



## ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD—YEAR A

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 29:1-2,3-4,9-10

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Acts 10:34-38

Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

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The Baptism of the Lord reminds us of who Jesus is and what He came to do. He walks into the Jordan River, not because He needs to, but to show us the way. This moment tells us that Jesus is ready to serve. He stands with us, not above us. It also highlights the work of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and mission. When Jesus is baptized, the Spirit descends upon Him like a dove. This shows that the Spirit gives Him the strength and power to carry out His mission.

In the second reading, we hear how Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit to bring peace and healing. The Spirit was with Jesus every step of the way. This reminds us that the Holy Spirit is with us too, guiding us in our daily lives. The Holy Spirit helps us to make good choices and to stay faithful to God. Through prayer and the sacraments, we can grow closer to the Spirit and receive the strength we need. We are encouraged to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and trust in His guidance.

Let us answer his call to follow His example in bringing light, love, and hope to the world. May these reflections inspire us to live faithfully and share Christ's light with others.

**At home with the Word:**

Parents, grandparents and guardians are encouraged to share their faith journey with their children. If they remember any of the sacraments they received or how they felt when their children were baptised.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How can you help others experience the light of Christ?
2. What does "living in righteousness" mean in your life?
3. What role does the Holy Spirit play in your faith journey?

## SECOND COLLECTION

Let's support our priests' future well-being. A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## CHANGE IN MASS TIME

The daily Mass on **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> January** will be celebrated at 12.15pm instead of 5.30pm.

## HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

Holy Hour for Vocations will take place on **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January** after the daily Mass. Let's pray for God's guidance and inspiration for those considering priesthood, diaconate, or religious life. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord.

## REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS CLASSES 2026

Registration for Religious Classes will be on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> February** after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Hall. Registration fee is at \$25 per child. This will be followed by Parents' General Assembly.

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

## REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

**SCHEDULE:** Every THIRD week of the month.

### REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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## RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

## ORDINATION TO THE SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS

We are delighted to announce our seminarian, KAREL ANAK TINGANG, will be called to the Order of Deacon (Transitional) on **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, at 5.00pm** at our Parish.

Karel has completed his ecclesiastical studies in Philosophy (2016-2020) at San Carlos Seminary, Makati, Philippines and in Theology (2021-2025) at St Francis Xavier Major Seminary, Singapore.

Let us offer our prayerful support as he continue his sacred journey of service to the Church in the Apostolic Vicariate in Brunei Darussalam.

DATE	TIME	READINGS
<b>12 January—Monday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>12.15pm (Mass)</b>	1 Sam 1: 1-8 Mk 1: 14-20
<b>13 January—Tuesday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>5.30pm (Mass)</b>	1 Sam 1: 9-20 Mk 1: 21-28
<b>14 January—Wednesday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>5.30pm (Mass)</b>  6.15pm (Holy Hour)	1 Sam 3: 1-10, 19-20 Mk 1: 29-39
<b>15 January—Thursday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>5.30pm (Mass)</b>	1 Sam 4: 1-11 Mk 1: 40-45
<b>16 January—Friday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>12.15pm (Mass)</b>	1 Sam 8: 4-7 Mk 2: 1-12
<b>17 January—Saturday</b> 1st Week, Ordinary Time	<b>5.30pm (Mass)</b>  6.15pm (Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)	1 Sam 9: 1-4, 17-19, 10: 1 Mk 2: 13-17
<b>18 January—Sunday</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	<b>9.00am (Mass)</b>  <b>6.00pm (Mass)</b>	Is 49: 3, 5-6 1 Cor 1: 1-3 Jn 1: 29-34