



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Is 55: 6-9

Reading II: Phil 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: Mt 20: 1-16

Revised Roman Missal: 563

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Gospel Summary

The vineyard owner hired five groups of laborers. Each subsequent group began work later in the day. When the owner hired the first group, they agreed on a fair wage. At the end of the day, he called in the workers and began paying them, the last ones first. Of course, the early morning crew saw the later ones getting a full day's wage and excitedly anticipated a bonus for themselves. When they were paid, they received only the negotiated amount. "It's not fair!" was their cry.

Reflection for Families

How many times a day do our children point out that someone got more than they did? Enough, I'm sure, for us to know that today's Gospel illustrates a human response! But our human ways are not God's ways. God's generosity is sometimes beyond our understanding. But imagine what a world it would be if we rejoiced in generosity and good fortune of others.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make a list of the gifts God has given your family. They may be things that you can see and touch, or they may be intangible gifts like character, health, or intelligence. Ask yourselves: Do you think your family has more gifts than some other families? Do all the gifts have to have material value? Are there some families you know who have gifts that can't be measured in dollars and cents? What does all this say to you about God's generosity?

Discussion Starters

1. I remember once giving someone something (or doing something for them) without a specific reason. I remember feeling...
2. I can remember an incident where someone got something I didn't. It was when...
3. Once I got a full day's wage for only working part of the day. I think there is a connection between that time and this gospel because...

♦ SECOND COLLECTION

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

♦ 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.

SYNODAL JOURNEY: WALKING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

What can we do:

1. Recognize that we are one Global Family: Even during hard crises, believers from every nation are connected on a spiritual journey through life.
2. Learn to listen: Being a true Church means we need to stop and listen to each other, identify the need to learn from God, from each other, and even from people outside the Church who are searching for truth.
3. Allow ourselves to be changed by the faith of others:
We could gain new insights together to take the next steps

SYNOD TIMELINE

Phase 1: Listening & Discernment (2021–2024)

Oct 2021: Journey begins in Rome with Pope Francis.

2021–2022: Local parishes share voices and ideas.

Jan–Mar 2023: Continental regions hold assemblies.

Oct 2023: First global assembly session in Rome.

Oct 2024: Final global assembly session in Rome.

Phase 2: Action and Reflection (2025–2028)

Mid 2025–2026: Dioceses test new community practices locally.

Early 2027: Local groups review their progress.

Late 2027: National conferences share pastoral reports.

Early 2028: Global evaluations go to the Vatican.

Oct 2028: Final ecclesial assembly in Rome.

Pope Leo XIV's prayer intention for September 2026

For the care of water, inviting people worldwide to pray for a just and sustainable management of this vital resource so that everyone has equal access to it.

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
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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
21 SEPTEMBER—Monday ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (Feast)	5.30pm (Mass)	Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 Mt 9: 9-13
22 SEPTEMBER—Tuesday 25th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Prov 21: 1-6, 10-13 Lk 8: 19-21
23 SEPTEMBER—Wednesday 25th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Pro 30: 5-9 Lk 9: 1-6
24 SEPTEMBER—Thursday 25th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass)	Eccl 1: 2-11 Lk 9: 7-9
25 SEPTEMBER—Friday 25th Week in Ordinary Time	12.15pm (Mass)	Eccl 3: 1-11 Lk 9: 18-22
26 SEPTEMBER—Saturday 25th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> <i>Followed by Daily Mass</i>	Eccl 11: 9—12: 8 Lk 9: 43-45
27 SEPTEMBER—Sunday 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)	Ez 18: 25-28 Phil 2: 1-11 Mt 21: 28-32