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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

6th Sunday of Easter

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

MONTHLY THEME:
JUSTICE AND TRUTH LIBERATES HUMANITY

THE CHURCH *Holy Spirit, Jews and Gentiles*



The first reading taken from Acts 15 brings us right into the heart of controversy that almost brought the early church to its knees.



The Jews - Gentile differences were very prominent during Paul's time. The first Christians were Jews and although believing Jesus as the Risen Son of God would still want to continue to function as Jews. These early Christians insisted that Gentiles should be circumcised and instructed to keep the Law of Moses (Acts 15:5)



It is the Spirit that makes us know the voice of Jesus.

- Pope Francis

Paul on the other hand believed that **in Christ there is no Jew or Greek**; no slave or free; no man or woman. The early church fell into bickering and arguing and the elders decided to meet in Jerusalem to consult with Peter and the disciples. This meeting became known as the "Council of Jerusalem" - the first important gathering of Christian leaders of the church. Paul and Barnabas also travelled from Antioch to Jerusalem to participate in the council.

The Council of Jerusalem when making their decision came up with a very interesting statement found in Acts 15:28: *It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to impose on you any burden beyond these essentials:"*

The Council of Jerusalem acknowledged that the Holy Spirit is guiding and directing the church. The Council decided to make it easier for gentiles to enter the church. It is not a case of who won but what the Holy Spirit wants.



Scripture of the Day:

Ac 15, 1-2. 22-29

Ps 66, 2-3. 5. 6 & 8

Rev 21, 10-14. 22-23

Jn 14, 23-29

We are Christians today because of this decision. If the Council of Jerusalem had gone the other way; if they decided that all the Jewish practices; all the rituals and laws of Judaism had to stay in place; Christianity might have evolved into just being a sect of Judaism. It might never have moved out of its Palestinian homeland.

I am a Christian today because the Council of Jerusalem allowed gentiles like me into the Family of Israel. The purpose of the Church is to proclaim the Gospels to the ends of the earth and make disciples of all nations.

Only then will the prophetic vision in the second reading Rev 21:22 come to pass where the city of the heavenly Jerusalem itself has become a temple because God's Spirit has so fully invaded it. †

Weekly WORD
In Christ there is no Jew or Greek.



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THEME FOR 2019
DISCIPLESHIP : BAPTISED AND SENT.
Theme for June 2019
Evangelise / Call : Courage To Be Different

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 25 - MAY - 02 JUNE 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 15, 1-2, 22-29, Ps 66, 2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Rev. 21, 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14, 23-29
"We Are His People The Sheep OF His Flock, (We Are His People The Sheep OF His Flock " (Psalm 99)

Sat	25	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Lorenzon Ruiz)	
Sun	26	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Titus) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St. Faustina) 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
Mon	27	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (E) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Tues	28	6.45 am	Eucharist	Charismatic (M) 7.30 pm at Visitation Hall. We welcome All to join in praising God in Song
Wed	29	Feast Triduum : 7.00 pm - Theme : Divine Growth		
Thur	30	Ascension of the Lord (day of obligation) : 6.45 am & 7.00 pm (M/L) / Feast Triduum - Theme : Divine Growth		
Fri	31	Feast Triduum : 7.00 pm - Theme : Holiness in Action - Feast Mass and Fellowship		
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER : Ac 7, 55-60, Ps 96 1 and 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 Rev 22, , 12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17, 20-26 <i>"The Lord Is King, Most High Above All The Earth " (Psalm 96)</i>				
Sat	01 Jun	5.00 pm 6.00 pm	Rosary : 5.30 pm : Novena; 5.45 pm: Benediction Eucharist (E) (Animation : St. Raphael)	
Sun	02	7.00 am 9.00 am 11.00 am 1.00 pm	Eucharist (T) (Animation : St. Titus) Eucharist (E) (Animation: St David) 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 MAY 2019

- i) **Parish Weekend Collections** :
18/19 May 2019 : RM10,464.60
God Bless All Generous Donor
- ii) **SPM Bible Knowledge** : Classes 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)

Wedding Bells - Congratulations to ;
 a) Ulises & Loshini on 25/05/19 @ 1.30 pm
 b) Fredrik Frenchis & Priyalaxmi on 08/06/19 @ 11 am
 c) Baraman & Sumathi on 08/06/19 @ 3.30 pm

Pray for the Departed souls of :
 Michael James Alexander (d.o.d : 17/05/19)
May the Perpetual Light shine upon him

iv) **CLEANLINESS OF CHURCH & SURROUNDINGS.**

Nailing on walls, stickers, glue etc are not permitted. Toilets and Church surroundings - are to be kept clean. (Cleanliness is Godliness)
ALWAYS ENSURE House of God is well maintained and looked after by ALL.

vi) **Holy Communion :**

- Come prayerfully to receive the Lord.
- Say 'Amen' soundly/clearly
- Receive by Hand/Tongue & consume straight away.
- DO NOT take the communion to your seat /pews

~ EOMs please take note.
 ➤ **Membership Drive** for Parish Ministry Ecumenical and Inter Religious Affairs (PMEIA). Those interested please contact Christopher (019-6216194)/ Anne Sumitra (012-9105119)

Thank you for Mass Animation: BECs St. Lorenzon Ruiz and St. Faustina (Sban 3) for this weekend.

- **Parish Feast Triduum** May 29 (Wed) - 31st (Fri) 2019 :
Theme : Baptised and Sent
 ~ 29/5 (Wed) : 7.00 pm : Rosary, Novena, Eucharist : *Divine growth*
 ~ 30/5 (Thurs) : 7.00 pm (E/T/BM/M): Rosary, Novena, Eucharist :
Transformation for Mission
Ascension of the Lord: 6.45 am & 7.00 pm (M/L) (Day of Obligation)
 ~ 31/5 (Fri) - 7.00 pm : Rosary, Novena, Eucharist : *Holiness in action.*
 Feast Mass & Fellowship. (Procession of Our Lady in the Church grounds
 → Bring along your candles.
- Kindly return the **Lenten Campaign Envelopes** to the Parish office or drop into the collection Bags during Mass. (Closing date : 26 May 2019)
- **Priestly Ordination of Deacon Joseph Gomez** on 6th June 2019 @ 10.30 am at CDM, Shah Alam
- **Pentecost Vigil** → June 8th (night) Charismatic Service team & Youth together will animate (8 pm - 12 am). All are welcome! (English in Church / Tamil in Visitation Hall / Mandarin in Bible Hall)
- **Confirmation 2019** : (Sat) 13/7/2019 @ 6.00 pm Sunset Mass.
 ~ Spiritual Camp will be held from 24th - 26th May 2019 at STM, Seremban
 ~ "Laudato Si" - Beach Cleaning Project - 28/5 at P. D. Beach
 ~ Chit chat with Frs - 14 & 15 June 2019
- **AWAKEN** NS District Youth Rally (28-30 June at NUBE, Port Dickson). Each youth signed up to bring in ONE youth. Contact : Sabrina -013 2887624.
Have you sign up ? Sign up today!
- You are most welcome to **RENT Visitation** Hall, Canteen, Parlour and Hall at Jalan Lee Sam etc. Call parish office for more info.
- **Outstanding Achievement in PT3 / SPM 2018** : Congratulations to all the 5 candidates who applied. Thank you for your involvement & services given to your BEC/Zone/ Parish... God Bless You
- **"Laudato Si"** → Care for Mother Earth competition, drawing, story-telling & collage were all beautiful & very meaningful. Prize giving will be in June 2019.
 Thank you for your participations.
- **Fr George** will be away in Germany & Vatican for an Ecumenical gathering/study Tour - Christian Foundation of Malaysia : 24th May - 05 June 2019.
- **30/5- 02/06/19** : Wishing all our East Malaysian friends : **"Selamat Hari Gawai / Keamatan !**
- **13/06/19** : Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (PPC)