



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Ecclus 27: 30—28: 7

Reading II: Rom 14: 7-9

Gospel: Mt 18: 21-35

Revised Roman Missal: 559

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Gospel Summary

This great story illustrates God's tremendous love for us. In the story a servant (someone like us) owed an incomprehensible sum of money (our sinfulness) to a king (God). The servant begged for time to repay the debt. The king, out of love and compassion, forgave the entire debt. But the sad ending of the story described the servant's inability to forgive another person's much smaller debt.

Reflection for Families

This is an easy gospel for parents to understand. We are called to love one another and forgive one another just as God loves and forgives us. Just as God loves us unconditionally, we freely love our children. They return this love, not out of fear or obligation. They love us because we love them.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As you watch television this week or see movies, notice how many times the theme of forgiveness is used in the media. Rethink the story's ending. What if forgiveness had not taken place? Share your ideas with one another. How would the world be different if we didn't forgive one another? Talk about times forgiveness has made a difference in your own lives.

Discussion Starters

1. I try not to make the same mistakes twice, but there is one person who has had to forgive me for the same thing more than once...
2. I know the power the servant felt over the second servant. Sometimes I feel more powerful when someone owes me something. I had this feeling when...
3. It feels good to be generous like the king. One time I remember especially is...

♦ **SECOND COLLECTION**

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in support of the Tunggulian Christian Memorial Park Fund.

♦ **MULTICULTURAL—BAHASA BREAKFAST SALE**

Please come and support our breakfast sale led by our Bahasa multicultural group after the 9.00am Mass. All proceeds (including costs and profits) will be offered to the church.

The purpose of this activity is to help the church in a form of financial charity and also to unite and encourage each group to showcase their culture through food.

♦ **HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

The Holy Hour next Wednesday, 16 September after the daily Mass will be offered for prayers for the sick – Physically, Emotionally, Spiritually. This is an opportunity for us to pray for ourselves; for our family members; friends who may be afflicted in different ways.

♦ **EXAMINATION MASS**

On Wednesday, 23 September, the 5.30pm daily Mass will be dedicated to pray for those sitting for the upcoming public and school examinations. This will be followed by Holy Hour. All students, their parents and guardians are encouraged to attend.

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
14 SEPTEMBER—Monday THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (FEAST)	5.30pm (Mass)	Num 21: 4-9 Jn 3: 13-17
15 SEPTEMBER—Tuesday 24th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Heb 5: 7-9 Jn 19: 25-27
16 SEPTEMBER—Wednesday 24th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	1 Cor 12: 31—13: 13 Lk 7: 31-35
17 SEPTEMBER—Thursday 24th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	1 Cor 15: 1-11 Lk 7: 36-50
18 SEPTEMBER—Friday 24th Week in Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	1 Cor 15: 12-20 Lk 8: 1-3
19 SEPTEMBER—Saturday 24th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> <i>Followed by Daily Mass</i>	1 Cor 15: 35-37, 42-49 Lk 8: 4-15
20 SEPTEMBER—Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	Is 55: 6-9 Phil 1: 20-24, 27 Mt 20: 1-16