ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Reading I: Prov 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31
Reading II: 1 Th 5: 1-6
Gospel: Mt 25: 14-30

Revised Roman Missal: 590

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Gospel Summary

In this story, a man went away on a journey. He must have been very wealthy because he entrusted large portions of his money to three of his servants. The first two servants invested the money during the master's absence and it yielded great returns. The third servant, however, was fearful of investing (or some scholars say he was lazy). In either case, the servant buried the money he was given and returned the full amount to the master when he came home. The master was pleased with the investments of the first two servants, but was very upset with the third one. To those who have much, much more will be given. To those who have little, even that little will be taken away.

Reflection for Families

God has given each one of us talents. Sometimes out of laziness or lack of ambition, or sometimes because we are afraid of failure or ridicule, we do not share our talents. The gospel today challenges us to take a risk and invest our gifts for the greater good of God's people. We do this ourselves as adults, but we must also try to help our children recognize their talents and use them in a productive way.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Perhaps you keep a scrapbook for your children, or have a huge box of clippings, photos, projects, or programs that document their accomplishments. Go through these items together and affirm the gifts of each other. Talk about ways members of the family are using their gifts to build up the Kingdom of God. Brainstorm ideas of new ways you can use your gifts, or even look for gifts in each other not previously recognized.

Discussion Starters

1. If God came today and asked to see what I had done with my talents, I would be able to show him…
2. The servant in the story who I am most like is…
3. Some other people I recognize in this gospel are…

- **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.

- **CHANGE IN MASS TIME**

  The daily Mass on Monday, 16 November will be moved to 6:30 AM.

- **HOLY HOUR TO PRAY FOR THE SICK**

  The Holy Hour next Wednesday, 18 November after the daily Mass is to pray for those who are sick. We invite all those are suffering in body, mind and spirit to spend some time with the Lord.

- **CULTURAL FOOD FESTIVAL**

  Join us for our Cultural Food Festival on Sunday, 22 November at 10:30 AM. Please take note that only coupons will be accepted for purchases on the day. Coupons are available for purchase through the various ministries or before and after the Masses.

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND FRIDAY CLASS COMBINED YEAR END ACTIVITY**

  This year-end activity will be celebrated on the same day with Cultural Food Festival, next Sunday, 22 November at 10:30 AM. Students are encouraged to buy the coupons on sale after the Sunday Masses or from the coordinator during SS and FC. For more information, you can message your child's catechist. Everyone is encouraged to join as a way of supporting this parish event.

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATION**

  The First Holy Communicants will receive the Sacrament of Eucharist next Sunday, 22 November at the 6:00 PM Mass. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.

POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS – NOVEMBER.

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service of the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

RECONCILATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through 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

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT 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).

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DATE	TIME	READINGS
16 NOVEMBER—Monday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**6:30am (Mass)**	Rev 1: 1-4; 2: 1-5; Lk 18: 35-43.
17 NOVEMBER—Tuesday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)**	Rev 3: 1-6, 14-22; Lk 19: 1-10.
18 NOVEMBER—Wednesday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)** *HOLY HOUR*	Rev 4: 1-11; Lk 19: 11-28.
19 NOVEMBER—Thursday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm (Mass)**	Rev 5: 1-10; Lk 19: 41-44.
20 NOVEMBER—Friday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**12.15pm (Mass)**	Rev 10: 8-11; Lk 19: 45-48.
21 NOVEMBER—Saturday 33rd Week in Ordinary Time	**5.30pm** *(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)* ***Followed by Daily Mass***	Zec 2: 14-17; Mt 12: 46-50.
22 NOVEMBER—Sunday **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (SOLEMNITY)**	**9.00am (Mass)** **6.00pm (Mass)**	Ez 34: 11-12, 1517; 1 Cor 15: 20-26, 28; Mt 25: 31-46