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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

3rd Sunday of Lent

BAPTISED AND SENT

MONTHLY THEME:

STRENGTHENS US TO BEAR THE CROSS

The Baptized called to Repentance

St. Paul recalls in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Corinthian 10:1-6,10-12) the situation their ancestors were in when they were wanderers in the desert. Many suffered death by the destroyer, and St. Paul says that 'those things have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come.' He gives a warning that 'whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall.'



Our sins are nothing but a grain of sand along the great mountain of the mercy of God.

- St. John Vianney



Scripture of the Day:

Ex 3: 1-8. 13-15;

Ps 102: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7.
8. 11;

1 Cor 10: 1-6. 10-12;
Lk 13: 1-9.

This reading sets the tone for the call to repentance as we enter the 3rd Week of Lent. As the Psalmist says in Psalm 102, the kind and merciful God of ours will pardon all our iniquities and heals our ill, if we but make our way back to him. A truly repentant sinner will surely experience the mercy and goodness of our God: One who is slow to anger and abounding in kindness.

How do we find our way home?

In today's gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree after he reminded his listeners about the fallen Tower of Siloam which killed eighteen. Jesus message is clear, 'Unless you repent, you will likewise perish.' (Luke 13:6-9) While the underlying message of repentance remains, there is this gentle touch of the vineyard keeper who cares for the trees, who waters and fertilizes the trees to try making them fruitful, the keeper who tells the vineyard owner to give more time for him to tend to the trees so that they may bear fruit.

This is **our Lord Jesus** who **is patiently tending to each one of us**. We are living on borrowed time and every moment can be a moment of reckoning. Today, the Lord stands, knocking at each of the door to our heart patiently. He doesn't want us to waste our borrowed time.

The doors to the confessionals are opened these days for penitential services. Let us find our way home, turn our lives around so that we can confidently follow the Lord.

'Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.' Isaiah 55:6-7 †

Weekly
WORD

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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for March 2019
Evangelise / Call : Strengthens Us To Bear The Cross

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 - 31 MARCH 2019

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) : Ex 3, 1-8a, 13-15 Ps 102, 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8 & 11 1 Cor 10, 1-6, 10-12 Lk 13, 1-13
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. Christopher)	
Sun	24	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : Tamil Apostolates) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Mary) 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 3.00 pm : SVP Conference of Visitation AGM at Bible Hall
Lenten Retreat 10.00 am - 4.00 pm (Tamil) at Visitation 9.00 am - 1 pm , 2.30 pm -5 pm (Bahasa) at Mission Home				
Mon	25	Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord : 6.30 pm Rosary/Spiritual Talk followed by Eucharist and Healing prayer		
Tues	26	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	8.00 pm : BECCOT Gathering
Thur	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	29	7.00 pm	7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/BM/M)	
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) : Josh 5, 9a, 10-12 Ps 33, 2-3, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7 2 Cor 5, 17 - 21 Lk 15, 1-3, 11-32 <i>Taste And See That The Lord Is Good; Taste And See That The Lord Is Good (Psalm : 33)</i>				
Sat	30	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. George)	
Sun	31	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Jude) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Robert) Eucharist (C) 6.00 pm : Sg. Gadut (Migrants) 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 MARCH 2019

- Parish Weekend Collections :**
16/17 March 2019 : RM9,910.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- We welcome **Fr. Christopher Loh OCD** into Carmel Friars. He will be assisting especially for pastoral needs of all mandarin speaking people in NS district.
- Keep our Cafeteria clean !** Kindly 'Q' up while buying food. Also help clear the cups/plates by putting back to the container provided.
- AWAKEN NS District Youth Rally** (28-30 June at NUBE, Port Dickson). Registration after all Masses. Contact :Sabrina -013 2887624. Sign up today!

We welcome Fr. Paul Robinson (Trincomalee Diocese, Sri Lanka) and Fr. Claurence OFM Cap (Melaka/Johor Diocese)for preaching retreat & services at Visitation this weekend.

LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE 2019

- 26 Mar (Tues) : 6.45 pm : St. Anthony, K.L.
7.30 pm : St. John Vianney, Tampin
- 27 Mar (Wed) : 8.00 pm : Jesus Caritas, Kepong Jaya
- 28 Mar (Thur) : 8.00 pm : O. L. of Lourdes, Klang
- 29 Mar (Fri) : 12.30 pm : St. John's Cathedral, K.L
- 01 Apr (Mon) : 7.00 pm : Visitation, Seremban**
- SPM Bible Knowledge** : Classes will commence on 6th April 2019 at 2.30 pm. Form 3 and Form 4 students are encouraged to take this paper for SPM. Contact : Helen Paul (012-6162811 / Patrick Raj (016-6614073)

Thank you for Mass Animation: BECs St. Christopher and St. Mary (Rasah) for this weekend.

- "Caring for our Common Home" : Encounter Christ and serve as Stewards.**
 - Talk to someone on Care of Mother Earth (Family/BEC/Community)
 - Collect rubbish, segregate them before throwing and maintain cleanliness
 - Offer a prayer in union with Creation.
 - Don't use /burn plastics
 - Coastal cleaning Project
 - Don't waste water.
 - Plant more trees
- The Dominic Vendargon Award 2019** : Criteria for Academic Excellence PTS Category / SPM/ Cambridge IGCSE / O Level Category / SPM/Cambridge IGSE/O Level with Bible Knowledge Category
Closing date : Before 14 April 2019. Forms are available in parish office.
- Interfaith Charity Golf Tournament** organised by MCCBCHST, N.S> on 6th April 2019 @ 7.00 am at Seremban International Golf Club (SIGC).
Contact Christopher K. (019-6216194).
- Please support **VSK 'Weekend Thrift Shop'** operating on **March 23/24 & 30/31** at the Parlour on **Saturdays 5 pm to 8 pm** and **Sundays 8 am to 3 pm**.
- Year of Mission - "T-Shirts" sale** - Make your order. Price : RM15.00 each.
2 Colours - Maroon or White. Sizes - XS / S / M / L / XL / 2XL / 3XL
Contact person : Doreen (017-3326007)
- PIHD Blood Donation Drive** : (Sun) April 7 @ 8.00 am - 3 pm in the Visitation Hall
"BE A LIFE SAVER, GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE - DONATE BLOOD"
- A Talk on " The Historical Development of Marian Beliefs and Devotions from the Early Centuries to our present times** by Dr. Steven Selvaraju at Visitation on (Sat) 13 April @ 9 am - 4 pm. Fee : RM10/- Registration after Sunday Masses.
- Session on "CAREGIVER'S WELLBEING"** will be held on (Sat) 6 April - time 8.30 am - 1.00 pm at Life Journey Wellness Centre, Kajang (operated by Archdiocesan Mental Health Ministry). Contact lifejourney@archkl.org or Tel : 03-82118214. Donation : RM30 & above.
- Talk on 'Theology of Religions'** - by presenter Rev. Fr. Christopher W. Soosaipillai . on (Thur) 4 April @ 7 pm to 10 pm at API, K.L. Donation by minimum RM10/-.
Call : 03-20266466 / 03-20220000

*We wish all our brothers and sisters of BAHAI faith a
 "Happy New Year " on 30/03/2019*