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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

8th Sunday Ordinary Time

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



MONTHLY THEME:

STRENGTHENS US TO BEAR THE CROSS

The Baptized called into the Royal Priesthood

Priest, prophet and king is what we characterize Jesus. And by our baptism, we are also called to the triple office of Christ and we are to fulfil our priestly, prophetic and kingly role.

The baptized have become “living stones” to be “built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood”

- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1268

Bishop Robert Barron says this of Jesus, ‘As priest, he sanctifies, that is to say, he re-establishes the lost link between divinity and humanity; as prophet, he speaks and embodies the divine truth; and as king, he leads us on the right path, giving guidance to the human project. You might say that, as priest, he is the Life; as prophet, he is the Truth; and as king he is the Way.’

Let us today focus on the first role: *What does it mean for an average person like you and me to be priestly?* We know that an ordained priest does the offices of Sacraments, Preaching and Governance. But lay people too have a role to play as the 2nd Vatican Council in Lumen Gentium 31 affirms us of our roles mentioned above.

How then do we live up to our priestly role as we ‘seek God’s Kingdom by engaging in temporal affairs and by ordering them to the plan of God?’

Simply put, it can be carried out by our sacrificial acts of love in our daily work in whichever capacities we are in; whether as spouses, parents, children, and co-workers. Ritually many committed lay Catholics also participate and cooperate in the priestly/sanctifying mission of the Church as altar servers, lectors and extraordinary Ministers of Communion.

To be worthy to participate in the priestly role of Christ, one good virtue to emulate is to pay heed to the readings for this Sunday. Sirach 27:4-7 tells us that **we are judged by what we speak** just as how ‘the husks appear when a sieve is shaken.’ We will know that we are faithful Disciples of Christ by the fruits we bear even as the Lord teaches us in today’s gospel text from Luke 6:39-45, that ‘every tree will be known by its fruits’ just as ‘a good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good.’

We pray that the Word of Life may continue to grow in us to make us worthy to share in the priestly office of Christ. †



Scripture of the Day:

Sir 27: 4-7;

Ps 91: 2-3. 13-14.
15-16;

1 Cor 15: 54-58;

Lk 6, 39-45

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 02 - 10 MARCH 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) : Sir 27, 4-7, Ps 91, 2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15, 54-58 Lk 6, 39-45
It Is Good To Give You Thanks, O Lord. It Is Good To Give You Thanks, O Lord. (Psalm : 91)

Sat	02	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Aloysius)	
Sun	03	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Hilary) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Benedict) 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	04	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Tues	05	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	06	ASH WEDNESDAY (Day of Fast and Abstinence) : 6.45 am (E) ; 6.00 pm (M/L) ; 8.00 pm (T)		
Thur	07	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (T) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Fri	08	No Morning Mass 7.00 pm : Way of the Cross followed by Eucharist (E/T/BM/M)		
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C) : Deut 26, 4-10, Ps 90, 1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 Rom 10 : 8-13 Lk 4, 1-13 <i>Be With Me O Lord, In My Distress. Be With Me, O Lord, In My Distress (Psalm : 90)</i>				
Sat	09	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary / Novena / Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Cecilia)	
Sun	10	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Joseph) Eucharist (E) (Animation: Youth) 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 : Rite of Elect RCIA at Holy Family Kajang.

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

- ii) **Parish Weekend Collections :**
 23/24 February 2019 : RM9,620.00 Titi : RM71.00
God Bless All Generous Donors
- iii) There will be a 2nd collection this weekend 02/03 March 2019 for Ministry of the Social Concern, **God Bless All Generous Donors**
- iv) **St. Joseph Handy Helpers** are volunteers to help the Poor/Needy who is in great need of help for Repair & handyworks. They will work with PIHDM here. Contact persons : Spencer (012-3256718) / John Davidson (017-6158961)
- **Breakfast Sales** by St. Joseph Handy Helpers on 03/03/2019. Please kindly give your support.

iv) **Keep our Cafeteria clean !**
 Kindly 'Q' up while buying food.
 Also help clear the cups/plates by putting back to the container provided.

- v) The **Tun Tan Cheng Lock College of Nursing, ASSUNTA HOSPITAL** is offering **FULL SCHOLARSHIPS** for students to pursue the 3 years full time Diploma in Nursing course. If interested please log on www.assuntacollege.edu.my or call 03-78723078. The intake is commencing on 15 April and 1 July 2019
- i) **AWAKEN** NS District Youth Rally (28-30 June at NUBE, Port Dickson). Registration after all Masses. Contact : Sabrina -013 2887624.
- **Breakfast sale** by the Youths of Visitation in aid to

Pray for the Departed souls of :

- a) Benjamin Nedunchelian (d.o.d : 24/02/19)
 - b) Tresamary a/p Nallathamby (d.o.d : 27/02/19)
- May the Perpetual Light shine upon them**

Thank you for Mass Animation: BECs St. Aloysius & Benedict (Labu) for this weekend.

- **Lent 2019 theme ...** This Lent we will focus more on "**LAUDATO SI**" Care for creation, Mother Earth ! .
 "Caring for our Common Home" : Encounter Christ and serve as Stewards.
- **Lenten Retreat 2019 - "Baptised & Sent"**
 ~ March 12th (Tues): 6pm - 10 pm at Visitation Hall by Fr. John Yeow (Melaka. (Mandarin)
 ~ March 23rd (Sat) : 2 pm - 9 pm by Fr. Paul Robinson (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) (English)
 ~ March 24th (Sun) 10 am - 4 pm by Fr. Paul Robinson (Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) (Tamil)
 ~ March 23rd / 24th (students & KUBM) by Fr. Claurence (Johor Bahru (BM)
- **Year of Mission -**
 - **Don't forget your STAR ...**
 - Have personal time for prayer.
 - Say yes to go for at least **ONE** formation this year.
 - Learn / study on one Saint or person for witness of faith.
 - Works of charity/mercy...
 - Make a holy pilgrimage to St. Theresa Church, Nilai.
 (More updates coming soon)
- **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.
- **A 'Weekend Thrift Shop'** will be run by the Visitation Soup Kitchen (VSK) on 23/24 and 30/31 March 2019 to raise fund for the poor & needy. Giveaways/donations in the form of preloved/new clothes, books, household & decorative items are most welcome (good condition and saleable. Drop off point for donated items : Church Cafeteria (front) on : Tuesdays : March 5, 12, 19 (8 am to 12 noon).
 Saturdays : March 9 & 16 (10 am to 12 noon).
 Sundays : March 10 & 17 (8 am to 11 am.)
- **Fr. George will be away in Rome (Vatican)** for a Conference from March 5th-11th. 2019
- **Clergy Monthly Recollection** : 19 & 20 March at APC, Kuala Lumpur.
- **Penitential Service at Visitation** : 01/04/19 (Monday) @ 6pm - Mass & Confession
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