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| Liturgists: December 30/31, 2023 | | | |
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| | 6:00pm | 9:00pm | 10:30am |
| Lector | Chuchay M | Maria B | Joseph T |
| E.M. | Joveena B | Norma L | Hermie L |
| Usher | David/Steve | Jerome/Dan | Ricky/Clayton |

Church Cleaner: Nila

| Mass Intentions | | | |
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| Sat | Dec. 23 | 6:00 pm | Thanksgiving of Hermie & Roy |
| Sun | Dec. 24 | 9:00 am | + The Imola family |
| | | 10:30 am | For Theresa Zhang |
| Mon | Dec. 25 | midnight | For St Theresa's parishioners |
| | | 9:00 am | For Benevolence |
| | | 10:30 am | For St Theresa's parishioners |
| Tue | Dec. 26 | 8:30 am | + The deceased of Fabros family |
| Wed | Dec. 27 | 8:30 am | For Helen Chua Tiampo |
| Thur | Dec. 28 | 8:30 am | + Federico Elman |
| Fri | Dec. 29 | 8:30 am | + Riniero Samoy |
| Sat | Dec. 30 | 8:30 am | + The Hom & Yee family |



St. Theresa's Parish

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December 23/24, 2023 4th Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule:

Weekdays: Monday to Saturday: 8:30 am

Wednesday 8:15 am

(Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, followed by Novena Mass in Honour of St. Theresa)

Sunday Liturgy:

Saturday Evening 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

10:30 am

(Mandarin Mass – Second & Fourth Sundays - 12:00 pm)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Weekdays 10 minutes before Mass

Saturday 5:30 - 5:55 pm

(For any other time, please call the rectory)

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism only by personal appointment requirements of attending church

Sacrament of Marriage: Please call the Rectory 4-6 months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick: Please contact the Rectory number above Or in an emergency only 604-992-9910



Please remember in your prayers these members of our parish who are ill: Elsa Barreto, Eleanor Bublitz, Tilly Milton, Arul Raja, Fermin and Maria Bertoia, David Chapin, and the sick and elderly of our Parishioner

Mass schedule for Christmas
Sunday Dec 24: 9:00AM and 10:30AM
Christmas Eve; 12:00AM midnight
Christmas Day Dec 25:

- 9:00AM
- 10:30AM- Prep children Mass-Parish Christmas Potluck Celebration
- 12 noon Chinese Mandarin

Mass schedule for New Year

Sunday Dec31: 9:00AM and 10:30AM
New Year's Eve: 6:00PM
New Year January 1st: 9:00AM and 10:30AM



Lord God, we light the fourth candle of Advent, a symbol of light. We pray for the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, to dispel the darkness of our lives. Help us to be beacons of light in the world, to share your love with others, and to guide them towards your truth. Amen.

God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way. Do you believe in God's promises and do you yield to his grace?

Heavenly Father, you offer us abundant grace, mercy, and forgiveness through your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ. Help me to live a grace-filled life as Mary did by believing in your promises and by giving you my unqualified 'yes' to your will and plan for my life.

Stewardship Reflection

4th Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Please pick your box of envelopes for 2024 donations at the entrance of the church. Boxes are sorted by envelope numbers, so please remember your envelope number.



Thank you to all the parishioners who donated poinsettia flowers for Christmas.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate Christmas with Fr. Bede after the 10:30 Christmas Mass. Ham, salad, and buns are provided.

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Maybe the Christmas message this year is a challenge for all of us to become more involved. Whispering hope is not a question of giving more. It is a question of giving more of ourselves. That is what God was doing when he got involved with us and our world at the first Christmas. Christmas belongs to believers, to those who believe that

Jesus Christ, son of God, was born of Virgin Mary to reconcile us to one another and to the father. This is why He came. God will fill us with his peace if there is room in our lives for Him.

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your pastor. Thank you for all your support helping us along the journey and prayers. May you be blessed with peace and joy at Christmas and in the New Year.

May your hearts be filled with the joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy.

Rev Fr. Bede Kiem Le