



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A

Reading I: Wis 12: 13, 16-19

Reading II: Rom 8: 26-27

Gospel: Mt 13: 24-43

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Gospel Summary

This Gospel is a way of explaining why there is good and evil in the world today. As Jesus explained in the parable, the weeds (or evil) are allowed to grow with the wheat (or good). Only at the harvest (the end time) would God separate the good from the evil just as the farmer will separate the wheat from the weeds in Jesus' parable.

Reflection for Families

How do we answer our children when they ask why bad things happen to good people? This parable of the wheat and the weeds may be a way of explaining why God allows evil, like the weeds, to grow next to goodness in our world today. Evil will not really be gone until the fullness of God's Kingdom.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Try as a family to think about why God allows weeds to grow among the wheat in today's Gospel story. Either by looking through the newspaper, or sharing news about people in your own community, family or neighborhood, think about where weeds are growing. Consider ways that as a family you can help control the spreading of these weeds. What actions will you take?

Discussion Starters

1. Even though there are weeds in my life, I try to plant good seeds of wheat by . . .
2. One kind of weed this Gospel helps me understand better is . . . because . . .
3. One time that I saw something very small yield something very large was when . . .

- **SECOND COLLECTION**

A second collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Church and its grounds. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

- **BIBLE SUNDAY ACTIVITIES**

Let's Celebrate God's Word Together! The Sunday School Committee is organizing a Parent-Child Bible Reading and Quiz today, 19 July, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Attendance is compulsory for all Sunday School and Friday Class students. This will be the preliminary round, and those who qualify will advance to the Grand Final next Sunday.

- **SYNODALITY SURVEY / SINODALITI TINJAUAN - Your Voice Matters**

We are now on week 3 which is about the Mass and Sacraments. We value your honest opinions and we will be discussing it at our "Night of Dialogue" on Wednesday, 5 August. You may use the QR code or go to www.menti.com and enter the code 3890 4109 for week 3.



- **SEMINAR DALAM BAHASA—PENYEMBUHAN DALAM ROH KUDUS**

Seminar dalam Bahasa akan diadakan dari Jumaat, 7 Ogos hingga Ahad, 9 Ogos, dan akan diakhiri dengan Misa Kudus pada jam 6.00 petang. Yuran pendaftaran ialah B\$30 seorang bagi peserta berumur 11 tahun ke atas. Sila imbas kod QR pada poster yang dipamerkan di hadapan Gereja untuk mendaftar.



- **PIANO AND SLIDES OPERATION FOR MASS AND DEVOTIONS**

We are currently seeking volunteers to operate the piano and presentation slides during the Sunday Masses as well as for Holy Hour on Wednesdays and Novenas on Fridays and Saturdays. If you are interested in serving, please contact the Parish Office or approach one of the piano and slides operations on duty. Training will be provided.

DONATION

Cheque to be made payable to: Vicar Apostolic of Kuching (KB)
OR bank in to Baiduri Bank Account: 03 02 110 426070.

After payment, please WhatsApp us at +6738348855 and send picture of transaction. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 AND CHILDREN 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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DATE	TIME	READINGS
20 JULY—Monday 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Mic 6: 1-4, 6-8 Mt 12: 38-42
21 JULY—Tuesday 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Mic 7: 14-15, 18-20 Mt 12: 46-50
22 JULY—Wednesday St. Mary Magdalene (Feast) 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) HOLY HOUR	Song 3: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-2, 11-18
23 JULY—Thursday 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Jer 2: 1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Mt 13: 10-17
24 JULY—Friday 16th Week in Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	Jer 3: 14-17 Mt 13: 18-23
25 JULY—Saturday St. James, Apostle (Feast) 16th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> <i>Followed by Daily Mass</i>	2 Cor 4: 7-15 Mt 20: 20-28
26 JULY—Sunday World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	1 Kgs 3: 5, 7-12 Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 13: 44-52