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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Advent

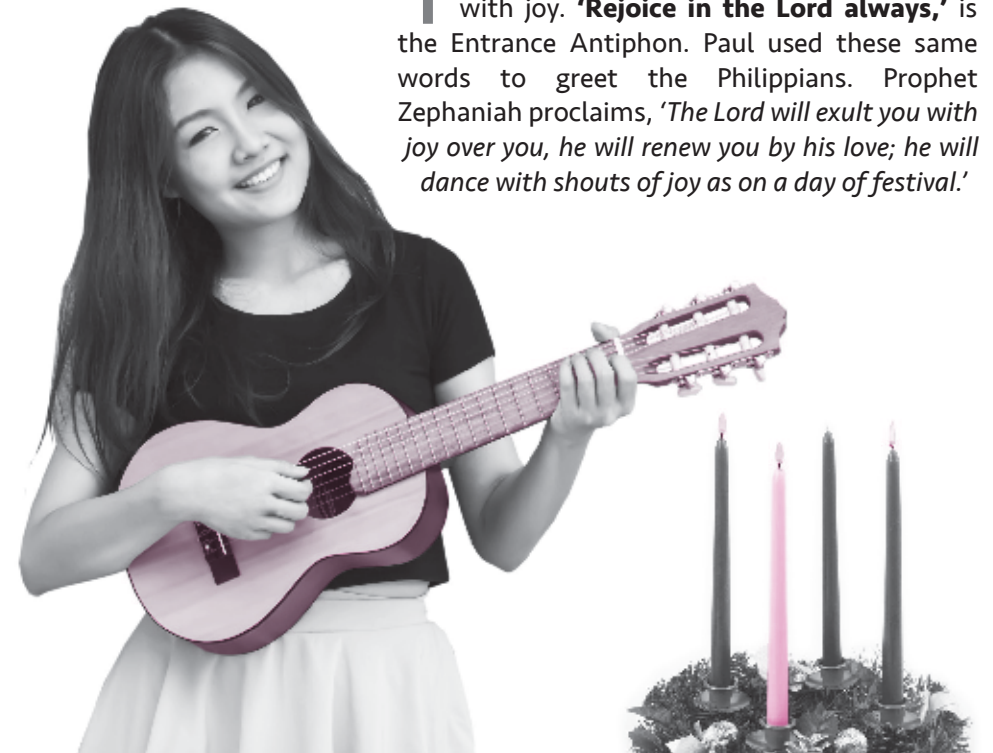
B E D I S C I P L E S O F H O P E

MONTHLY THEME:

CHRIST IS THE GIFT THAT MATTERS

Rejoice and Be Glad

The scriptural readings today are infused with joy. **'Rejoice in the Lord always,'** is the Entrance Antiphon. Paul used these same words to greet the Philippians. Prophet Zephaniah proclaims, *'The Lord will exult you with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy as on a day of festival.'*



I feel that I cannot exist without Thee; come, O Jesus, I beseech Thee, come.

- St. Leonard of Port Maurice

It's *Gaudete Sunday! Rejoice and Be Glad!* One obvious change is the colour of the candle and vestments, from purple to rose because we believe *'the suffering of this present age is nothing compared to the glory that is to be revealed to us.'* (Romans 8:18) We may experience a change of mood from being vigilant to heightened expectancy if we build upon last week's Gospel text of Luke about John the Baptist coming out of the wilderness to *prepare* the Way of the Lord, to this week's - about John's *proclamation* of the coming of the Messiah.

We may be edified by the readings that we can be a steward of God's grace by walking an extra mile during this **A-D-V-E-N-T:**

- A: Advance** the Good News. A Saviour is to be born to die and rise again. Christ who has come, will come again in glory. Can we tell at least one person who have yet to know?
- D: Die** to self so that God's grace can restore relationships and bring about healing and forgiveness. Have we entered the confessionals yet?
- V: Vigilance.** Advent is about vigilant waiting but be also vigilant in love. Can we embrace the meaning of the 4 candles and be a messenger of Hope, Joy, Peace and Love?
- E: Enabler.** Be an enabler of God's grace by being self-giving. Can we emit God's grace and love by visiting a sick or elderly person in the BEC?
- N: Newness** as we recall St Irenaeus, *'By his coming, Christ brought with him all newness'* Can we make the Eucharist the source of our love and life?
- T: Thank** God for the gift of faith. Do we realise that if we have no faith, we have nothing at all?

Today as you gather as a family to light the 3rd Advent candle on your Advent Wreath, pray the Responsorial Psalm with a hearty response: *'Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the Great and Holy One of Israel.'* †

Weekly
WORD

'Rejoice in the Lord always'



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DISCIPLESHIP : BE DISCIPLES OF HOPE.
 Hope : Christ is the Gift that matters.
 (December) 2018
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



OUR PROGRAMME 15 - 23 DECEMBER 2018

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) : Zeph 3, 14-18a Ps Is 12, 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Phil 4, 4-7 Lk 3, 10-18

"Sing and Shout for the Joy, For Great In Your Midst Is The Holy One Of Israel" (Psalm Is 12 : 2-6)

Sat	15	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 2)	
Sun	16	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Sacred Heart) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bruno 3) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes. (School Holidays) . Classes resume 6 Jan 2019 RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) 11.00 -12.30pm ; RCIA(M) : 8.45 -10.15 am
Mon	17	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Tues	18	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	20	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	21	6.45 am	Eucharist	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C) : Mic 5, 1-4a, Ps 79, 2ac and 3bc, 15-16, 18-19 Hebr 10, 5-10, Lk 1, 39-45

"God Of Hosts, Bring Us Back; Let Your Face Shine On Us And we Shall Be Saved" (Psalm 79)

Sat	22	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Arthur)	
Sun	23	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation: Working Youths) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 1) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 pm Kg. Sebir (BM)	No RE Classes. (School Holidays) . Classes resume 6 Jan 2019 RCIA (T) 9.00 -10.30 am ; RCIA (BM) 11.00 am -12.30pm RCIA (E) No Class ; RCIA(M) : 8.45 -10.15 am

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

NEWS / EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2018

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
 08/09 Dec. 2018 : RM9,680.05
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Sale of Religious articles**
 a) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Eng) : RM6.00 per copy
 b) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Tamil) : RM 5.00 per copy
 c) 2019 Bible Diaries (Eng/Tamil) : RM20.00 per copy
- iii) **We welcome donations by cash / cheque** for all upkeep and maintenance of the Parish. Kindly make your cheque to : **Church of Visitation**
 Thank you for your support.

- Pray for the Departed soul of :**
 a) Paul Ganeshwaren (d.o.d : 07/12/2018)
 b) Monica Yap Ngeo Luan (titi) (d.od. 6/12/18)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

Masses for Christmas 2018 and New Year 2019

- a) **Christmas Eve - 24th December (Monday)**
 5.00 pm (English) 7.00 pm (Tamil) ;
 9.00 pm (Mandarin) 11.00 pm (English)
 4.30 pm (Titi -M)
- b) **Christmas Day (25th December) (Tuesday)**
 7.00 am (Tamil) 9.00 am (English) ;
 11.00 am (Mandarin) 1.00 pm (Bahasa)
- c) **New Year's Eve - (31st December) (Monday)**
 8.00 pm : Multi-languages &
 Quiet Prayer till Midnight
- d) **New Year (1st January 2018) (Tuesday)**
 7.00 am (Tamil) 9.00 am (English)
 11.00 am (Mandarin) 1.00 pm (Bahasa)
 4.30 pm (Titi -M)
- e) **Weekdays Masses from 26th - 28th Dec 2018 will be at 7.00 pm**
- **Panama WYD 2019**, Jan 22-27. We have Evelyn Moses (Sagga Chapel), who will be attending and representing our Parish. Let's pray and give her our support

Thank you for Mass Animation: BECs St. Bruno 2 & St. Bruno 3 (Sban 2) for this weekend.

- Congratulations to our 3 Jubilarian (50 yrs of Priesthood) in the Archdiocese of Kuala Lumpur : (1) **Msgr James Gnanapiragasam** - College General (son of Visitation, Seremban) (2) **Fr. Naden** (Spg Pertang) (3) **Fr. Amalanathan** (LSP, Cheras)
 We wish them Good Health and Happiness and keep them in prayers.
- **Advent** : with its theme of promise, is a time where the Church starts all over again
- It's good time of preparation to bring Christ to be born in our Hearts & Home
 - We bring Joy, Peace, Love & Hope to all on Earth !
 - Carolling at Zones /BECs to begin from 15/12/18 onwards (Gaundete Sunday -Joy Sunday)
 - Carols are to go to ALL ! NOT just for Active ones, But for the LOST. LAST, LEAST & the LITTLE!
 - Police permit for Christmas Carolling is available at the parish office. .
 - **Dry Food Items** needed for all Poor Families (e.g. Rice bags, sugar, flour, oil etc). Please send to the parish office. Thank you.
- A total of 60 **Altar Servers** will be attending **Annual Camp** starting from (Mon) 17/12 to (Wed) 19/12 at Visitation Centre, Jalan Lee Sam. Lets keep them in prayer.
- **Confessions -Be Reconciled this Christmas!** All those who have NOT made confession recently , kindly do so before Christmas. Confessions available before Masses ! Dec 22-24 will be dedicated for hearing confessions !
22/12 (Sat) : 9 am -12 noon / 4 pm - 6pm
23/12 (Sun) : 8 am - 2 pm 24/12 (Mon) : 9 am - 12 noon
 Sg. Gadut, (Indonesian, Kongs) - 5 pm - 7 pm on 16/12/2018
 Kg Sebir : 5.30 pm & Mass on 23/12/18
 Titi : 4.30 pm & Mass on 23/12/18/
- **St. Mary Kindergarten**, Jalan Lee Sam (grounds of SJK @ Sino English) is now open for Registration. Call 019 2246143 Marina. Blessing and opening ceremony 16/12 @ 3 pm (Sunday).
 - **Love & Life 2019 (8/1/2019 - 12/1/2019)** at Golden Sands Baptist Assembly, P.D>. RM200/- as donation. Age : 18-24 yrs. Call 03-2307660 / 0185903889
 - **Advent Penitential Service 2018**
 17 Dec (Mon) : 7.30 pm - Immaculate Conception, P.D
 17 Dec (Mon) : 7.00 pm - O.L. Lourdes, Klang
 18 Dec (Tue) : 6.45 pm - St. Anthony, K.L.
 18 Dec (Tue) : 7.30 pm : Gemencheh
 19 Dec (Wed) : 7.30 pm : St. Thomas More, USJ
 21 Dec (Fri) : 7.30 pm : St, Francis Assisi, Cheras

Homestay for Christian -
 3 students from UITM,
 Rembau is needed. Any family who can offer their help, kindly contact Fr. George or parish office.