

The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families.

- St. John Paul II

The café owner shared: *'I can't relate to the "holiness" of the household of Joseph, Mary and Jesus but yet I cry out to them in my needs because they are able to relate to me. In that sense they are relevant in my family's life. I am having issues with my mother-in-law and when I am at my wit's end, I go to Jesus and Mother Mary.'*

It's all God's plans, isn't it? In most homes, problems between spouses, in-laws, and children are perennial. The Lord knows we cannot manage alone because of our human frailty so he came as child and He chose credible beings in the persons of St. Joseph and His most prized creature, the Virgin Mary to carry out His plan of redemption. By doing so, He sanctified, and made holy, the reality of the family. **The Lord fills human families with divine grace** and for those called to the faith, He thus reveals the vocation of the family. We are the ones blessed to carry on Christ's mission in the Church and in the world, starting with our family.

In the letter to the Colossians, St. Paul teaches families to put on *'heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another as the Lord has forgiven you.'* (Col 3:12-21.) As wives, we can learn from the docility of our Blessed Mother. Pope Francis says that *'St. Joseph was a dreamer capable of accepting the task entrusted to him by God. He takes God's promise and brings it forward in silence, with strength.'* Husbands can learn much from St. Joseph. Children too are taught filial piety, spelt out in the 1st reading taken from Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

Let us make every effort to emulate the Holy Family of Nazareth. We are assured that grace will cover the gap between the Spirit and the flesh. We try our best and let the Lord do the rest. †

Weekly WORD

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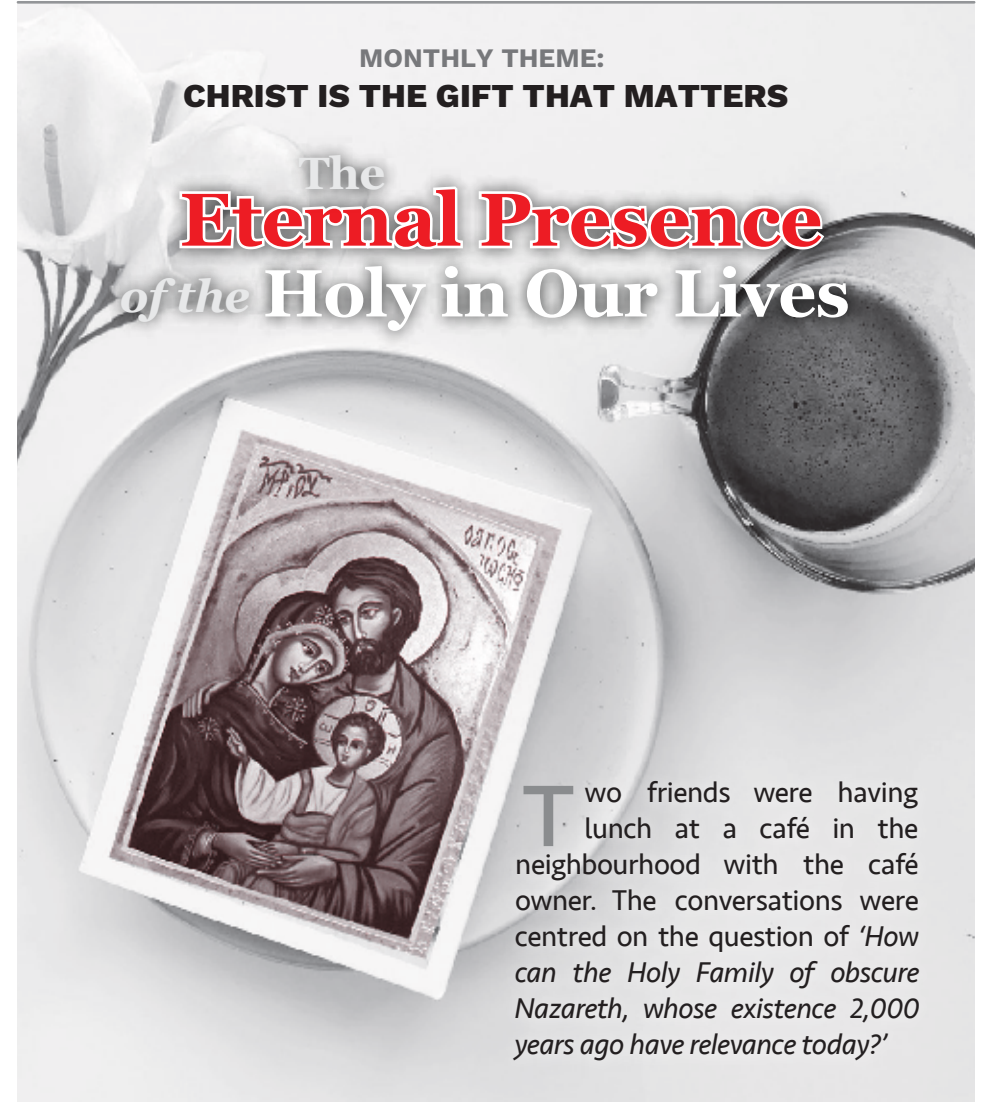
Feast of the Holy Family

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

The
Eternal Presence
of the Holy in Our Lives



Two friends were having lunch at a café in the neighbourhood with the café owner. The conversations were centred on the question of *'How can the Holy Family of obscure Nazareth, whose existence 2,000 years ago have relevance today?'*



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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for January 2019
Evangelise / Call : Unites Us In Christ.

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



PROGRAMME 29 DECEMBER 2018 - 06 JANUARY 2019

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, 41-5

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

Sat 29 : Feast of Holy Family	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : Fmly Life Ministry)	
Sun 30 Feast of Holy Family	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Working Youth) Eucharist (E) (Animation : Fmly Life Ministry) Eucharist (C) Eucharist (BM)	No RE Classes – School Holidays; No RCIA Classes
Mon 31	New Year's Eve : 8.00 pm (Multi-language) & quiet Prayer till Midnight		
Tues 01 Jan	New Year Day : 7.00 am : Tamil 9.00 am : English 4.30 pm : Titi (Mandarin) 11.00 am : Mandarin 1.00 pm : Bahasa		
Wed 02	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur 03	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Fri 04	No Morning Mass 7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (First Friday)		

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD : (YEAR C) : Is 60, 1-6; Ps 71, 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 ; Eph 3, 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2, 1-12

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Sat 05	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 2)	
Sun 06	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Liturgy) Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Bernadine 3) Eucharist (C) 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) : 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 at: serembanvisitation@gmail.com. You will receive a Prayer Card (Magnificat). Pray it daily.

NEWS / EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2019

i) Parish Weekend Collections :

- a) 22 / 23 Dec. 2018 : RM10,636.15
- b) Christmas Eve 24/12/18 : RM 19,902.45
- c) Christmas Day 25/12/18 : RM10,378.15
- d) Titi : 23/12 & 24/12 : RM426.85

God Bless All Generous Donors

ii) Sale of Religious articles

- a) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Eng) : RM6.00 each
- b) 2019 Liturgical calendars (Tamil) : RM 5.00 each
- c) 2019 Bible Diaries (Eng/Tamil) : RM20.00 each

iii) BEC Animating Mass Schedule 2019 is available at the parish. All BEC/Zone leaders kindly get a copy.

iii) 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.

iv) 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.

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to ;
 Daniel Mohan & Stephanie Magdalene on
 05/01/19 @ 3.30 pm

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

- ▶ 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**.
- ▶ **Catechism classes** (all languages) will resume on Sunday 06 January 2019 with registration in the respective catechism classroom **Tables and Chairs etc** from Catechism classrooms /Church premises are not to be removed at all time. They are to be kept in good use and not to be tampered.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Any Plans for Marriage ?** First, Fill up your personal particulars at parish office and meet the parish priest (at least 1 year before Marriage)
For Marriages in 2019, kindly make appointment to see parish priest. Dates of marriage courses are available.

- 10th January (Thurs) : **N.S. District PPC** meeting at Visitation at 7.00 pm
- 14th to 17th January : **Clergy Annual Pastoral Assembly (CAPA)** at Ipoh
- 19th & 20th January : **Tamil Ponggal Celebrations**
- 23rd January (Wed) : **BECCOT Gathering** @ 8.00 pm in the Visitation Hall.
- 25th January (Fri) : **Christian Unity Week** - Prayer Service at Methodist Church Seremban at 8 pm
- 27th January (Sun) : **Feast of St. Paul the Hermit**, Rahang Chapel. Adoration / Mass/Fellowship @ 5 pm
- 27th January (Sun) : **Catechetical Sunday**

FRS. GEORGE HARRISON & XAVIER ANDREW WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL PARISHIONERS ESPECIALLY THE PARISH LITURGICAL TEAM FOR ALL SPIRITUAL PREPARATIONS DURING THE SEASON OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

"WISHING ALL A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019"