



Church of the Immaculate Conception

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Psalter Week II (Year B)

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Epiphany of the Lord

1st READNG
Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6

2nd READNG
Ephesians 3 : 2 - 3, 5 - 6

GOSPEL
Matthew 2 : 1 - 12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

" PERFECT TIME FOR PEACE " (by Rick Warren)

Christmas is the perfect time to show grace to other people because we're reminded of the grace God has shown us - that he gives us what we need, not what we deserve. So let me ask you a very frank question: Who do you need to restore a broken relationship with this Christmas? That's the spirit of Christmas - "peace on earth, good will toward men."

You say, "I can't do it." When families get together at Christmas, a lot of times it brings back a lot of bad memories and past hurts and things you just haven't let go of. You say, "I can't let go of it. They hurt me too bad. I can't forgive them."

You're right. That's why you need Jesus. You don't have it in you to let it all go. That's why you're still holding onto it. You need to be filled with the love of Christ and the peace of Christ. Until that happens, you're not going to have the ability to let it go. ✠

DID YOU KNOW...

Myrrh and Frankincense?

The gifts brought by the Magi were both appropriate and expensive. The value of gold is obvious but what of the other presents?

MYRRH - An aromatic substance made from the sap of Myrtle balsam trees found in India, Africa and Saudi Ara-

bia. It is a natural antiseptic and useful as a medicine. Egyptians used myrrh for embalming mummies. It is now used for toothpaste and mouthwash.

INCENSE - A hardened gum that also comes from trees found in the same areas. The word "**FRANK**" comes from an old French word meaning "marked." It is a stamp that the incense is "free"

from contaminants or "pure".

Incense was used primarily to cover up the smells caused by animal sacrifices. Hence it was connected with worship. ✠



SUNDAY CATECHISM RESUMES TODAY

Classes for 2009 will commence (today) **Sun, 4 Jan at 10 am**. Students are to assemble in the Parish Hall by the appointed time. Parents and students are strongly reminded that a student's punctuality is very much appreciated. ✠

Parish Office Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm ; Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm ; Lunch Time, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

A WORD OF THANKS

The Secular Franciscans would like to thank parishioners for the generous support shown during their recent sale of Christmas cookies here at our parish, which made a profit of RM750. The proceeds will soon be distributed to the homeless. ✠

MEETINGS

BEC Leaders	Wed 07	8:15 pm
Migrant Ministry	Thu 08	8:15 pm
Chinese Apostolate	Thu 08	8:00 pm
Altar Servers	Sat 03	3:00 pm

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Catechism Classes	Sun 04	10:00 am
RCIA Session (Mandarin)	Tue 06	7:30 pm
Qi Gong Session	Wed 07	8:30 am
Qi Gong Session	Sat 10	8:30 am
IC Bright Spark Learning Ctr	Sat 10	9:00 am
Line Dancing	Sat 10	3:00 pm
Catechism Classes	Sun 11	10:00 am

MASS COLLECTIONS : 27 & 28 DEC 2008

Mass	Parish Fund (RM)	Publication Fund
6:30 pm	1607.70	606.90
8:30 am	2346.40	750.20
11:15 am	230.00	-
6:00 pm	1578.50	596.50

This weekend's 2nd Collection : **SSVP Fund**

GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY !!!

200 PROJECTS BY 2010

I am urging all ministries, groups, ad-hoc groups and individuals, basically EVERYONE and ANYONE, to suggest or conceive a project as part of our aim to carry out 200 projects in the run-up to our 200th anniversary celebration in 2010. That means we have just a bit more than a year to realize this target! I would love to hear any ideas that you come up with, or projects you would like to carry out, so don't hesitate to speak to me about it. There has been much talking, so now let us start to walk the talk. Let us celebrate 200 years of faith in action in 2010! - Fr Marshall

SPM Bible Knowledge Classes

Students sitting for SPM Bible Knowledge this year may avail of classes which will be offered by Ms. Juliana Michael, to be conducted at the Parish. Kindly register at the Parish Office before the deadline on **Wed, 7 Jan**. For further enquiries, contact Juliana (012 452 0286). ✠



LITURGY & DEVOTIONS

Date	Event
SUN 04	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:30 am	Mass
11:15 am	Tamil Mass
6:00 pm	Mass
MON 05	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am	Mass
TUE 06	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am	Mass
WED 07	ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, priest
8:00 pm	Mass for ISA Detainees
THU 08	Christmas Weekday
6:00 pm	Mass
FRI 09	Christmas Weekday
6:00 pm	Mass
	<i>Followed by Novena to Divine Mercy</i>
SAT 10	Christmas Weekday
7:00 am	Mass
5:30 pm	Rosary, Novena & Benediction
6:30 pm	Mass
SUN 11	BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:30 am	Mass
11:15 am	Mandarin Mass
6:00 pm	Mass

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The parish is organising a pilgrimage to Lourdes (France) from **15 - 21 May**. Those interested to go on this pilgrimage may still obtain a registration form and further details from the Parish Office. Deadline for registration is on **Sat, 31 Jan**.

CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOME

We are still seeking contributions to allay the cost of the pilgrimage. We received an encouraging response of more than RM12,000 so far, but more is still needed. You may make your contributions at the Parish Office. Do remember to obtain an official receipt! Thanking you in advance for your kind generosity. ✠

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