


SAINT PIUS X PRIORY  
SINGAPORE

WEEKLY BULLETIN  
& MASS SCHEDULE

8 DECEMBER 2019

FEAST OF THE  
IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION

SUN 8 December	FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>1st Class, white</i> (2nd Sunday of Advent)	8:00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass
MON 9 December	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	7.15 – Low Mass
TUE 10 December	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> <i>St. Melchiadis, Pope &amp; Martyr (Comm.)</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
WED 11 December	Saint Damasus I <i>Pope, Confessor, 3rd Class, white</i> Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 11.30 – Low Mass
THU 12 December	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i> <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Benediction 19.00 – Low Mass
 FRI 13 December	Saint Lucy <i>Virgin, Martyr, 3rd Class, red</i> Feria of Advent (Comm.)	7.15 – Low Mass 18.20 – Stations of the Cross 19.00 – Low Mass
SAT 14 December	Feria <i>3rd Class, violet</i>	11.30 – Low Mass
SUN 15 December	3rd Sunday of Advent <i>1st Class, violet</i>	8:00 – Low Mass 9.30 – Rosary 10:00 – Sung Mass

**Confessions:** 30 minutes before  
Sunday Masses;  
Thursdays and Fridays: 17:45;  
Saturdays: 11:00.

**2nd Collections:**

1st Sunday of the month *for the  
chapel loan reimbursement.*  
3rd Sunday of the month *for the  
chapel/priory maintenance.*

**Children's Catechism on  
Saturdays:**

14:00-14:45  
*Post 1st Communion I (Eiko)*  
*Pre Confirmation (Catherine)*  
*Post Confirmation (Father)*

14:45-15:30  
*Post 1st Communion II Catherine)*  
*Older Group (Father)*

**Mass Stipends:**

One Mass: \$25  
Novena: \$250  
Gregorian Masses: \$1,000

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Maintenance 2nd collection.** 3 weeks ago, we had to replace the aircon near the organ. It costed more than \$3k to replace. We also had to fixed the roof in the entrance.

Last month 2nd collection was less than \$650... Be generous in contributing to the chapel maintenance. TY **Militia Immaculatae.** Fr. Karl Stehlin, International Director of Militia Immaculatae and previous District Superior of Asia will be giving a conference after the evening mass, on Monday, 9th December, followed by enrolments into the MI.

**Children's Catechism.** The catechism with the Fathers will resume in January.

**Marian Hymn.** During Advent, we shall sing the *Alma Redemptoris Mater* after Sunday Mass.

**Christmas Schedule.** The midnight Mass will start at midnight (yes!) and the low Mass of the day at 9.00 (instead of 8 and 10 o'clock).

**Christmas gifts.** Christmas gifts items for sale at the bookshop.

**Calendars 2020.** The new calendars will be available soon in the bookshop.

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Rev. Fr. P. Summers (District Superior), Fr. B. Wailliez (Prior & District Assistant), Fr. E. Demornex (District Bursar)

Donation: "Friends of the SSPX" (cheque and bank transfer) - 0039073844 (DBS bank acct) - 1433004952 (UOB bank acct)



## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

During the night of the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> March 1858, Bernadette Soubirous felt a sudden irresistible urge to return to the grotto in Massabielle. On the feast of the Annunciation, early in the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>, 'The Lady' appeared to Bernadette for the sixteenth time, and smiled at her. After approximately an hour in which Bernadette had remained entranced as she gazed upon the beautiful face, the Lady finally gave an answer to Bernadette's repeated question asking her what her name was: "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION".

This statement from the Lady (who was, of course, the Blessed Virgin Mary) confirms the infallible Doctrine of Pope Pius IX, who had spoken "ex cathedra" four years earlier. He had declared that the Virgin Mary, alone of all human beings who have ever lived (except for Jesus, and our first parents, Adam and Eve) was conceived without the stain of original sin in her mother's womb. This is "The Lady clothed with the sun", who

will "crush the head of the serpent", Mary Immaculate.

Bernadette did not understand what Our Lady was saying to her, and had to repeat these strange words to herself over and over in her Gascon dialect ("*Que soi era Immaculada Councepcion*") all the way back to the parish priest, Fr. Dominique Peyramale, for fear of forgetting them! Only later was the meaning explained to her, and she realised that her 'Lady' was indeed The Virgin Mary, Mother of God.

Our Lady had also announced her Immaculate Conception to Saint Catherine Labouré during the apparitions at the Rue du Bac back in 1830.

She also taught Sister Catharine the following prayer:

*"O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee"*

Our Lady gave Sister Catharine the miraculous medal, which was at first called: "the medal of Mary of The Immaculate Conception", and told her to spread the devotion.

