

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

DAY/ DATE	SAINTS	LIT.	TIME	READINGS
Mon, 19 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - 1 Sam 15: 16-23 G - Mk 2: 18-22</i>
Tue, 20 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Sebastian, Martyr</i>	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - 1 Sam 16: 1-13 G - Mk 2: 23-28</i>
Wed, 21 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Agnes, Virgin & Martyr</i>	Mass Novena	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<i>R1 - 1 Sam 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51 G - Mk 3: 1-6</i>
Thu, 22 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Vincent, Deacon & Martyr</i>	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - 1 Sam 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7 G - Mk 3: 7-12</i>
Fri, 23 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Mass HHR/DM	12:15pm 12:45pm	<i>R1 - 1 Sam 24: 3-21 G - Mk 3: 13-19</i>
Sat, 24 Jan. '26	SECOND WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Francis De Sales, Bishop & Doctor</i>	Sunset Mass	6:30 pm	<i>All Souls Readings R1 - 2 Sam 1:11-12, 14, 19, 23-27 G - Mk 3: 20-21</i>
Sun, 25 Jan. '26	<u>SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD / THIRD SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME</u>	Eng. Mass Eng. Mass Eng. Mass	7:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	<i>R1 - Is 8: 23 - 9: 3 R2 - 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17 G - Mt 4: 12-23</i>



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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6

In this passage there is a presumption that the servant of the Lord is discouraged by the fruitlessness of his mission. God's response is to broaden the scope of that mission to include the gentiles. The servant is given the name 'Israel', because now he is taking on much more than the call and characteristics of the traditional, historic prophets. He is personifying now the true loyal People of God in its acceptance of God's word and its obedience to it, and he also must summon those in need of it in Israel to repentance and restoration.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 1-3

In this passage Paul establishes his apostolic authority as being, by virtue of a divine call, 'called to be an apostle'. He uses the word Church in the sense of the local church, the 'assembly of the Lord' in Corinth. 'Holy people in Christ' means that, through their baptism they are set apart and belong to the Body of Christ. Christians are holy just as Israel was holy, that is set apart, by divine election, from all the peoples of the earth. 'Grace and peace', a common phrase in the Pauline letters, may reflect an early liturgical greeting.

GOSPEL

John 1: 29-34

After the prologue to the Gospel we hear from John the Baptist what he himself is not and for whom he is preparing the way. In this passage we have the positive side of John's testimony, in which he identifies Jesus according to his role: 'the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world'. The Baptist also affirms the pre-existence of Jesus: 'he ranks before me because he existed before me', but only after he had baptized him did John recognized Jesus as the Messiah 'the one on whom you see the Spirit come down'.

<u>Month</u>	<u>2023 (\$)</u>	<u>2024 (\$)</u>	<u>Variance (\$)</u>
December	38,863.30	41,178.00	2,314.70
<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2024 (\$)</u>	<u>2025 (\$)</u>	<u>VARIANCE (\$)</u>
January	23,320.17	25,112.00	1,791.83
February	29,784.12	24,493.00	(5,291.12)
March	43,208.48	36,663.00	(6,545.48)
April	24,412.08	37,669.00	13,256.92
May	29,288.68	24,797.00	(4,491.68)
June	29,959.20	30,326.00	366.80
July	22,667.20	25,439.50	2,772.30
August	25,422.35	32,290.00	6,867.65
September	30,996.90	25,416.00	(5,580.90)
October	23,233.74	23,312.00	78.26
November	30,260.60	35,203.70	4,943.10
December	41,178.00	49,290.20	8,112.20

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Last week's collections are as follows:

Friday Mass: \$702.00

W/end collections: \$4,825.00

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$5,527.00

Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

DONATIONS

If you want to donate, please do as follows: Cheque to be made payable to: **Vicar Apostolic of Kuching (BSB)** OR you may bank in directly to our **Baiduri Bank Account No.: 0200110426070**.

Please call or Whatsapp us at **+6732222261** once you have made your deposit and send us a picture of the deposit..

INFANT BAPTISM

The first Infant Baptism in 2026 will take place on **Friday, 30th January at 9:00 a.m.** And the on-line baptism seminar will be held on **Wednesday, 28th January** starting at **7:00 p.m.**

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Brother **Karel Tingang**, our Seminarian will be **Ordained to the Diaconate on Monday, 23rd February** with the Mass starting at **5:00 pm in St. John's Church, Kuala Belait**.

Let us pray for him, that he may be a faithful and humble servant in imitation of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve.

2026 MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)

MPC-1: 28th & 29th Jan.

MPC-2: 29th & 30th Apr.

MPC-3: 29th & 30th Jul.

MPC-4: 28th & 29th Oct.

Above is the schedule for the MPC for **2026**. Please note that the MPC is one of the pre-requisites for a Catholic Marriage. If you are intending to get married sometime soon, please make an appointment with the Parish Priest to register for the above-mentioned course and also to give the date of your intending marriage.

CATECHISM CLASSES

2026 Catechism classes will resume on the following dates:

Friday Classes: 23rd Jan

Saturday Classes: 24th Jan

Sunday Classes: 25th Jan

Parents who have not registered your child/children may still do so at the Catechetical office. Registration fee is **\$30.00** per child which includes the activity book.

CATECHIST'S RETREAT

A Catechist's 2-Day Retreat will be conducted in COLA this weekend, **Saturday, 17th January & Sunday, 18th January**. All Catechists are expected to attend this retreat.

SPECIAL MASS FOR COLA LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

There will be a Special Mass on **Sunday, 25th January 2026** starting at **12:00 noon**. This Mass is for all the members of the Liturgical Ministries of COLA parish: Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Sacristans, Choir members, Altar Servers, Readers/Commentators, Wardens, Art & Environment, Social Com, Audio/Visual Group.

After Mass, you are all invited for a **fellowship** in the **Parish Hall** where you can mingle with one another.

WEEKEND MASS HYMNS

Entrance Hymn: - #604

Kyrie: - #1

Gloria: - #2

Responsorial Psalm - #41

Ps 40: Here I am

Gospel Acclamation - #3 (v1)

NICENE CREED: - recited

Offertory: - notes

Holy, Holy, Holy - #5

Memorial Acclam. - #6

We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord, And Profess Your Resurrection Until You Come Again.

Amen - #9

The Lord's Prayer - #163

Lamb of God - #10

Communion Hymns - #804

- #832

Recessional Hymn - #368

Parishioners Are Reminded To Move Your Vehicle Immediately After The Mass If You Are Blocking Other Cars.