

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

18 DECEMBER 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

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| SUN 18 Dec | Fourth Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet</i> | 7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass |
| MON 19 Dec | Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> | 18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass |
| TUE 20 Dec | Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> | 7.15 – Low Mass 17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions |
| WED 21 Dec | Saint Thomas <i>Apostle</i> <i>2nd Class, red</i> | 11.30 – Low Mass |
| THU 22 Dec | Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> | 18.20 – Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Sung Mass |
|  FRI 23 Dec | Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> | 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass |
|  SAT 24 Dec | Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord <i>1st Class, violet</i> <i>Fast & Abstinence for SSPX members</i> | 11.30 – Low Mass 23.00 – Confessions 23.30 – Christmas Carols Followed by Midnight Mass |
| SUN 25 Dec | THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST <i>1st Class, white</i> <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> | 0.00 Midnight Mass 10.00 – Low Mass |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 7 January. Catechism classes to resume.

Sunday 29 January. AGM of Friends of the International Priestly Society of St. Pius X after the 10am Mass. Please, make sure you are up-to-date with your membership fees.

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

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

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



GET PLUGGED IN



"Father, keep to your right, Father, keep to your left!"

This sentence was pronounced by Philip, fourth son of King John II of France, at the Battle of Poitiers on 19 September 1356 while fighting the troops of the Black Prince, son of King Edward III of England.

During the battle, King John II, seeing that the business was turning bad, sent his three eldest sons backwards in order to preserve the future of the Kingdom. He fought in the front ranks courageously with his fourth son, Philip, who, though only 14 years old, protected his father the king from the bad English shots by shouting: "Father, keep to your right! Father, keep to the left! ".

Soon isolated in the midst of the English troops, wounded twice in the face, John II had no choice but to surrender to the Black Prince, who gave him a chivalrous welcome.

What was just written seems a description of parents' life at home. So much vigilance is needed today in educating children that family life can be compared to a warfare; a warfare to preserve children from evil.

Many parents fall into the temptation of giving up and surrendering to the Black Prince of Darkness, alas, tired as they become of the constant battle. But beware, that Black Prince won't treat you well.

In the daunting task of giving your children a Catholic upbringing you are not powerless. First, there is God's grace and prayer. Then, you have priests, relatives and friends whom you can consult for advice. There are also other parents the world over who want a decent education for their children, are organised and provide assistance to parents who want to succeed in passing their values on to their loved ones.

One aspect of protecting your children from bad influences is to make sure that they watch something proper when they go to the movies. During the holiday period, children and teenagers are freer and might be tempted to spend some time in a cinema. You, parents, must exercise your vigilance in this regard.

To assist parents in making a proper selection among the movies being screened in theatres, there is a Christian website that has been specialised for years in reviewing movies for you: <http://www.pluggedin.com>

Actually, they do not only review movies, but also books, games, music and TV shows. It is worth reading what they write so that you get an idea of the movie you or someone you know wants to watch. Their opinion might save you some money (if you intended to buy the wrong book for Christmas) or the uneasiness of leaving the room while the movie is showing in case something unsuitable pops up on the screen.

Because of the modern means of communication, it has become very difficult for parents to exercise their control over their offspring.

When I was assigned to Tynong, Australia, in 2001, parents were just beginning to be confronted with an issue they had never faced before: the epidemic of mobile mania. In the years 2000s it became so easy and cheap to buy a mobile phone that many children would get one behind their parents' back. Then started the sms frenzy that disrupted homework time until the WIFI and all the Internet facilities came along to flood the market and the youths' minds.

In Tynong, most of the families were living near the priory, giving our community the atmosphere of a real parish. Many could go to daily Mass, for instance.

One evening a parishioner who had gone to a party was driving back home through the town when he saw on the road a group of young people. They were boys and girls from the parish who were having a good time around midnight away from their homes.

When the parents were told, they found out that the appointment had been arranged through mobile phones with them being totally unaware of their children's temporary flight.

Not easy to be parents today, indeed!

But don't lose hope! Do what you can and use the means placed at your disposal to help you, on the Internet or elsewhere. God won't let you down if you do your best. He will make sure that everything turns out well eventually as the reward for your noble struggle for education.

Father Fabrice Loschi

