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# Novena notes



Feast Of The Holy Family  
 Year C  
 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018

## The Kite and the Thread

*“Once a father and his young son went to a kite flying festival. The boy saw the sky filled with I kites and wanted a kite too. His father bought him a big and beautiful one; with a thread and roller. The boy started to fly the kite and became very excited when his kite kept climbing, and finally, reached high up in the sky. After a while, the boy said, “Father, it seems that the thread is holding the kite from flying higher. If we cut the thread, the kite will be free and will go flying even higher.” The father did not say a word and cut the thread. The kite started to go a little higher and the son was very happy.*

*But then slowly, the kite started to come down, and finally, it fell down on the roof of a faraway building. The young son was very surprise: “I cut the kite loose of its thread so that it can fly higher, but instead it fell down.” The father explained, “Son, at the height of our lives, we often think that some things we are tied with are preventing us going farther and higher. The thread was not holding the kite down, but it was helping it stay higher when the wind slowed down. And when the wind picked up, you helped the kite go up in the proper direction by tugging and letting go. But when we cut the thread, the kite fell low and finally dropped, without the support you were providing to the kite through the thread’.*

As we celebrate the Joy of our Saviour’s birth with family and friends this Christmas Season, I reflect on the thread that holds my kite high – my faith, my family and my friends.

My hope is in the Father in Heaven, His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Without God in my life, I would not have been able to go higher and higher. All my achievements and success are by the grace of God; who sometimes tugs me and at times, move me in the proper direction so that I can reach the heights He wills for me.

At times, I think that I can do so much better if I was not tied with my family or tied down with my responsibilities at home. Yes, while I may be free; I would be alone.- without the love, support and encouragement of my family, who truly want me to be happy and successful. Likewise, my friends, whose affirmation and encouragement spur me on.

Thank you, Lord, for being the thread to my kite. Bless too my family and friends, the other threads in my kite. Lord, I make this prayer: Just as my family and friends are threads to my kite, grant me the spirit of love and generosity to be the thread in their kites. Show me when and how I can be present to their needs; when to tug and when to let go.

May all our kites fly high and give you glory, Lord! Amen.

### Reflection by Ros

## Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 30 December	1 Sam 1:20-22,24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2,21-24; Lk 2:41-52 They are happy who dwell in your house, O Lord.
Mon, 31 December	1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18 Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.
Tue, 1 January Mary, Mother Of God New Year Day (Public Holiday)	Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 O God, be gracious and bless us.
Wed, 2 January SS. Basil, The Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors	1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-25 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Thu, 3 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Fri, 4 January	1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42 All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Sat, 5 January St. John Neumann CSsR., Bishop	1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51 Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)  
 Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm  
 Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)  
 Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS  
 Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY  
 Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS  
 Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION  
 English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm  
 Mandarin: 2.30pm  
 Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION  
 Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)  
 6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

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## New Year Mass Times

New Year's Eve – 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Praise & Worship at 10pm.  
Mass at 10.30pm

New Year's Day – 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019  
Mass at 8am & 6.30pm

Please take note that there will be **No** lunch-time Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 being public holiday.

## Closure of Church Reception

Please take note of the operating hours for the Reception on the following days :

31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 : 9am to 1pm  
1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 : Closed

## Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 13<sup>th</sup> January at 12 noon.



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You may use the following steps if you would like to make a donation electronically or via a cashless method.



You may wish to donate to the following:

Please scan the QR-Code that corresponds with your intention:

### 1. Maintenance of the Church

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Maintenance Fund



### 2. Redemptorist Seminary

The training of Redemptorists (Priests and Brothers) is not under the care of the Archdiocese of Singapore. Redemptorists, as well as all Religious Congregations, are financially independent of the Archdiocese. We see to the financial expenses of our own candidates to the priesthood and religious life. You may like to give a donation to the formation of Redemptorists by scanning the QR-Code below:

Redemptorist Seminary



### 3. Redemptorist Community

The Redemptorist Community rely on your contribution for our daily upkeep of the community and other mission initiatives outside Novena Church. You may like to contribute to the Redemptorist Community by scanning the QR-Code below:

Redemptorist Community

