



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Isaiah 25: 6-10;

Reading II: Philippians 4: 12-14, 19-20;

Gospel: Matthew 22: 1-14.

Revised Roman Missal: 574

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Gospel Summary

Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Invite someone you know who has been away from the Church for a while, maybe a family member, a neighbor, co-worker or classmate to come to Mass with you this weekend (or sometime soon). Help them remember the joy of receiving Eucharist at the Lord's table by reaching out to them in love free from judgment.

Discussion Starters

1. I remember a time I received an invitation and did not go. Later I learned something about the event and regretted my decision because...
2. Once I was really hurt when someone refused my invitation...
3. I know that sometimes I am like the first people invited to the wedding celebration. I makes excuses to God when I...

♦ SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend in support of the Tunggulian Christian Memorial Park Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity and faithful support.

♦ DEDICATED HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK

The Holy hour, after the daily Mass at 5.30pm on Wednesday, 14th October is dedicated for praying for those who are sick—physically, mentally and emotionally and those with terminal illnesses. Everyone is encouraged to spend some time with the Lord in prayer. Rosary will be incorporated in the Holy Hour.

♦ NOMINATIONS FOR 2027-2028 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Following the first round of nominations earlier this year, the second round will be conducted online and in paper forms at the Masses on Sunday, 18 & 25 October. Please start praying and discerning about your choice of candidates.

NOMINEE CRITERIA: 18 years and above, Baptized & Confirmed Catholic, Firm in Faith / Good Conduct, Good Moral Standing, Willingness to Serve, Love the Church, Have basic knowledge about the Church and its teachings, has Leadership Quality & Team Player.

♦ CHANGE IN DAILY MASS TIME

During the Month of October, daily Mass will be celebrated at 6.00pm, except for when there is a Holy Hour.

♦ PRAY FOR YOUR LOVED ONES

Envelopes will be provided at the Church entrance for you to write the names of your deceased loved ones, who will be remembered in our prayers during All Souls Day. Please return your envelopes with the names neatly written in block letters by Friday, 30th October. Offering amount is \$10 for up to 10 names.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE 2026

There is a promise of marriage between

Mr. JASON SIA TECK WEI and Ms. KRISTINE JOCELYN ANAK AWANG KIAI



*If anyone knows of any reason why this marriage should not take place,
kindly notify the Parish Priest at the Parish Office as soon as possible.*



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
12 OCTOBER—Monday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Gal 4: 22-24, 26-27, 31—5: 1 Lk 11: 29-32
13 OCTOBER—Tuesday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Gal 5: 1-6 Lk 11: 37-41
14 OCTOBER—Wednesday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) 6.00pm (Rosary) <i>HOLY HOUR</i>	Gal 5: 18-25 Lk 11: 42-46
15 OCTOBER—Thursday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Eph 1: 1-10 Lk 11: 47-54
16 OCTOBER—Friday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Eph 1: 11-14 Lk 12: 1-7
17 OCTOBER—Saturday 28th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help) 6.00pm (Mass) 6.30pm (Rosary)	Eph 1: 15-23 Lk 12: 8-12
18 OCTOBER—Sunday 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MISSION SUNDAY	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass) <i>Rosary will be recited half an hour before Mass</i>	Is 45: 1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5 Mt 22: 15-21