



“When we have once placed ourselves entirely in the hands of God, we need apprehend no evil; if adversity comes, He knows how to turn it to our advantage, by means which will in time be manifested to us.”

– St. Vincent of Paul

This conflict story is presented to test our loyalty and devotion to ‘Caesar and God’. The cunning Pharisees by creating a hypothetical situation wanted to trap Jesus. Any answer given would be construed negatively and he would be damned. Is it going to be ‘Caesar or God’? However, Jesus intimating their mischievous intentions turns this dilemma from an ‘either-or’ issue to embrace ‘both’ in a competing forces as having equal rights to our total submission and service.

His reply, “Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” was utterly unexpected and bewildering. It is tempting to interpret the reply as a teaching on the temporal and religious obligations, and argue that Jesus is acknowledging the need to pay taxes to Caesar, while stressing one’s primary duty to God in recognition of one’s dual citizenship.

Jesus is not arguing to two independent spheres of power and obligation, that of Caesar and that of God. Both have to be served equally without differentiation. It is not a 50/50 sharing of our obligations but a 100% commitment to duty and obligation due to both.

This episode by Matthew is a metaphorical way of teaching on the duties we have to render to both the Secular and the Divine. Both forces are real and are close to us. They demand our full hearted attention and devotion. While we readily give every attention to fulfilling our religious and church duties can the same be said of our duties to the secular authorities who are lawfully and legitimately instituted?

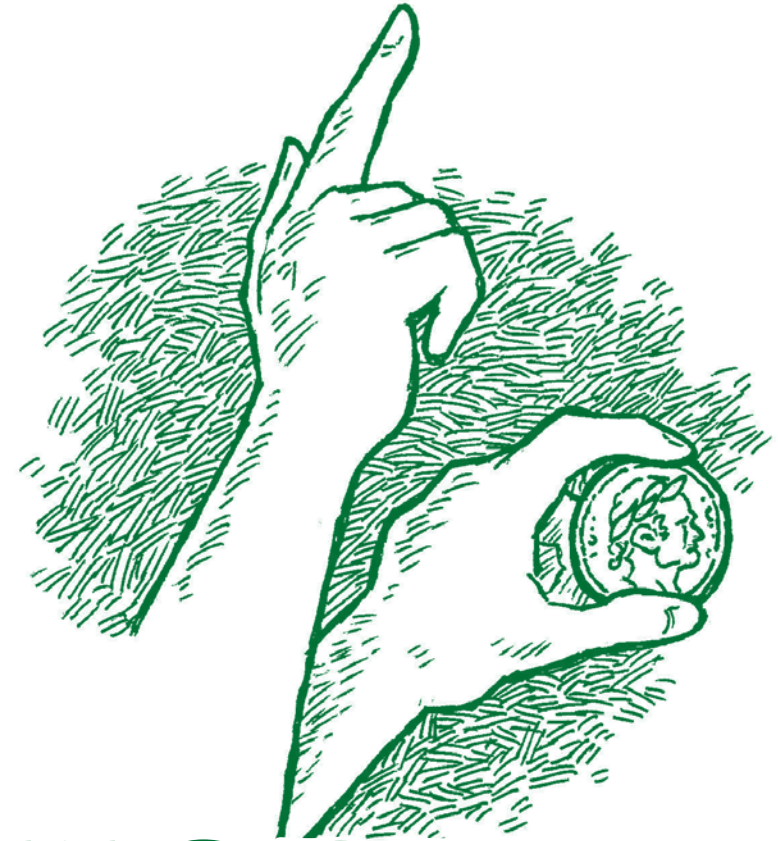
Don’t we know of people who under-declare their yearly incomes and assets and short-change the government by remitting tax returns that are falsified. There are similar dilemmas we encounter on a daily basis. What could be the attitudes that govern our actions? Could it be how we could cut corners and short-change the other party in a seemingly mutually agreed transaction, deal or contract?

This dilemma addressed in today’s reading subtly highlights the innate selfish trait that is in the core of our being. We are challenged to be dutifully religious and totally devoted to secular obligations. We cannot by-pass one for the other because of our dual citizenship. When the secular and religious obligations are fulfilled with an honest attitude and executed magnanimously there is hope for a harmonious and peaceful life-style. +

Be Disciples of Hope

NEW REC

22nd October 2017
29th Sunday
in Ordinary Time



HOPE in the Secular vis-à-vis Religious



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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
Hope : Witnessing Beyond Borders (Oct)
Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation
(1848 - 2018)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
 Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30 pm
 Saturday : 8.30am - 7.30 pm
 Sunday: 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
Confessions in Church ½ hour
*before all Weekend Masses at
 availability of priests 1/2 hour before
 all Weekend Masses at availability of priests*



OUR PROGRAMME THIS 21 – 29 OCTOBER 2017

29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : JS 45, 1, 4-6 Ps 95, 1 and 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10a and c 1Th 1, 1-5b, Mt 22, 15-21
"Give The Lord Glory And Power; Give The Lord Glory And Power" (Psalm 95)

SAT	21	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 3)	7.00 pm : Infant Baptism
SUN OCT	22	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: Tamil Apostollic) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 4) Eucharist (M) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM)	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am
Mon	23	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall
Tues	24	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Bible Hall
Wed	25	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	26	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall
Fri	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	
30TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) : Ex 22, 20-26 Ps 17, 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 ab, 1 Th 1, 5c-10 Mt. 22, 34-40 <i>"I Love You, Lord My Strength. I Love You, Lord, My Strength" (Psalm 17)</i>				
SAT	28	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Catherine)	
SUN	29	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Tamil Apostollic) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Rose) Eucharist (M) Eucharist (B M) 5.00 pm : Visit & Mass Sg. Gadut	RE(T): 8.45-10.15 am; RE(C) : 9- 10.30 am : RE(E) (BM) 10.45 -12.15pm RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 9.00 -10.30 am

We welcome new Parishioners/Students from Universities/Colleges in the vicinity of Seremban. Kindly register at the parish office or email us at: serembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR OCTOBER 2017

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
14/15 Oct : RM7,060.65
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Collection for this weekend 21/22 Oct is a Special Collection for Mission Sunday**
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iii) **Lutheran - Catholic Commemoration Service** on 28 Oct (Sat) @ 2.30 pm at Luther Centre, P.J.. Those interested to join please call parish office. Call Christopher (019-6216194) /Parish office for registration by 22/10./17
- iv) All **Eucharistic Ministers** taking **Holy Communion** to the Sick & Homebound are requested to update names, info of the sick at parish office as soon as possible.

- **Towards 170 years of the Parish of Visitation :**
- ~ **Souvenir Magazine** - we need volunteers to give a helping hand in this team. Please call Charles Fernandez (012-3820471)
- ~ We welcome old collections of the Parish, archive items etc. Kindly bring to the parish office.
- ~ **RE Children Cultural Show** on 18 November (Sat) @ 7.30 pm. Venue : Visitation Hall. All are welcome

• Parish Media Team Meeting : 28 October @ 9.30 am in the Bible Hall.

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Jeannie Chan Khim (d.o.d : 19/10/17)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon her.

- **Mass At BECs Zone in the Month of October 2017**
- 23/10 (Mon) : Z - 14 (St. Alphonsus) -No. 1, Jln TTTJ 1 S, Impian Villa, Tmn Tuanku Jaafar : Sagayarajan (019-6841672)
- 24/10 (Tue) : Z- 11 (St.Thaddeus) - Lot 20536, Jln Enggang 8, Taman Loop, Bukit Punca Emas. Arokiardass (012-5362278)
- Z - 15 (St. Alfonso) - Balai Raya Seremban Jaya
Nathan (012-6840750)
- 25/10 (Wed) : Z- 16 (St. Andrew) - No. 1, Jln RK 6/8, Rasah Kemayan
Thomas Siew (012-2882372)
- 26/10 (Thur) : Z - 17 (St. Augustine) - Chapel St. Augustine, Titi Francis Siow (016-6677852)
- Z -20 (Sacred Heart) - Chapel Sacred Heart < Marjorie Matthew (017-2343412)
- 27/10 (Fri) : Z - 18 (Velangkanni) - Chapel Velangkanni, Gadong
Christopher (010-2312582)
- 30/10 (Mon) : Z- 19 (O.L. Lourdes) - Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga Michael (017-8880625)

- **Mass Schedule for 31 October 2017**
- 31 Oct (Tues) :** 7.30 pm (Tues): Rosary with Procession (4 languages)
8.00 pm : Mass

All Saints (01 Nov) & All Souls Day (02 Nov)

- 01 Nov (Wed) :** 6.45 am : Mass (E)
7.30 am : (Carmelite)
2.00 pm : (Kg. Sebir (BM))
4.30 pm : Titi
6.30 pm : Mass (Eng/Mand /BM)
8.30 pm : Tamil
- 02 Nov (Thur) :** 6.45 am : Mass (Eng)
7.30 am : Carmelite
4.30 pm : Titi (M)
6.30 pm : Mass (Eng / Mand /BM)
8.30 pm : Mass (Tamil)

Blessing of Graves : 02 November : 3.30 pm : St. Mark's Cemetery
4.00 pm : Sikamat Cemetery

Nilai & Cheras Cemetery : 9.00 am

- 29 Oct (Sun) :** 4.00 pm - Marjorie
4.30 pm : Sagga
- 01 Nov :** 2.00 pm : Kg. Sebir Cemetery