

SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

DAY/ DATE	SAINTS	LIT.	TIME	READINGS
Mon, 21 Sep. '26	ST. MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - Eph 4: 1-7, 11-13 G - Mt 9: 9-13</i>
Tue, 22 Sep. '26	25TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - Prov 21: 1-6, 10-13 G - Lk 8: 19-21</i>
Wed, 23 Sep. '26	25TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest</i>	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - Pro 30: 5-9 G - Lk 9: 1-6</i>
Thu, 24 Sep. '26	25TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Mass	6:00 pm	<i>R1 - Eccl 1: 2-11 G - Lk 9: 7-9</i>
Fri, 25 Sep. '26	25TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME	Mass DM	12:15 pm 12:45 pm	<i>R1 - Eccl 3: 1-11 G - Lk 9: 18-22</i>
Sat, 26 Sep. '26	25TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME, <i>Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs</i>	Mass	6:30 pm	<u><i>Saturday Reading</i></u> <i>R1 - Eccl 11: 9 - 12: 8 G - Lk 9: 43-46</i>
Sun, 27 Sep. '26	TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME	Eng. Mass Eng. Mass Eng. Mass	7:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 pm	<i>R1 - Ez 18: 25-28 R2 - Phil 2: 1-11 G - Mt 23: 28-32</i>



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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY, ORDINARY TIME - A

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55: 6-9

There are two central concerns in this reading, namely the human response of conversion and the unfathomable ways of the compassion of God. The human response is described variously as seeking, calling, abandoning former ways and patterns of thinking. If the depths of the divine compassion cannot be sounded by human reasoning, some symbol of the distance between heaven and earth must stand as a reminder of the gulf separating the divine and human ways of loving.

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Paul is in prison for the sake of the Gospel, and calmly faces the prospect of his own death. He writes with quiet joy to the Philippians, probably his favourite converts, assuring them that whatever the outcome, he is at peace, since God will be glorified either by his death or by his continuing ministry. Indeed, for the apostle himself, death would be preferable, since it will lead unfailingly to a share in the resurrection.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20: 1-16

The setting of the story reflects the reality of unemployment and the glutted labour-market of Galilee at the time of Jesus, a system whereby the landless labourer was dependent for a day's wages (denarius) on the land-owner who had the pick of the workers. What transforms this scene of daily dependence into gospel is that the land-owner does the unthinkable and keeps offering a day's work and wages to all comers. In the ministry of Jesus, the parable was most likely a defence of his offer of kingdom fellowship to the outcasts and socially alienated.

Blessed Are Those Who Turn OFF Mobile Phones in Church ~~ They Have Answered The Right Call!!!!!!

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>2025 (\$)</u>	<u>2026 (\$)</u>	<u>VARIANCE (\$)</u>
January	25,112.00	26,264.55	1,152.55
February	24,493.00	27,502.60	3,009.60
March	36,663.00	31,531.00	(5,132.00)
April	37,669.00	33,278.00	(4,391.00)
May	24,797.00	30,887.00	6,090.00
June	30,326.00	27,983.00	(2,343.00)
July	25,439.50	28,715.30	3,275.80
August	32,290.00	29,620.00	(2,670.00)
September	25,416.00		
October	23,312.00		
November	35,203.70		
December	49,290.20		

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

Last week's collections are as follows:

Friday Noon Mass: \$280.00

W/end collections: \$4,818.00

TOTAL RECEIVED: \$5,098.00

Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

DONATIONS

If you want to donate, please do as follows: Cheque to be made payable to: **Vicar Apostolic of Kuching (BSB) OR** you may bank in directly to our **Baiduri Bank Account No.: 0200110426070.**

Please call or Whatsapp us at +6732222261 once you have made your deposit and send us a picture of the deposit.. Please indicate what you are donating for or making payment for.

INFANT BAPTISM

The next Infant Baptism will take place on **Friday, 25th September at 9:00 a.m.** And the on-line baptism seminar will be held on **Wednesday, 23rd September** starting at **7:00 p.m.**

RCIA 2026/2027

New classes for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults 2026/2027 will start on the dates mentioned below:

***Bahasa - started** (ctc: Raymond, 8656737; Sharon - 7287088)

***Chinese - started** (ctc: Luke - 8754511)

***English - started** (ctc: Angela - 8719921; Shenton - 8630795)

If you know of anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic faith, please bring them to one of the above language classes.

VICARIATE FRIENDSHIP

DAY 2026

For those who have registered for the above event next Sunday (27th September, please be informed that the bus will leave COLA at **6:30 a.m. for SJC, Kuala Belait.** After the event the bus will leave SJC at **5:00 p.m. for COLA.** Parents can pick up their children by 6:30 p.m. the earliest.

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 2026

The International Food Fair (IFF) is a yearly event and will take place on **Sunday, 4th October 2026** in COLA parish compound, starting from **7:30am to 1:30pm.** Food coupons to purchase food on that day is now available at **BS10.00** per booklet of 10 coupons from the various groups in COLA. Please be informed that there will be **NO** cash sales. There will be lots of food available, and also lots of **lucky draws.** Please come and support this event as **all proceeds will go towards the Vocation / Seminarian Fund.** Your usual support will be much appreciated. ***Please note that on the day of the IFF, other vendors are not allowed to sell unless approved by the committee concerned. Only participating vendors can sell.**

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a **second collection next weekend (26/27 Sept.)** for the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SSVP) Fund. This fund is for the poor and needy in COLA parish, which includes paying school fees for those studying in St. George's School.

WORLD CHILDREN'S DAY

There will be a Holy Hour and Rosary for the World Children 100 Year Mission on **Friday, 16th October** starting at **3:00 p.m..** The theme for this event is ***"One Million Children Praying the Rosary Worldwide for World Peace."***

WEEKEND MASS HYMNS

Entrance Hymn: - #636
 Kyrie: - #1
 Gloria: - #2
 Responsorial Psalm - *notes*
Ps145: The Lord is near
 Gospel Acclamation - #3 (v3)
 NICENE CREED: - *recited*
 Offertory: - *notes*
 Holy, Holy, Holy - #5
 Memorial Acclaim. - #8
Save Us (2x), Saviour Of The World, For By Your Cross And Resurrection You Have Set Us Free.
 Amen - #9
 The Lord's Prayer - #163
 Lamb of God - #10
 Communion Hymns - *notes*
 - #688
 Recessional Hymn - #558

Parishioners Are Reminded To Move Your Vehicle Immediately After The Mass If You Are Blocking Other Cars.