

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

27 NOVEMBER 2016
FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



SUN 27 Nov	First Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass
MON 28 Nov	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 29 Nov	Feria <i>4th Class, green</i> St. Saturninus, <i>Martyr (Comm.)</i>	17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
WED 30 Nov	Saint Andrew <i>Apostle</i> <i>2nd Class, red</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 1 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 2 Dec	Saint Bibiana <i>Virgin, Martyr, 3rd Class, red</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass & first Rosary & Benediction & All night Adoration 22.00 – Second Rosary 23.00 – Third Rosary
SAT 3 Dec	Saint Francis Xavier <i>Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i>	6.30 – Rosary & Benediction 7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 4 Dec	Second Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

Confessions: 30 min before
Sunday Masses; on demand
every day.

**Children’s Catechism on
Saturday:**

Older Group (13-18 years)
14:45-15:30

First Communion 14:45-15:30

Post First Communion 15:30-
16:15

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday 30 November. Deadline for registration to Fatima pilgrimage. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Sunday 4 December. Fundraiser Lunch (for MI) with Fr. Couture after the 10am Mass organised by Mrs. Georgine Sumantri. Fr Couture will be in Singapore from 1 to 5 December 2016.

Tuesday 6 December. Tuesday with Mary devotion.

 **Thursday 8 December.** *Militia Immaculatae*: 17.30 Conference, 18.00 Enrolment ceremony and Holy Hour (Rosary), 19.00 Sung Mass.

Sunday 11 December. Second Collection for SSPX schools.

13 to 17 March 2017. Marian Retreat in Penang, Malaysia. Registration form in the vestibule. **Cost: SGD84 for triple room, SGD107 for double sharing, SGD175 for single room.** Deadline for registration: 31 December 2016.

Rosary Crusade: don’t forget to place your tokens in the box

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Donations to SSPX by cheque: make it payable to “Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X”



O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!



Taxi drivers in Singapore are usually reserved. They keep quiet during the ride and bring their customers to their destination without saying anything. But, of course, there is always an exception to the rule and sometimes you find the odd driver who is in a chatty mood. As having a priest in cassock in one's car is quite a rarity, he would not miss the opportunity to ask a few questions on religion.

The other day I was talking with one such taxi driver. We spoke about faith. Then he told me that although he was not a Catholic (he was a free thinker), he had to admit that he loved Christmas. He said that there was something very special about it. He loved the atmosphere of peace and love pervading the whole city at Christmas time.



He is not the only non-Catholic who is enchanted by the magic of Christmas. People of all beliefs enjoy taking photos in front of the beautiful Christmas decorations you see in the Singapore tourist areas like Orchard Road and the most prestigious shopping malls.

It is a great feeling to see Singapore turn Christian for a few weeks, even if the main reason for it might be more commercial than religious. Yet, it does not take the charm of the period away and for us Catholics, it adds to the spirit of preparation for the coming of the Infant Jesus.

Let us enter Advent with the best of dispositions. Advent is the season when we should re-discover the beauty of our religion. Is there anything sweeter than having a God who becomes a Baby we can take in our arms and gently hug? May this new Advent be a time for realising we have to change our lives, be in earnest with our faith, and put into practice what we know to be the truth. Let us be caught by the spirit of Advent.

The graces of Christmas will be in proportion to the fervour we have during the Advent season. If we long for a greater knowledge of and intimacy with the Infant-God, the feast of the Nativity will reveal to us horizons we were not aware of before.

As Pope Francis rightly says (he cannot be wrong all the time!), God is the God of surprises. Having placed all our trust in Jesus, we just cannot be disappointed. His capability to surprise us is infinite.



Saint Gregory the Wonderworker "flung himself to the sky", to use an expression from Fr Groeschel, and took the words of Jesus literally: "Amen I say to you, that whosoever shall say to this mountain: Be thou removed and be cast into the sea; and shall not stagger in his heart, but believe that whatsoever he saith shall be done, it shall be done unto him. Therefore I say unto you: All things whatsoever you ask when you pray, believe that you shall receive, and they shall come unto you." [Mark 11. 22-24] And Saint Gregory really did move a mountain.

Jesus did not speak to St. Gregory only; he spoke to all of us. So, if things do not go the way we want, we should ask ourselves: "Where is my faith?"

Advent is one of these occasions when we should find the answer.

I wish you a Blessed Advent filled with renewed love for Jesus, Mary, Joseph and the whole Catholic Church.

Father Fabrice Loschi



TUESDAYS WITH MARY

18.30: Meditated Rosary

19.00: Conference

19.30: Fellowship/Light Dinner

6 December: *The Immaculate Conception* by Fr. Stehlin

13 November: *Who is the Woman clothed with the sun?* by Fr. Stehlin

20 December: *Our Lady of Fatima and the crisis in the Church* by Fr. Loschi

27 December: *Our lady of Quito* by Fr. Loschi