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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time



SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

He who trusts in himself is lost. He who trusts in God can do all things.
- St. Alphonsus Liguori

How to read this Gospel story from the perspective of the crisis which seems to be shipwrecking the Church today? Notice how Jesus came towards the disciples, walking on the sea. They were not able to recognize Him in the midst of the storm and the dark night. Fear makes them terror-stricken. The only reality is the storm. Christ's presence produces a great calm on the waters and a deep peace in the hearts of the disciples. The storm dies down, the crisis is resolved.

If we relate the same to situations in our life; when confronted with all kinds of stress and pressure, we are very much like Peter and can identify with his temptation to despair. A sudden turn of events in life and we are faced with storms which threaten the peace and securities of our families and homes. At such moments our faith fails, we need to remind ourselves of the presence of Christ in our lives, allowing His ever-powerful and encouraging words to come alive in us, **'Courage! It is I! Don't be afraid'**.

In life's journey, we all need the help of Christ to guide us to our true destination. Peter's mistake was that he chose to turn to Jesus in real prayer only in a moment of crisis when he was paralysed by fear and in danger of drowning. We too tend to react just like Peter; we forget about God when all is going well and tend to become serious in prayer when problems and tragedies arise. Christ is prepared to help us in all times. All we need to do is to listen to Jesus' invitation and place our unconditional trust in Him and He will show us how different His presence makes everything.

Faith and prayer are important in our following of Christ. We are invited to follow Christ with conviction and courage especially through the storms and trials of life. We need not become casualties on the sea of life because the Lord is always waiting for us with outstretched arms. We need to learn to walk towards Jesus today in the midst of the crisis; supporting ourselves, not in power, prestige and securities of the past, but in the desire to meet up with Jesus in the midst of the darkness and uncertainties of our times. It is not easy and we can falter and sink like Peter. But like him, we too can experience that Jesus reaches out and saves us while telling us, 'You have little faith. Why do you doubt?'

Let us reawaken our trust in Jesus and place our confidence and trust in God, and feel His presence in the sound of a gentle breeze. Don't be afraid! †

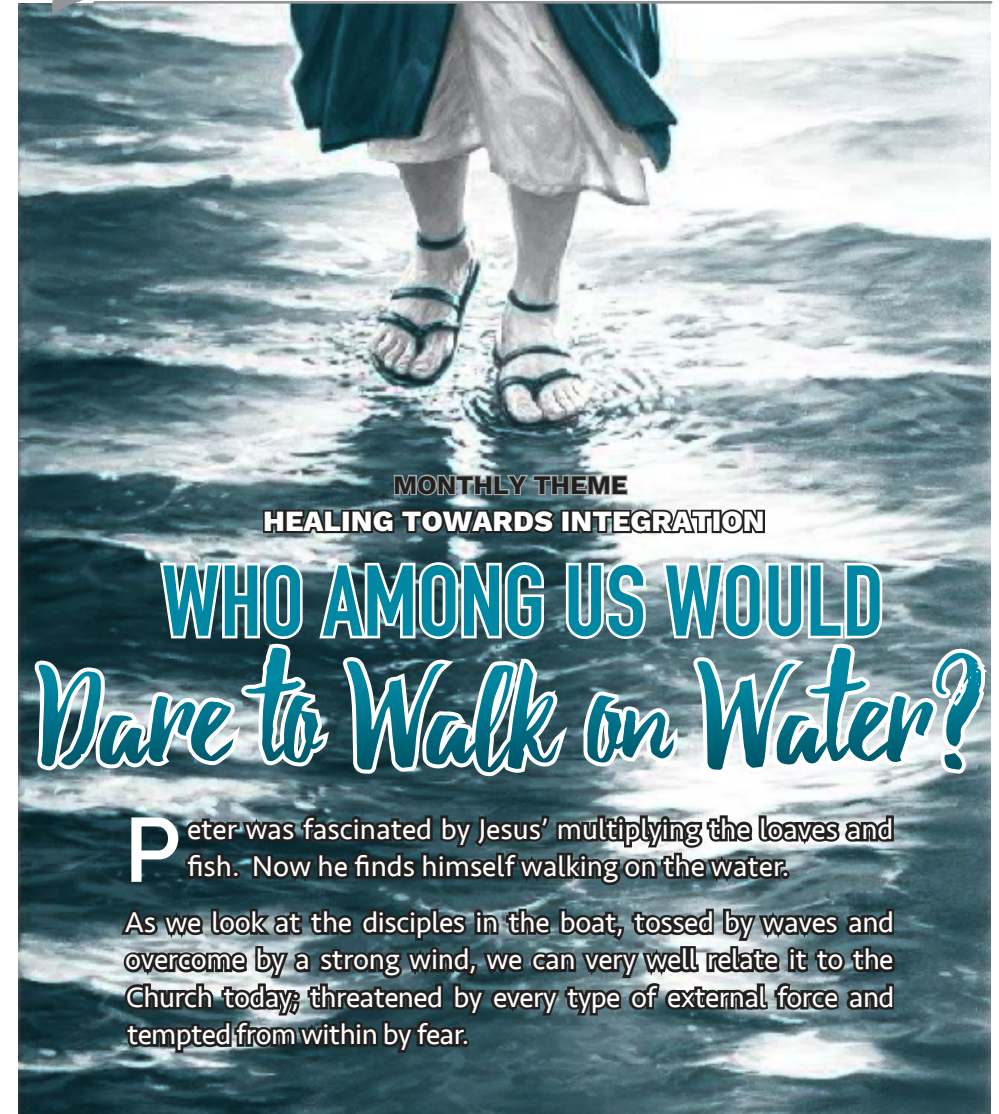


Scripture of the Day:

- 1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13;
- Ps 84: 9-14;
- Rm 9:1-5;
- Mt 14:22-33.

Weekly WORD

'Courage! It is I! Don't be afraid!'



**MONTHLY THEME
HEALING TOWARDS INTEGRATION**

WHO AMONG US WOULD Dare to Walk on Water?

Peter was fascinated by Jesus' multiplying the loaves and fish. Now he finds himself walking on the water.

As we look at the disciples in the boat, tossed by waves and overcome by a strong wind, we can very well relate it to the Church today; threatened by every type of external force and tempted from within by fear.



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THEME FOR 2020
DISCIPLESHIP: SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.
Theme for August 2020
Healing towards Integration

PARISH OFFICE:
Mon – Fri :
 9.00 am to 5.30 pm
Sat : till 1.30 pm
during RCMCO – Covid - 19 until further notice



08th & 09th August 2020 :

19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: *1 Kgs 19 19a, 11-13a, Ps 84, 9a, 11-13a Ps 84, 9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9, 1-5 Mt 14, 22-33*
"Let Us See, O Lord Your Mercy, And Give Us Your Saving Help." (Psalm : 84)

Dear foreigners and permanent residents, due to Government recovery restrictions orders, we sincerely regret to inform that currently you are kindly requested to refrain from participating in the Mass until further notice. Sincere Apologies!

Masses will be opened to all parishioners. Each language Mass is open for a limit of 380 parishioners. Those who wish to attend, kindly register through your BEC / Zone coordinators. All names from BEC / Zone are to be submitted to parish office by Thursday for the total count.

09 August (Sun): 9.00 am (Mandarin) ; 11.30 am (Bahasa Malaysia)

The time of Masses and language is subject to changes in the weeks ahead.

You can watch Visitation Live streaming Mass at : <http://live.visitationseremban.org>

NOTE :

- a) **COMPULSORY FOR ALL THOSE ATTENDING MASS TO USE A MASK, PLEASE COME WITH YOUR OWN MASK.**
- b) **BE IN THE CHURCH ONE AND A HALF HOUR (1 ½ hrs.) EARLIER, TO GO THROUGH ALL THE SOPs BEFORE MASS BEGINS.**

Compliance of SOP (Standard Operation Procedure)

- a) Those attending Mass are to adhere to the instructions/SOP given and cooperate with the service coordinators.
- b) Those attending Mass are to bring along their Identity Card (I.C.)
- c) Those who don't feel well like having, flu, sore throat, cough, difficulty in breathing please do not attend the Mass even if you are in the list.
- d) Wear a mask / registration / temperature taking / sanitizing hands before entering for Mass and exiting the Church after Mass.
- e) A card with number is given to each parishioner for attending Mass, keep it safe and to return at the exit point after Mass.
- f) There will be no Confession for the time being, please take note
- g) Please take your seat at the pew according to the instructions given.
- h) No touching/hugging/shaking hands. Communion to be received by hand only.
- i) Using of toilets be disciplined, not to crowd in. Social distancing to be maintained
- j) You are kindly required to leave immediately after Mass...

Dear parishioners, Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank**. We wish to request that the food items donated stay in its original wrapper or packaging. **Do not Repack**. Please continue to support us.

Those who are coming for Mass on Sunday and would like to donate Provisions for Food Bank (PIHDM), kindly drop them in the **Food Bank Box** provided at the Gate 2 at the Security guard post.

Donations received as from 18th March to 02nd August 2020 (during the MCO)

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	RM48,758.00	RM29,188.00	RM10,555.00

DONATIONS / OFFERINGS :

- For those who wish to contribute to any of the followings:
- (1) Financial Contribution to the Parish
 - (2) Mass offerings
 - (3) Adoration Room Makeover
 - (4) PIDM Food Bank

We would encourage you to use your banking online facility.

The Parish Bank Account details are as follows:

- a. Bank : **Public Bank Berhad**
- b. Bank Account Name : **Church of Visitation**
- c. Account No : **3121194612**

Please indicate in the online transfer the following details so that the Parish Office could account for them appropriately: - (i) **Amount** (ii) **Purpose** - any of the following :

- 1. Financial Contribution to the Parish
- 2. Mass Intentions for (name) – (RIP, or Thanksgiving or Special Intention)
- 3. Adoration Room Makeover
- 4. PIHDM Food Bank (For more info please call: *John Davidson (017 6158961) or Bernadette (012 2715840)*)

Please email the transaction slip to the Parish email: serembanvisitation@gmail.com for the Parish office record purposes.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation Mass : 30th August 2020 @ 2.00 pm**
 All confirmation students only will commence the Sunday class on 26th July 2020
English : 8.00 am – 9.30 am **Tamil** : 9.45am – 11.15 am **Mandarin** : 11.30 am – 1.00 pm
 Venue : Visitation Hall (upstairs). SOP to be complied.
 Confirmants Confession : 21 Aug / Interview – 22 Aug / Rehearsal – **28 August 2020**
- **Adoration Room Makeover** - see also video in the facebook and Visitation Web.
- **Parish** is also in the process of revamping leadership in all Ministries

Baptism : **Tamil** - 8th Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm **English** - 15th Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm
BM and Mandarin - 22 Aug '20 @ 7.00 pm

Those who have not registered for the Infant Baptism, please do so at the parish office.

We are recruiting **English choir members** for 9 am Mass. Those interested kindly contact Mr. Daniel Ram @ 012 6588715

Attention :
With immediate effect there will be NO Funeral services at the home of the deceased. Funerals are to be held at Visitation Parlour