

CHURCH OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER

135, Jalan Gasing, Seksyen 10, 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor

Parish Priest : Rev Fr Alvin Ng Sze Svn, SJ Asst. Parish Priests : Rev Fr Alberto I. David, SJ

Rev Fr Richard Anthonysamy, SJ

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

(CLOSED on Mondays and public holidays)

Tuesday – Friday: 9.00 am - 5.00 pm9.00 am - 6.00 pmSaturday: Sunday: 9.00 am - 1.00 pm(Lunch break: $1.00 \ pm - 2.00 \ pm$)



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MACC TIMES

| | MASS TIMES | | | | | |
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| Jan | 5 | Sun | 6.30 am | 8.30 am | Epiphany of the Lord | |
| | | | 11.30 am | 5.30 pm | | |
| Jan | 6 | Mon | _ | 6.30 pm | | |
| Jan | 7 | Tues | _ | 6.30 pm | | |
| Jan | 8 | Wed | _ | 6.30 pm | | |
| Jan | 9 | Thurs | _ | 6.30 pm | | |
| Jan | 10 | Fri | 6.15 am | 6.30 pm | Mass | |
| | | | | 7.15 pm | Holy Hour | |
| Jan | 11 | Sat | 6.15 am | | | |
| | | | | 5.05 pm | Rosary | |
| | | | | 5.30 pm | Novena, Benediction | |
| | | | | 6.30 pm | Sunset Mass | |
| Jan | 12 | Sun | 6.30 am | 8.30 am | Baptism of the Lord | |
| | | | 11.30 am | 5.30 pm | | |



"Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."

CONFESSIONS

⇒ ½ hour before all Weekend Masses.

⇒ ½ hour before evening Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays.

2nd Saturday

BM Mass : 6.30 pm

4th Saturday

Youth Mass 6.30 pm

COLLECTION

The 2nd Collection this weekend is for the **Ministry of the Poor**.

MASS TIME - PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

With effect from January 2025, there will be only ONE Mass at 9.00 am.

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 6 Jan until Thursday, 9 Jan as all staff will be away for a retreat. There will be NO Morning Mass on those days; Evening Mass will however, be celebrated as usual @ 6.30 pm.

CLERGY ANNUAL PASTORAL ASSEMBLY (CAPA)

All priests will be away from Monday, 13 Jan 2025 to Wednesday, 15 Jan 2025. There will be NO Mass on all 3 days except for the 6.15 am Mass on Monday, 13 Jan.

Catholic Lawyers' Society, Kuala Lumpur



ANNUAL VOTIVE MASS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Red Mass

Principal Celebrant:

His Grace The Most Rev. Julian Leow Beng Kim Archbishop of Kuala Lumpur

Saturday, 11 January 2025 Date:

10.00 a.m. Time:

Cathedral of St.John the Evangelist

Address: 5, Jln Bukit Nanas, Kuala Lumpur, 50250 Kuala Lumpur,

Wilayah Persekutuan Kuala Lumpur

For enquiries, kindly contact: Mr. Trevor Padasian (016-2090067)

All are welcome

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (CMPC) 2025

The **English** language sessions for 2025 will be held on:

a) <u>4 May</u> b) <u>6 July</u> c) <u>5 October</u>

Each session will run for 7 Sundays.

Kindly register at least 3 months in advance at the Parish Office. Please refer to the church website for further details on registration and documents required.



The cut-off time for the submission of Mass Intentions for a particular week will be 12.00 noon on Wednesday of the previous week.



The Rosary will be prayed at 5.30 pm at Our Lady's wing of the church on all weekdays when there is an Evening Mass.



The Divine Mercy chaplet will be prayed at the Santa Maria Della Strada Chapel at 3.00 pm every Friday and at 10.30 am every Sunday.

SANTA MARIA DELLA STRADA CHAPEL

Open daily: 7.00 am - 10.00 pm

(Wednesdays: 7.00 am - 5.00 pm)

**9.00 am when there is no Morning Mass.

CLOSED on Public Holidays



Exposition & Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament on Mondays and Fridays only

- 7.00 am to 10.00 am
- 7.00 pm to 10.00 pm

If you are scheduled for an operation/ procedure/ hospital stay, please consider dropping by the Church to receive Anointing of the Sick first. Call the Parish Office ahead to ensure that a priest is available.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Our priests regularly visit the sick at hospitals i.e. UH and Columbia Asia. If anyone needs anointing, please contact the parish office.



"EMERGENCY CASES" on Mondays and public holidays

The parish church office will be closed on Mondays and public holidays. For "emergency cases" that need immediate attention, kindly contact <u>017 644 5686</u> between 9.00 am and 6.00 pm.

Please take note "emergency cases" refer to

- Urgent Anointing of the Sick.
- Booking of Paul Miki funeral parlour.
- Booking of funeral Masses.





Dear People of God,

Blessed Christmas! And God bless us all, everyone!

Tiny Tim, a disabled child character in Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol spoke these words which were later echoed by Mr. Ebenezer Scrooge, the main character following his conversion from ultra-miser to generous benefactor. A work of fiction no doubt, the story nevertheless carries the message of repentance, hope and endurance in a world that tends to forget the true meaning of Christmas. Indeed, the Nativity of our Lord and the Christmas season that follows it is without a doubt, everyone's favourite Holy Day and time of the year. It is probably the only religious holiday that is globally celebrated with the common message of peace, goodwill and cheer.

While we know that Christmas' secular side with its commercial motives are largely responsible for its universal appeal, as Christians, we must strive to detach ourselves, however temporarily, from worldly merry-making and imitate the shepherds by embarking on a spiritual journey to Bethlehem in Judea, seeking the baby wrapped in swaddling cloths. There, in silence and in awe, we join his parents and become part of the Holy Family as behold this child who is the reason for this season of hope, reconciliation and renewal. In the manger – *no crib for a bed* – lies the helpless babe, the Messiah. Although Son of the Most High God, He represents the helpless and vulnerable of the world around, and will not survive a day if no one cares to see to His needs. The gift of life does not stand on its own; it must be complemented and sustained by the goodwill and moral obligations of all members of the human family.

Back to Dickens' story, it is revealed to Scrooge that Tiny Tim will die if the boy and his poor family is not assisted. Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning, a thankful, renewed man. He finally sees the folly of material gain at the expense of family, love and humanity and sets about making amends. Grateful for a second chance to live, he became a second father to Tiny Tim and sees to the boy's medical treatment.

As we enter into this season of true giving, let us consider where and how we can be generous. Wrapped presents and gifts are nice but can we go deeper and ask ourselves if one can **give** the following instead:

- * Time and presence such as a listening ear to someone in need or make that visit that we keep putting off to a distant relative
- * Benefit of the doubt to someone who has crossed or irritated us
- * Mercy and compassion to a person in need of our forgiveness

Remember that Christmas is not just one day. Indeed, 25 December starts off the season of Christmastide that will end at the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. There is adequate time to give even as we continue to receive from the Lord who comes to give us the ultimate gift of all: His very Life and Self and invites us to do the same!

Blessed Christmas and a very happy new year 2025. And God bless us all, everyone!

Fr. Alvin Ng Sze Syn, SJ

THE JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



