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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

B A P T I S E D A N D S E N T


The
baptismal
seal enables
and commits
Christians to
serve God...

- Catechism of the
Catholic Church #1273

In the first reading, we hear that on a Sabbath day, Ezra, the priest brings out the book of the Law of God before the people. He stands by the wooden dais and opens the book. In response the people stand up. Then, Ezra blesses the Lord and people cry, "Amen! Amen!", bow down and face the ground prostrating themselves. As Ezra reads from the book, translating and giving meaning to the words, the people are in tears. Nothing is mentioned about whether the people stood or sat when the book was read. It seems they prostrated during the entire reading of the book, that is, from early morning up to noon. Truly, God is to be worshipped, and His laws are to be revered and obeyed. For we are *sharers in Christ's priestly ministry*.

In the Gospel passage, we are presented another dramatic scene. On a Sabbath day, Jesus enters a synagogue, and at the appropriate time, stands up and reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. The part of the scroll he reads describes Isaiah's prophecy about the future mission of the Promised Messiah. What Jesus read is a form of missionary mandate that has been given to him by his heavenly Father. Empowered by the Spirit, Christ, the anointed one is sent to bring hope, joy, freedom and healing to humanity. Like Jesus, we too are to proclaim the Good News to the world. For we are *sharers in Christ's prophetic ministry*.

Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, speaks of the Church as one body. In a human body, every part is unique and yet, connected to other parts. No part can function by itself or is more important than the other. In the same way, every member of the Church has a unique role and is important. It is because **we have been baptised in name of Jesus** and by the power of the Spirit. Each of us is called to share our knowledge, talents and skills so that through our service, the Church and the world is blessed. For we are *sharers in Christ's kingly ministry*. †


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Scripture of the Day:
Neh. 8: 2-6, 8-10;
Ps, 18: 8-10, 15;
1 Cor. 12: 12-30;
Lk. 1: 1-4, 4: 14-21
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Weekly
WORD

We have been
baptised in the
name of Jesus.

MONTHLY THEME:
UNITES US IN CHRIST

Sharers in the
Ministry of Christ

The Church teaches that by baptism, we share in the priestly, prophetic and kingly ministry of Christ. Interestingly, the scripture readings this Sunday provide us with useful insights as to how we ought to live out the three-fold ministry.



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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for February 2019
Evangelise / Call : Call Us to Holiness.

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



JR PROGRAMME 26 JANUARY - 03 FEBRUARY 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : (YEAR C) : Neh 8, 2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 Ps 18, 8, 9, 10, 15 1Cor 12, 12-30 Lk 1, 1-4, 4, 14-21

"Proclaim The Wonders Of The Lord Among All The Peoples" (Psalm 95)

Sat	26	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Fabian)	7.00 pm : <i>Infant Baptism</i> 7.30 pm - 10 pm : <i>FLM - CMPC Talk by Arch Kl at Bible Hall</i>
Sun	27	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : RE-From 1 & 2) Eucharist (E) Animation: Catechetical -Secondary) Eucharist (C) 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) : 8.45 -10.15 am 5.00 pm : <i>Feast of St. Paul the Hermit, Rahang</i>
Mon	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song</i>
Tues	29	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song</i>
Wed	30	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Thur	31	6.45 am	Eucharist	<i>Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song</i>
Fri	01	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist (1st Friday)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME : (YEAR C) : Jer 1, 4-5, 17-19 Ps 70, 1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 1 Cor 12, 31-13, 13 Lk 4, 21-30

"My Lips Will Tell Of Your Help, My Lips Will Tell Of Your Help" (Psalm 70)

Sat Feb	02	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Basil)	7.30 am : Presentation of the Lord Eucharist/Blessing of candles/procession 8.30 am - 1 pm : Catechists Retreat
Sun	03	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation St. Hilary) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Ambrose) 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 (Maanificat). Pray it daily.*

NEWS / EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 2019

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
19 / 20 Jan 2019 : RM11,114.90
God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) Tickets for **CNY Luncheon at Regent Hall on 03rd March 2019, 12.30 pm** are on sale. RM50/-per pax. Contact: Doreen (017-3326007)/ Pamela (016-6306196) / Nathan (012-6840750)
- iii) **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 (Ena/Tamil) : RM20.00 each

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 a) Michael Quek Soong Yong (d.o.d : 22/01/19)
 b) Margaret Padmavathy (d.o.d : 25/01/19)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon them

iv) **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.

v) **BEC Mass Animation schedule** for January to June 2019 are ready for collection. All BEC/Zone coordinators kindly take a copy at the parish office.

vi) **Parish Media Team :** We thank Michael Choong for his services as head of this team. We welcome Albert as the new head. Kindly send us news & info to email : churchofthevisitation@gmail.com or terminate79@gmail.com

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to :

- a) Joseph & Rajeswary on 02/02/19 @ 11 am
- b) Raja Suriah & Magdalene on 9/2/19 @ 11.00 am
- c) Paul Selva & Evangeline Shanggary on 09/2/19 @ 3.30 pm

Thank you for Mass Animation:
 BEC St. Fabian (Sikamat) and Catechetical-Secondary for this weekend.

"Extraordinary Mission Year"

:"Baptised and Sent : the Church of Christ on mission in the world"

- Extraordinary Year of Mission -T-shirts are available ! Kindly place your order today !. White/Maroon/Black/Green/Light Blue (Sizes - XS/S/M/L/XL/XXL)
- **"Understanding The Church"** - a talk on better understanding and appreciation of the Church held on 14th Feb 2019 (Thurs) from 7 pm - 10 pm) at APC, K.L. Participation by mean of minimum donation of RM10.00 per person . Call 03-20266466
- **Diococese Ordination of Bro. Joseph Gomez** on 01/2/19. Lets pray for him.
- **RACHEL'S VINEYARD** welcomes ANY PERSON who has struggled with emotional and spiritual pain of an abortion. A 3days/2nights stay-in scriptural based retreat will be held in Penang on 15-17 March 2019 and in KL on 21-23 August, 2019. Closing date is 1st Mar and 8th Aug respectively. This retreat is specially designed to help participants to experience the mercy, compassion, love and healing grace of God. Contact Mary (016-4190538)
- **Happy Catechetical Sunday 2019** to all Catechists/RCIA facilitators and all educators of faith. Parents/Children, each one of us are somehow involved in educating faith. May God Bless all of you and continue to send you to preach the Good News of Jesus Christ.
- **Catechism classes** have begun. Registrations are still going on. Please go to the catechism office (above canteen) to enquire for more info : Anthony Param : 012--6620949. Todate we have (E) 460 (T) 130 (M) 120 & (BM) 40
- **Catechists Retreat :** All Catechists are required to attend this day of prayer on Sat. 2nd Feb - (8.30 am - 1.00 pm) at Visitation Hall. Retreat master : Fr. Peter Anthony (Tampin)
- **Lenten Campaign 2019** - A talk by AOHD, K.L. Team will be held on 16/2/19 @ 8.00 am to 1 pm at Visitation Hall. All in P.I.H.D.M., BEC heads, Catechism teachers, Youth & EOMS are strongly encouraged to attend. Call John Edison (017-6158961) for more info.

• **Feast of Presentation of the Lord :** 2/2/19 (Sat) -7.30 am : Blessing of Candles, procession & Eucharist.

• **CNY Eve at Titi :** 4/2/19 (Mon) @ 9.00 pm
CNY at Church : 5/2/19 (Tues) @ 8.30 am

• **8th (Fri) - 10th (Sun) Feb :** **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Sagga, Rantau**
 8/2/19 (Fri) : Rosary / Flag-raising / Holy hour / Anointing/Eucharist
 9/2/19 (Sat) : Rosary / Eucharist / Procession
 10/2/19 (Sun) : Rosary / Feast Mass

N.B : Special Blessings for all Sick / Elderly & Aged at Visitation after all Masses on 09 & 10 February 2019.