

SAINT PIUS X PRIORY
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN &
MASS SCHEDULE

4 DECEMBER 2016
SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT



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
MON 5 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> St. Sabbas, Abbot (comm.)	18.30 – Rosary 19.00 – Low Mass
TUE 6 Dec	Saint Nicholas <i>Bishop, Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i> Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 17.45 – Low Mass 18.30 “Tuesday with Mary” Devotions
WED 7 Dec	St. Ambrose <i>Bishop, Confessor, Doctor, 3rd Class, white</i> Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 8 Dec	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>1st Class, white</i> Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 17.30 Conference 18.00 – Holy Hour & Rosary & Benediction 19.00 – Sung Mass
 FRI 9 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 10 Dec	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> St. Melchiades, Pope, Martyr (Comm.) Our Lady of Loreto	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 11 Dec	Third Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet or rose</i>	7.30 – Rosary 8.00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10.00 – Sung Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday 10 December. Conference on marriage by Fr. Grun at 5pm.

Next Sunday 11 December. Second Collection for SSPX schools.

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"



TO CHANGE THE WORLD



How would Europe look like today had the fighters of Islam not been stopped at Poitiers, France, in AD732 by the troops of Charles Martel?

How would the United States be today had not George Washington and his French allies won the war of independence against Great Britain in 1783?

What would have happened to Singapore if Lee Kuan Yew had not become the first Prime Minister of the newly-created country in 1965?

The study of history is fascinating. It is a succession of events that shaped our world in one way rather than another. Often, the direction taken by the course of history depends on seemingly insignificant circumstances as unlikely findings or untimely deaths.

For instance, how different would Asia look like, had Alexander the Great died in ripe old age instead of aged 32? How would today's world be had not Christopher Columbus decided to set sail westwards on the Atlantic Ocean in 1492 to reach India?

What can be said about world history applies to our own lives. We are who we are because of a succession of parameters like the family we were born into, the school we went to, our country, the choices or decisions we made on important matters and the people we let have an influence over us. All these have contributed and still contribute to the building up of our personality.

Among all the events of the past that had an impact on both the world history and our own life, there is one that is unique and changed everything forever: this event is the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ in time.

Unlike the achievements of political leaders, army generals or navigators who left their mark in history, there is nothing glamorous in the coming of the Son of God on earth: a young couple travelled with a

donkey on a dirt road of Palestine in order to reach the town where they had to be recorded on a Roman census book, a mundane and burdensome administrative duty which they would have been happy to do without as the young lady was at the end of her pregnancy. But this couple is no ordinary couple and the Baby to be born is no ordinary baby.

Apparently banal, the journey is made very special by the Divinity of the Child.

There is a difference between the actions of a great man of the past which still bears consequences today and the Nativity of Christ. The latter is not only an event that took place at one point in history, it still continues to take place today.

Through the Catholic Church and through her liturgy, Jesus is in our midst as real and efficient as ever. He is in the tabernacle on our altars as he was in the stable of Bethlehem; He is also continuously born in our souls through the state of grace.

The grace of God raises us to the level of a quasi-divinity as His adopted sons. We forget too easily our dignity as Catholics and the power that comes with the Divine grace.

When we are in the grace of God, Jesus uses us as instruments of His Divine Providence. If we give God a free hand on our life, there is no limit to what He can achieve through us.

Praying with faith and fervour, accepting all the crosses that come our way with love, patience and joyful resignation, doing the Will of God give us power, the power to change the world.

This is what we are invited to contemplate during the Advent season.

Father Fabrice Loschi

