



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Reading I: Genesis 12:1-4;

Reading II: 2 Timothy 1:8-10.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.

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Gospel Summary

The second Sunday of Lent always gives us an account of the transfiguration. Jesus asked Peter, James and John to go with him to the mountain top. While they were there, Jesus was transfigured and became dazzling white before them. Along with Jesus stood Moses and Elijah. The voice of God announced that Jesus was his son and that all should listen to him. The disciples were frightened, but Jesus calmed them. When Peter, James and John looked up, Jesus was the only one left . . . the one to whom we need to listen.

Reflection for Families

Children adapt to change. They love the excitement of something new. As parents, however, we'd like to slow down the changes we see - changes in our community, our jobs, government, and even the changes in our growing children. As it was for the disciples, it's hard sometimes for us to understand and accept things changing in front of our eyes. However, change and constant motion are part of the divine plan as we journey to God. Today, instead of digging in our heels to slow the change, try lightening your heart as a child and accept with joy, the changes you face.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Consider your community, family, relatives, and people at work or school. Who is struggling right now because of a recent change? How is this change darkening their world? Once you have identified the person (or people) and their situation, think of one way as a family you can be a light to them. Our action is our response to listening to Jesus.

Discussion Starters

1. I know the reason I am reluctant to accept change. The reason is . . .
2. One action I will take this week to better accept change is . . .
3. I witnessed a kind of transfiguration when . . .

SECOND COLLECTION

As a Parish community, one of our corporal works of mercy during Lent is to have a second collection at all Masses. Each person is requested to contribute at least B\$1. Please do not give coins.

BREAKFAST SALE

Please come and support the breakfast sale every Sunday after the 9am Mass throughout the month.

CHANGE IN MASS TIME

Please take note that the daily Mass from Monday, 2nd March to Wednesday, 4th March will be at 12:15pm and not at 5:30pm.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

The Service will be held on Monday, 2nd March at the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Seria (COOL) and Tuesday, 3rd March at St. John's Church, Kuala Belait (SJC). Time is from 4—6pm and 7—9pm.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS AND THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be on Friday, 6th March and the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be on Saturday, 7th March. Both will be recited after the 5.30pm Mass. There will be NO Holy Hour on Wednesday, 4th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be said after the 5:30pm daily Mass every Friday during Lent.

LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

Please return the envelope with your contribution on Palm Sunday, 29th March.

MID-TERM ELECTION NOMINATIONS

We will have mid-term election nominations today, 1st March and next Sunday, 8th March. This is to allow the nominated candidates to shadow the current group of PPC members and their delegates. Learning and listening to where God calls them to be. We urge you to continue to pray for individuals and even for yourself, who you feel should take a leading role in the Church. Note that the current members and delegates are not eligible to be nominated in this round.

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

VICARIATE 30-HOUR FAMINE 2026

The Famine will be held at the Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception, Seria (COOL) from Friday, 13th March to Sunday, 15th March.

This is a stay-in program, open to youths aged 12 years and above. The registration fee is \$20 per person. The last date to register is Sunday, 8th March. This is the link to register:

<https://bit.ly/30hourfamine2026>

DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>2 MARCH—Monday 2nd week of Lent LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—COOL</p>	<p>12.15pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Dan 9: 4-10 Lk 6: 36-38</p>
<p>3 MARCH—Tuesday 2nd week of Lent LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—SJC</p>	<p>12.15pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Is 1: 10, 16-20 Mt 23: 1-12</p>
<p>4 MARCH—Wednesday 2nd week of Lent LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE—COLA</p>	<p>12.15pm (Mass) <i>NO Holy Hour</i></p>	<p>Jer 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28</p>
<p>5 MARCH—Thursday 2nd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Jer 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31</p>
<p>6 MARCH—Friday 2nd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) Followed by the Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Gen 37: 3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Mt 21: 33-43, 45-46</p>
<p>7 MARCH—Saturday 2nd week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) Followed by the Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary</p>	<p>Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32</p>
<p>8 March—Sunday <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i></p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Ex 17: 3-7 Rom 5: 1-2, 5-8 Jn 4: 5-42</p>