



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Isaiah 5: 1-7;

Reading II: Philippians 4: 6-9;

Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43.

Revised Roman Missal: 570

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Gospel Summary

Using a parable, Jesus got the Jewish leaders to admit their error. He described a vineyard owner (God) who sent slaves (prophets) to collect his share of the harvest from the tenants (Jewish leaders). But the tenants killed the slaves. The landowner sent more slaves, but the tenants killed them, too. Finally the owner sent his son (Jesus). Of course, they killed the son. Jesus summarized his point by telling the chief priests and elders that what they had rejected (their place in the kingdom) would now be given to the Gentiles.

Reflection for Families

God has given us a great harvest in our children. The harvest may not be perfect or a bumper crop in all ways, but nevertheless, the harvest is a precious gift from God. Like the greedy tenants, there are things in our lives that would take us away from our responsibilities to our children. What are the things we give in to and how have we justified their interference? Perhaps it is our job. Of course, we need to support our families, but is our lifestyle worth a trade-off in the amount of time we spend with our children? Do our friends, hobbies, ambitions sometimes get in the way of family time? Today's gospel challenges us to appreciate the fruits of our harvest.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Go through your child(ren)'s photos from the time they were born (or joined your family) until the present. Share memories and notice how they have grown in so many ways. Reflect together on how they are good fruit and what their gifts are. Share with one another how these gifts help bring about the Kingdom of God while we are still here on earth. Are there any changes family members can suggest for themselves that will further enrich the harvest? How can we be better fruits for the Kingdom of God?

Discussion Starters

1. I think this reading is really saying to me...
2. The greatest thing I have accomplished in my life is... I think (or don't think) God would agree with or like this great accomplishment because...
3. Sometimes I spend a lot of my energy on things that do not bring about the Kingdom of God, like...

♦ **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for the upkeep of the Church and its surroundings. Thank you for your generosity and support.

♦ **MULTICULTURAL—CHINESE BREAKFAST SALE**

Please come and support our breakfast sale led by our Chinese 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.

♦ **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.

♦ **CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR**

Children's Holy Hour will be held on Friday, 9th October after the 5:30pm Mass. This will be incorporated with recitation of the Holy Rosary. Children and all families are highly encouraged to spend time in prayer with the Lord.

♦ **LITURGICAL DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

There is a Day of Recollection for ALL members of the various liturgical ministries (KOTA, Sacristan, EOM, Choir, Warden, A&E, L&C and Funeral) on Sunday, 11th October from 12.30pm - 4pm. Attendance is compulsory.

♦ **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
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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
5 OCTOBER—Monday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Gal 1: 6-12 Lk 10: 25-37
6 OCTOBER—Tuesday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Gal 1: 13-24 Lk 10: 38-42
7 OCTOBER—Wednesday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass) <i>NO HOLY HOUR</i>	Acts 1: 12-14 Lk 1: 26-38
8 OCTOBER—Thursday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Rosary) 6.00pm (Mass)	Gal 3: 1-5 Lk 11: 5-13
9 OCTOBER—Friday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Mass) 6.00pm (Children's Holy Hour) Rosary incorporate with the Holy Hour	Gal 3: 7-14 Lk 11: 15-26
10 OCTOBER—Saturday 27th Week in Ordinary Time	5.30pm (Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help) 6.00pm (Mass) 6.30pm (Rosary)	Gal 3: 22-29 Lk 11: 27-28
11 OCTOBER—Sunday 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass) <i>Rosary will be recited half an hour before Mass</i>	Is 25: 6-10 Phil 4: 12-14 Mt 22: 1-14