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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

4th Sunday of Advent

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

Mankind is a great, an immense family... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.

- Pope John XXIII

As Advent draws to a close and we eagerly wait to pay homage to our God who became a child, we remember the woman who made it possible. Today's gospel is on the *Visitation*. This poignant encounter between two expectant mothers is one of the most loved bible stories. The Visitation is profoundly expressed in faith by Adrienne Von Speyr in her book, *'Mary in the Redemption'*;

'Once Mary has spoken her Yes and the Spirit has overshadowed her, she admits divine grace within her in the form of the Word made flesh. She herself shows, however, that this grace is meant for her, not as an end, but as a means, by going straight to Elizabeth with the child and further mediating the grace of the Incarnation to her before anyone else. Elizabeth is moved by a grace to which she can respond in nothing other than prayer and praise of Mary. But this grace is even richer: the child in her womb moves, stirred by the same grace. As this happens, Mary apprehends that she is beginning to mediate the Son and praises God that all generations will call her blessed.'

What is amazing in Mary's mediation of grace brought about by the Incarnation is the sanctification of the baby in Elizabeth's womb. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* affirms us in Paragraph 717:

'There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.' John was 'filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb' by Christ himself, whom the Virgin Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. Mary's visitation to Elizabeth thus became a visit from God to his people.

As we welcome baby Jesus into our lives, let us be like Mary and make haste to share this sublime gift. Mary our Blessed Mother gives us an authentic source of joy in our Lord. Her Magnificat echoes from generation to generation this joy: *My soul glorifies the Lord, my Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...*

Blessed Christmas to everyone! †



Weekly WORD
Jesus, our Prince of Peace, he is come.



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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 23 - 30 DECEMBER 2018

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 Youth) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 1) Eucharist (C) 4.30 om : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 6.00 pm : Kg. Sebir (BM)	No RE Classes – School Holidays; No RCIA Classes
Mon	24	Christmas Eve: 5.00 pm : English 9.00 pm : Mandarin ; 4.30 pm Titi (M) 7.00 pm : Tamil 11.00 pm : English		Carolling is sung 20 mins before Masses
Tues	25	Christmas Day: 7.00 am : Tamil 9.00 am : English 11.00 am : Mandarin 1.00 pm : Bahasa		
Wed	26	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Thur	27	7.00 pm	Eucharist	
Fri	28	7.00 pm	Eucharist	

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH : (YEAR C) 1 Sam 1, 20-22, 24-28 Ps 83, 2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jkn 3, 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2, 41-52

"They Are Happy Who Dwell In Your House, O Lord " (Psalm 83)

Sat	29	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Family Life Min)	
Sun	30	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T)) (Animation : Liturgy) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Family Life Min) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes – School Holidays; No RCIA Classes

We welcome new Parishioners/Students from University / 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 DECEMBER 2016

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 15 / 16 Dec. 2018 : RM9,057.70
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 upkeeping and maintenance of the Parish. Kindly make your cheque to : **Church of Visitation**
 Thank you for your support.

Pray for the Departed soul of :
 Augustin a/l Antonisamy (d.o.d : 18/12/2018)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

Masses for New Year's Eve and New Year 2019

- 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)

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

- **Parish office will be closed for Christmas on 24, 25 & 26 December 2016.** For Emergency kindly call :
 Nathan : 012-6840750 or John Maynard : 016-5033903

Thank you for Mass Animation: BECs St. Arthur & St. Bernadine 1 (Sban 2) for this weekend.



BE MERCIFUL THIS CHRISTMAS !

- Celebrate this day with all your loved ones.
- Go visit the Sick ones, elderly, aged or a dear friend to share the Joy of Christmas.
- Welcome a stranger/ the "Least" brothers/sisters & have a meal with them.
- Please **DO NOT WASTE FOOD!**
- **The Visitation Hall** will be opened for Christmas Eve Mass. The entire celebration will be projected on the stage. There will be no tent near the Grotto
- We welcome **Bro. Philip Asirwatham** (2nd yr. Philosophy) a seminarian from College General, Penang for pastoral experience here from 03/01 to 03/02 2019.
- **Religious Education (RE)** begins on 06th January 2019 (Sunday)
- **Noticeboard** for all cluster groups / Ministries are now ready to be filled in with news/info. All leaders kindly take note.
- **Formation/Talk** on Evangelization with the theme "Missionary Disciples today?" by Bro. Jude Antoine (K.L.) on Jan 21st 2019 (Mon) (Public holiday - Thaipusam) RM10/- per pax. Jointly organised by Formation & Charismatic teams.
- Do you have a **CALL for Priesthood / Religious life ?** Are you thinking of sharing this to your priests & talk more about it. Call Fr. George/Xavier. Join us for a Chit-chat on Sat, 12/1/19 @ 9 am.
- **Cleanliness of Toilets & Church grounds** ; Please ensure the toilets are kept clean after use before you leave. Tissues/diapers/sanitary towels etc are to be properly disposed in the disposal bins provided. Do not litter the church grounds/surroundings & pews. Thank you.
- **Kindly take care of valuables & personal belongings** while at Mass /Festive Season. Please be extra careful and do not leave it at the pews.

WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS A "SPIRIT FILLED, BLESSED MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019"
 Frs. George , Xavier and
 Staff of Visitation

