, and justice in the face of inequality. Together, let’s create a mission of dignity, justice, and compassion for a better Malaysia. Act now with KASIH!

3. **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.

4. **CHS JUBILEE T-SHIRTS | 07 DECEMBER 2024**

We are delighted to inform that CHS Jubilee t-shirts will be available for sale at RM25 each starting this weekend 7th Dec before & after Mass. Do come to purchase a t-shirt that we could wear during our parish & inter-parish events.

5. **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:-

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6. **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 tithes 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.

7. **RAFFLE TICKET SALE BY OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH**

A "Big Thank You" to all at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit for your generosity. A total sum of RM12,750.00 was collected last weekend.

8. **BOOK SALE | 07 & 08 DECEMBER 2024**

The Daughters of St Paul will be having a book sale at CHS on 7 and 8 December 2024. Please support them.

9. **BADMINTON COURTS | DECEMBER 2024**

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

10. **PENANG ISLAND ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2024**

Church of Immaculate Conception, Pulau Tikus

- 09 Dec (Mon), 10 am and 8 pm

CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, ISLAND PARK

- 10 Dec (Tue), 10 am and 8 pm

Church of the Risen Christ, Air Itam

- 11 Dec (Wed), 10 am and 8 pm

Church of the Divine Mercy, Sungai Ara

- 12 Dec (Thu), 10 am and 8 pm

Church of Holy Name of Jesus, Balik Pulau

- 13 Dec (Fri), 10 am (Mandarin) and 8 pm



**PENANG ISLAND
ADVENT CONFESSIONS 2024**

CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS, JALAN MACALISTER:
03 December (Tuesday), 10 am and 8 pm

CHURCH OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, PULAU TIKUS:
09 December (Monday), 10 am and 8 pm

Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Island Park
10 December (Tuesday), 10 am and 8 pm

CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST, AIR ITAM:
11 December (Wednesday), 10 am and 8 pm

CHURCH OF THE DIVINE MERCY, SUNGAI ARA:
12 December (Thursday), 10 am and 8 pm

CHURCH OF HOLY NAME OF JESUS, BALIK PULAU:
13 December (Friday), 10 am (Mandarin) and 8 pm



Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang

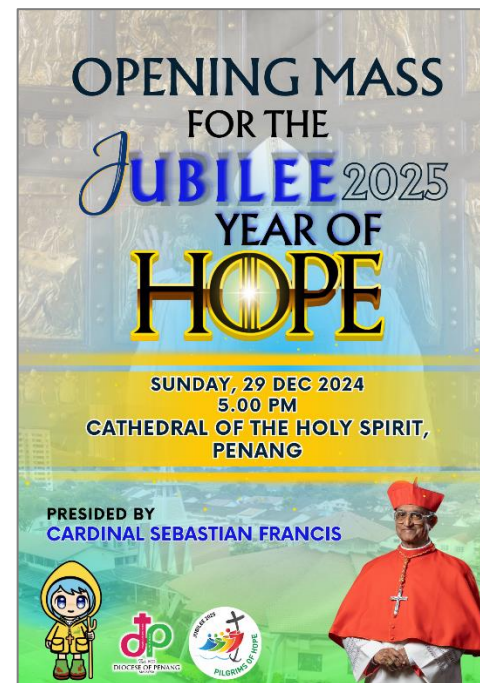
Jesus, our Hope!

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 						Chinese Youth Party 
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Advent Get Together <i>Love</i> FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	6.00pm Mass(T) 8.00pm Mass(M) 10.30pm Cantata(E) 11.00pm Mass(E) 	Christmas Vigil Mass 	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		
Holy Family  6.00am Mass Mass Blessing of Families	Opening Year of HOPE  5.00pm Mass	9.30pm Rosary (ETMB) 10.00pm Vigil Mass (ETM) 	9.30am Rosary (E) 10.00am Mass (E)				