

Love
consumes us
only in the
measure
of our
self-surrender

- St. Therese of Lisieux



Scripture of the Day:

Jer 17, 5-8;
Ps 1, 1-2. 3-4, 6;
1 Cor 15, 12. 16-20;
Lk 6, 17. 20-26

Weekly
WORD

**We cannot
excuse ourselves
anymore.**

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In our parents or grandparents time, there was a general lack of formation programs available, thus we fervently turned to the example of the saints, with pictures or icons of our dependable and favorite saints adorning our Catholic homes - so that we could use them as teaching kits. So it is no surprise when Catholic devotions include these saints as part of our community culture (*which our separated brethren could not appreciate*). After all, these Saints permit nothing to turn them from their duties and commitment to both Jesus and his bride, the Church - thereby they provide the inspiration for us.

With the saints, we cling to that faith, to God - the promise of the heavenly crown and the depth of that commitment to Jesus and his kingdom - this message determines our level of participation in Church life and activities. It is not so much that those born into Catholic community or those who are elected later, but between those choices made - eg some of us may have decided that our commitment should be limited to the obligatory presence at weekend Masses, or worse only for both Easter and Christmas. And some are devoted to mission and service, some to a constant assistance to many church activities.

Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount offers the Beatitudes (Latin *beatus* which reflects both state of happy and joy, ie extraordinarily happy) as the new state of his kingdom of God. The state of beatitude lies in the depth of commitment to Jesus and his kingdom message, thus the poor are depicted, not economically, but as those who recognize their need of salvation and become the recipient of the kingdom provided by Jesus - while the rich are those who do not want to commit themselves to Jesus because they are content with their present comfortable existence, thus develop a lack of hearing and response to Jesus' Word. **We cannot excuse ourselves anymore.** The Good News is preached to the ends of the earth and we are recipients of a myriad of information and bountiful grace. We are in it - to win it.

Let us learn to commit to this divine marriage, and not miss out the state of beatitude, unearthing the joy and treasures contained within, as Jesus lives out his commitment to us as our bridegroom. †

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

6th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

MONTHLY THEME:

CALLS US TO HOLINESS

NO MORE EXCUSES

Most of us grew up in the faith we professed weekly. Yet, when challenged about things we don't know we fall back on the constant excuse of the lack of depth covered in our catechism, or that we were a recent convert or still, there's the common excuse that our "cradle catholic" selves took things for granted.



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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



OUR PROGRAMME 16 - 24 FEBRUARY 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) : Jer 17, 5-8, Ps 1, 1-2, 3, 4 abd 6, 1 Cor 15, 12, 16-20

"Happy The Man Who Has Placed His Trust In The Lord, Happy The Man Who Has Placed His Trust In The Lord" (Psalm 1)

Sat	16	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Rita)	
Sun	17	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Pio) Eucharist (E) Animation: St. Gregory) 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
Mon	18	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Tues	19	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Wed	20	No Morning Mass		Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC
Thur	21	6.45 am	Eucharist	
Fri	22	6.45 am	Eucharist	7.30 pm : Holy Hour followed by Eucharist at Sacred Heart, Marjorie

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) : 1 Sam 26, 2, 7-9 12-13, 22-23 PS 102, 1-2, 3-4, 8 & 10, 12-13 1 Cor 15, 45-49 Lk 6, 27-38
The Lord IS Compassion And Love, The Lord Is Compassion And Love (Psalm : 102)

Sat	23	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Leo)	
Sun	24	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : FLM) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Denis) Eucharist (C) 4.30 pm : Titi (M) Eucharist (BM) 7 pm : Kg. Sebir (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 FEBRUARY 2019

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 - a) 09/10 February 2019 : RM10,583.30
 - b) OLL, Sagga Feast : RM1,335.40

God Bless All Generous Donors
- ii) **Gentle Reminder to All Parishioners**
 - a) Kindly take care of your personal belongings e.g handbag during Holy Communion. Please be extra careful and do not leave it at the pews. Thank you.
 - b) Smoking in the Church vicinity/canteen is prohibited. Thank you for your cooperation.
- iii) **Breakfast Sales** by Parish Ministry of Ecumenical & Inter-religious Affairs (PMEIA) on 24/02/2019 Please kindly give your support.

iv) **RCIA 2018 / 2019** candidates will be away for their retreat. Lets pray for them. We have a total of 30 of them.

v) **Alpha Program in Bahasa** : 3rd/10th /24th February & 3rd March @ 2.30 pm -6.00 pm at Visitation Hall. Contqct : Maria (014-3503718). All are welcome.

vi) Fr George will meet the following Ministry on 17/2/19:

- a) **Women Desk** @ 5.00 pm in the Bible Hall
- b) **Migrant Ministry** @ 6.00 pm in the Bible Hall

Pray for the Departed soul of :

- a) Ramasamy Peter (d.o.d : 09/02/19)
 - b) Philomena Lim Ah Moy (d.o.d.: 13/02/19)
- May the Perpetual Light shine upon them.**

Thank you for Mass Animation:
 BECs St. Rita & Gregory (Permai) for this weekend.

- **CNY 2019** fellowship Luncheon on 03/03/19 at Regent Hall, Seremban Get a table or a ticket today. Call Pamela : 016-6306196
 - **AV items in Church / Choir Loft** → Please take extra care while using them at Mass. Please do not meddle with them. For any need of repair, please notify the parish office
 - **Interfaith Charity Golf Tournament** organised by MCCBCHST, N.S> on 6th April 2019 @ 7.00 am at Seremban International Golf Club (SIGC). Per head : RM250/- inclusive of Breakfast/Lunch/Goody Bag. Lots of Prizes. We need all golfers to fully support this event. Call Thayalan (017-8809454/ Chris K. (019-6216194).
 - **St. Theresa's Church** , Nilai has been selected to be the Mission Station throughout this year, St. Theresa is the Patroness of Mission. We can visit, pray, celebrate Mass & make a pilgrimage as part of our Mission program.
 - **For Sick Calls in Hospital or Homebound** - kindly call & inform parish office and the priests will be visiting them soonest possible.
 - **EOMS /Special Ministers** to ensure weekly communion is given to all the Sick/homebounds in your Zone/BEC.
 - **Proper Attire at Mass** : all parishioners, leaders, all serving at Mass to ensure proper attire, neat & fitting for Eucharistic Celebrations. **Refrain** from using Short Pants / Revealing (sleeveless) attires, Singlets and Japanese slippers. Please give **reverence** during Mass. Come in your SUNDAY BEST!
 - **Hospitality Ministers** -
 - We need more volunteers to help during Masses.
 - BECs/Ministries animating Masses to bring in at least 6 members to serve
 - Kindly be smart & suitable in attire while serving.
 - Be early to serve, Be prayerful (at least 15 mins before Mass)
 - Be warm, welcoming and generous in serving.
 - For more info, please see Mary Rajoo/Patricia or your BEC coordinator
- Hospitality Ministers** (Eng & Tamil) will meet Fr. George after Masses on Sunday 17/2/19 at Church Hall. Tamil @ 8.45am and English @ 10.45 am

- **TEH TARIK EVENING WITH FR. XAVIER** (Pre-Rally Gathering) - Date : 24 Feb (Sun) @ 6-10 pm at Visitation Mission House. Age : 18-39 yrs. Contact : Sabrina (013-2887624)
- 16th & 17 Feb : Sale of Souvenirs by **Assumption Church for Assumption Diamond Jubilee.**
- 19th & 20th February : **Clergy Monthly Recollection at APC, K.L.**
- 21st - 23rd February - **Fr. George away in East Coast** Induction program on Inter-religious Dialogue/Ecumenical
- 22nd Feb (Fri) - Holy Hour followed by Mass (T) at **Chapel Sacred Heart, Marjorie.**
- 24th February - **Titi Mass at 4.30 pm**
 - **Kg. Sebir Mass at 7.00 pm**
- 27th February - **BECCOT Gathering** @ 8.00 pm at Visitation Hall