

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### Today's Readings

First Reading : Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Second Reading : Romans 15:4-9  
 Gospel : Matthew 3:1-12

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### Special Days This Week

Tue 06/12 St Nicholas  
 Wed 07/12 St Ambrose  
 Thu 08/12 Immaculate Conception Of The BVM  
 Fri 09/12 St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

### Next Sunday's Readings

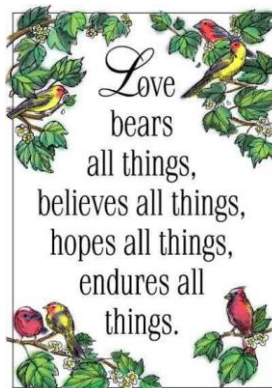
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
 First Reading : Isaiah 35:1-6, 10  
 Second Reading : St James 5:7-10  
 Gospel : Matthew 11:2-11



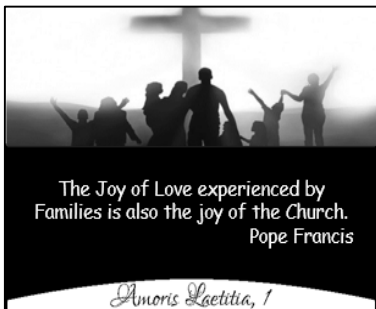
### “Love is not quick tempered”

(1 Corinthians 13:5)

**Pope Francis:** “The word [St. Paul] uses next – paroxýnetai – has to do more with an interior indignation provoked by something from without. It refers to a violent reaction within, a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided. To nurture such interior hostility helps no one” (Amoris Laetitia, no. 103).



**Reflection:** Sometimes we overreact to something that happens in our day because secretly in our hearts we have been brooding over a hurt or a slight that happened earlier. Today, be on guard against that. Acknowledge a hurt sooner rather than later and seek to heal it through the mercy of Jesus.



The Joy of Love experienced by Families is also the joy of the Church.  
 Pope Francis

*Amoris Laetitia, 1*

**“Amoris Laetitia,”** or, The Joy of Love, is an apostolic exhortation of Pope Francis on Love In The Family. We will share bits from Chapter 4 here for your reflection. May it inspire you to read the document and more importantly, help to strengthen marital and family relationships. You will be able to read or download the entire document at the Vatican website at [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations.index.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations.index.html)

# The Voice of St Bernadette



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### Parish Mission Statement

Towards SBC being a participatory church in which everyone is co-responsible for the overall care of the parish and shares in the mission of Christ.



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### MASS SCHEDULE

<b>English</b>	
Monday to Friday	6.30am & 6.00pm
Saturday	6.30am; Sunset Mass 6.00pm
Sunday	9.30am; 11.15am & 5.30pm
<b>Chinese</b>	
Sunday	8.00am
<b>Indonesian</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	3.30pm
<b>Filipino</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	2.15pm

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday 5.30pm  
 Sunday 7.45am, 9.00am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

### PARISH CENTRE OPENING HOURS

Monday to Saturday 10.00am to 9.00pm  
 Sunday & Public Holiday 7.30am to 7.30pm

### GIFT SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday: 5pm-7pm; Sunday: 9am-12pm & 5pm-7pm

### CHURCH GATES CLOSING TIME

Monday to Saturday 10.30pm sharp  
 Sunday 10.00pm sharp

Church groups & visitors are to vacate church premises at least 30 minutes before closing time.

### Week starting 4 December 2016

#### AT THE ADORATION ROOM

#### Opening Hours:

Monday to Sunday 7.00am to 10.00pm

#### Closed for cleaning:

Saturday 10.00am to 12.00pm

Tue 7.00pm-8.00pm	Divine Mercy
Thu 10.00am-12.00pm	Spanish Group
7.45pm-9.00pm	Christian Meditation
Sat 2.00pm-3.00pm	Living Stones
7.00pm-9.00pm	Chinese Taize

#### AT THE GROTTO

Rosary Prayer at the Grotto every Wednesday at 7.30pm.

#### CANTEEN

Our canteen is OPEN today. Please drop in for free coffee/tea after morning masses.



NOTICE: Parishioners and visitors to this Church and its premises are advised that CCTVs are in operation and you may be individually identified on video, in photographs or other forms of visual representation, taken by photographers, whether authorized or official, for use in any Church publication, Church archives or any other social media form.



### Infant Baptism

Today after the 11.15am mass, the following babies will be baptised:

- Xena Isabel Macayana Perez
- Elizabeth Casey Soesanto
- Emma Eva Rahsch
- Thaddeus Ang Yi Rui
- PennyLane Sibal Chiu

We congratulate the parents and godparents and pray that the Holy Spirit will bless and protect these families as they grow in the faith!

**Date: 4 Dec**

### SSVP 2nd Collection



Today being the 1st Sunday of the month, there will be a 2nd collection by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul at all masses in aid of their apostolate to the poor.

Please do give them your support!

**Date: 4 Dec**

### The Prayer Tree



This Christmas, we invite you to include prayer in the gifts to your loved ones for Christmas.

Write your prayers in the tags provided and hang them on The Prayer Tree located next

to the baptismal font.

The prayers will be gathered and offered up during all masses on 1st January. It will be the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

Let us start beautifying our tree with prayers – a sign of faith in our loving God.

### Wedding Congratulations



One happy couple tied the knot this week on 3 Dec:  
- Ignatius Lim Yong Ming & Stephanie Jessica Tabalujan

Please pray for them!



### Launch of GIFT by Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation has launched the Giving in Faith and Thankfulness (GIFT) campaign to encourage and empower regular individual giving to the archdiocese.

Resources are needed to fund the many organisations in the archdiocese involved in families, youths, evangelisation; several building projects; and other initiatives. Currently, there is a projected shortfall of \$238m for the next 7 years.

Every Catholic in Singapore is called to pledge a regular monthly contribution to the archdiocese today, so that the Church may continue growing for generations to come.

Appeal booklets, flyers and envelopes are available in the parish to make your pledge. Alternatively, visit [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg) to donate online.

### 2017 Calendars on Sale

As part of our 2017 Feast Day celebration, St. Bernadette is selling calendars featuring photographs of our Church and community. Proceeds will help children under the care of SSVP & our Sunday School for those who need financial help. The calendars are on sale at the Gift Shop!

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### Emergency Preparedness

Calling all parishioners who are doctors, nurses, paramedics, police, civil defence, army or private security personnel!

You are warmly encouraged to sign up as a church volunteer for the **Parish Emergency Preparedness Taskforce**.

Please register your name and the time of the mass you attend with the Parish Secretariat. Thank you!

#### Advent Reflection Booklets

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Advent. The theme is "The Pilgrim Community". Please take a copy of the booklet.

You can also find the online copy at <http://www.one.org.sg/resources-for-parishes/>.



#### Simbang Gabi

Come and celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> Simbang Gabi and experience the Filipino Christmas tradition.

Refreshments will be served.

**Date: 18 Dec, 8pm**

**Venue: St Bernadette's Church**

#### City District Penitential Services

- 12 Dec, 8pm @ St Bernadette
- 13 Dec, 8pm @ St Michael
- 14 Dec, 8pm @ Sacred Heart
- 15 Dec, 8pm @ St Teresa
- 16 Dec, 8pm @ Sts Peter & Paul
- 19 Dec, 8pm @ Our Lady of Lourdes



### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### 24 Dec, Saturday

9.30pm & 12mn

#### 25 Dec, Sunday

8am (Mandarin); 9.30am; 11.15am; 3pm (Indonesian); 5.30pm.

#### 26 Dec, Monday

8am (public holiday; no evening Mass)

### New Catholic Directory 2017

The new Catholic Archdiocese of Singapore Directory 2017 is now on sale at the Gift Shop. Priced at \$7.00 a copy, it comes with a treasure trove of information such as telephone numbers of people and organisations, parishes, services, mass schedules, etc. It even has a listing of churches and organisations with names and telephone numbers of priests in the various dioceses of Malaysia. The directory comes in a handy A-5 sized binder, large print and alphabetical indexes for easy navigation.

Get a copy for your family. Stocks are limited!

#### HelpLines

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** – Helps people see, accept, and live out God's will in their lives. Available by appointment. Email: [CitySpDs@gmail.com](mailto:CitySpDs@gmail.com)

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** – Help in overcoming alcoholic addiction available, every Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 9053 1764.

**COUNSELLING SERVICE** – Trained para-counsellors from Family Life Society offer counselling service in 10 parishes including our parish. Call 63820688 (Mon to Fri, 10.00am to 5.00pm) for appointment.