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PETITIONS & THANKSGIVING LETTERS

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Be Light. Be Christ

There is a growing trend in Singapore where people celebrate the Eve of All Saints Days – Halloween – by dressing up and partying. In the USA, however, Halloween is a very big celebration. There, people decorate their houses with pumpkins, skeletons and other scary creatures. They dress themselves, their children and even their dogs in Halloween costumes. Some are very creative but most of the times, the costumes are rather macabre and ghoulish.

As we commence the Season of Advent this Sunday and as we light the 1st Advent of Candle – the Candle of Hope, I reflect on today's 2nd Reading: St. Paul's Letter to the Romans. St. Paul exhorts Christians: to: "cast off the works of darkness", "put on the armour of light" and "walk properly as in the daytime". He finally says: "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ."

Since Jesus is the Light of the world, putting on the armour of light is effect putting on the Lord Jesus Christ himself. So how do I put on the Lord Jesus Christ?

I came across a blog where the writer (Shannon L. Alder) was listing all the various qualities of a man worth being with and being grateful for. As I went through the list, I realized it was a list of values and attributes of a good person, one who is applying Christ's teachings and characteristics. I am just setting out an extract of the writer's long list:

"A man worth being with is one...

*That never lies to you
Is kind to people that have hurt him
A person that respects another's life
That has manners and shows people respect
That goes out of his way to help people
That feels every person, no matter how difficult, deserves compassion
That is a peacemaker
That will see you through illness
Who keeps his promises
Who doesn't blame others, but finds the good in them
That doesn't need fame, money or anything materialistic to be happy
That is gentle and patient with children
Who lives what he says he believes in
Who doesn't hold a grudge or hold onto the past
Who forgives and is quick to apologize
Who never seeks revenge or would ever put another person down
Who communicates to solve problems
Who doesn't play games or passive aggressively ignores people to hurt them
Who is real and doesn't pretend to be something he is not
Who doesn't have an ego or believes he is better than anyone
Who is labelled constantly by people as the nicest person they have ever met
Who works hard to provide for the family who is a gentleman
Who is honest and lives with integrity
Who will protect his family
Who forgives, forgets, repairs and restores."*

Wow. Imagine if we were such a person. Imagine a world filled with so much light because it is so filled with Christ.

*"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." Martin Luther King, Jr.*

A Reflection by Ros

Readings & responses for the week

1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday 30 NOVEMBER	Is 2:1-5, Rom 13:11-14, Mt 24: 37-44 I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."
Monday 1 DECEMBER	Is 4: 2-6, Mt 8:5-11 I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house."
Tuesday 2 DECEMBER	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10: 21-24 In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.
Wednesday, 3 DECEMBER St Francis Xavier	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23, Mk 16: 15-20 Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.
Thursday, 4 DECEMBER St John Damascene	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21:24-27 Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
Friday, 5 DECEMBER	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31 The Lord is my light and my help.
Saturday, 6 DECEMBER St Nicholas Bishop	Is 30:19-21, 23-26. Mt 9:35-10:1, 5-8 Happy are all who hope in the Lord.

NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm, 5.30pm

2.00pm (Mandarin)

MASS ON WEEKDAYS

12:15pm, 6.30pm

9.00am, 6.30pm Public Holiday

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

MASS ON SATURDAY

7.00am, 6.30pm (Sunset)

MASS ON SUNDAY

8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

(confession will be 30 minutes before Mass)

SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.

RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday 9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour 11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday 7.30am to 8.00pm

Sunday 8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

Closed on Public Holiday

GIFTSHOP OPERATING HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10.30am to 6.30pm

Lunch Hour 12.15pm to 12.45pm

Saturday 8.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday 9.00am to 1.30pm

Closed on Thursday and Public Holiday

ADVENT COMMUNITY PROJECT



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Society of Saint Vincent de Paul
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NOVENA ADVENT COMMUNITY PROJECT
Come offer the gift of time to your children and families from EduFriends, a programme by the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul. Let's spend time together as a big family with many fun activities, games and food.

DATE Sat, 13th Dec 2025
TIME 10am - 4pm
VENUE St. SJI Junior,
3 Essex Road,
Singapore 309331.

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER



MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

12th Dec, Fri, 6.30pm, Church
Prolife Rosary 5.45pm

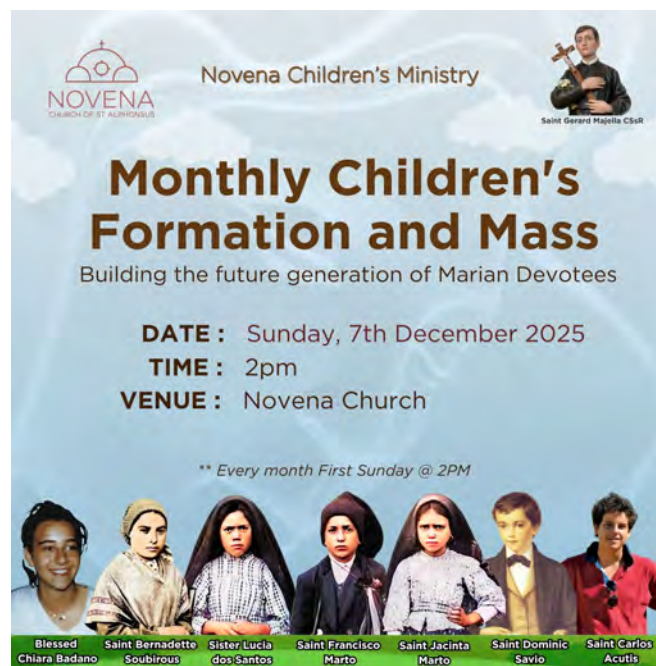
PRAISE & WORSHIP

12th Dec, Fri, 8pm, Victor Dorai Room

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

15th Dec, Mon 7.45pm Church

CHILDREN FORMATION & MASS



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Novena Children's Ministry

Monthly Children's Formation and Mass
Building the future generation of Marian Devotees

DATE: Sunday, 7th December 2025
TIME: 2pm
VENUE: Novena Church

*** Every month First Sunday @ 2PM*

Blessed Chiara Badano, Saint Bernadette Soubirous, Sister Lucia dos Santos, Saint Francisco Marto, Saint Jacinta Marto, Saint Dominic Savio, Saint Carlos Acutis

ADVENT NOVENA THEMES

29TH NOVEMBER
Week 1: Hope

6TH DECEMBER
Week 2: Peace

13TH DECEMBER
Week 3: Joy

20TH DECEMBER
Week 4: Love

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



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Eucharistic Adoration

“*Marana-tha*
 (“Come Lord Jesus”) ”

Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking: if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and eat with you, and you with me.

(Rev 3:20)

5th Decmberber (Friday)
7.30pm @ Main Church

Put aside the chaos and heclioness.
Join us in adoration and prayer as we invite Jesus into our lives.

SIMBANG GABI MASS

16th Dec, Tues 8pm Church

SCALA, CANTEEN CLOSED

27 DEC & 3 JAN 2026
RESUMES ON 10 JAN