



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Is 22: 19-23

Reading II: Rom 11: 33-36

Gospel: Mt 16: 13-20

Revised Roman Missal: 553

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Gospel Summary

Jesus told his apostles about the suffering he would endure. Peter, speaking for the group, simply couldn't believe that the great Messiah who would save Israel would have to go through such degrading events. Peter was thinking only in human terms and not about God's ways.

Reflection for Families

Like most parents, we try to protect our children from life's crushing blows, or at least hold them off as long as possible. It hurts us to see our children suffer disappointments, rejections, losses or defeats. Sometimes the easier choice is the one that goes unnoticed. For example, a teen pregnancy that ends in abortion receives less attention than carrying the baby full term. Or not trying out for the position of pitcher is easier than having fans watch five walks in a row. Our children need our presence and support when they make the hard choices. We know from our own lives that they will grow from their experiences.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Think of someone your family knows personally (or someone you've heard about) who may be feeling lonely because they made a tough choice. Maybe they are recovering from addiction, raising a baby alone, or left a difficult relationship. Reach out to that person as a family either by visiting them, inviting them to dinner, sending them a card, or writing a letter. Help support them in their tough decision.

Discussion Starters

1. Once I remember trying to help (like Peter) but said the wrong thing. Now that I look back, it would have been better to say...
2. A cross I bear in following Jesus is...
3. I think one of the hardest situations to suffer through and one that requires the most courage is...

♦ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses for the Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generosity.

♦ **VICARIATE PPC ASSEMBLY**

COOL Parish will host the Vicariate PPC Assembly on Tuesday, 25 August at 9:15 am, reflecting on the fruits of the 2021– 2024 Synod on Synodality and its call to a missionary and synodal Church. Please keep all participants in your prayers, that the Holy Spirit may guide them with wisdom, unity, and openness to God's will.

♦ **NO MASS IN SJC**

Please take note that there will be NO Mass at SJC on Tuesday, 25 August due to the Vicariate PPC Assembly.

♦ **HOLY HOUR FOR DEACON KAREL'S PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION**

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Holy Hour on Wednesday, 26 August after the daily Mass, as we spiritually prepare for the sacred milestone of Deacon Karel's priesthood ordination.

♦ **CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM (CLP)**

St John's Church, together with Couples for Christ Community, would like to invite all individuals and couples to attend CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM starting on Saturday, 5 September 2026 at 7:30 pm at St John's Parish Hall.

This is a series of talks with the goal of fostering a stronger connection with God and integrating participants into a supportive Christian community. For more details, kindly view poster at the Notice board in front of the Church.

♦ **VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP DAY 2026**

St John's Parish will be hosting the Vicariate Friendship Day 2026, which will be held on Sunday, 27 September, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the St. John's School Multipurpose Hall.

We are inviting all Grade 3-6 Sunday School Students to join. Please register using the following: <https://forms.gle/kRJ6kGMo5sVjdFXR7>. Kindly note that registration closes on Wednesday, 2 September 2026. We look forward to a joyful day of faith, friendship, and fun as we celebrate our theme, "Friends in Christ, United in Love."

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
24 AUGUST—Monday ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE (FEAST)	5.30pm (Mass)	Rev 21: 9-14 Jn 1: 45-51
25 AUGUST—Tuesday 21st Week in Ordinary Time	NO Mass at SJC	2 Thes 2: 1-3, 14-17, Mt 23: 23-26
26 AUGUST—Wednesday 21st Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	2 Thes 3: 6-10, 16-18 Mt 23: 27-32
27 AUGUST—Thursday 21st Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	1 Cor 1: 1-9 Mt 24: 42-51
28 AUGUST—Friday 21st Week in Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	1 Cor 1: 17-25 Mt 25: 1-13
29 AUGUST—Saturday 21st Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> <i>Followed by Daily Mass</i>	Jer 1: 17-19 Mk 6: 17-29
30 AUGUST—Sunday 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	Jer 20: 7-9 Rom 12: 1-2 Mt 16: 21-27