

*Jesus Christ,
you see my heart,
you know my
desires. Possess
all that I am
—you alone
— St. Agatha*

No man or woman can possibly observe all the commandments at all times – but nonetheless, it is a life of perfection and holiness, that we as a people of God, strive towards.

Jesus understands this inner conflict we face, and He responds by expressing and simplifying the Father's love for us. That is, Jesus shows us how we can live in love, within God's laws. For example, by sharing our weaknesses or even our misgivings with the church/one another, our honesty and practice of accountability enables us to grow in love, humility, and self-awareness. In this way, we become effective witnesses, even if our efforts may seem insignificant.

Throughout our journey of striving to abide by these Commandments, Jesus assures us that we are known by Him; that He knows our struggles and weaknesses; that He knows the promises we try to keep and those we have failed to. Jesus assures us of His presence by listening to every prayer, even when our prayers consist of only sighs, groans and tears. **Jesus is truly our most loving comforter.**

These blessed assurances are beacons of light in our valleys of darkness; our hope in our daily struggles. And as we cling to His promises, our suffering finds meaning, and the impossible now seems possible. Let our hearts take courage, for our God is a dependable God who loves and assures us, every step of the way.

Let us always remain in His love. †



Scripture of the Day:

Ez. 33, 7-9;

Ps. 94: 1-2, 6-9;

Rom 13: 8-10;

Mt 18: 15-20.

**Weekly
WORD**

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL

MONTHLY THEME: BLOOD POURED OUT FOR YOU AND MANY

**TRUE LOVE FULFILLS
ALL THE LAWS**



There is a compendium of truths (*and laws*) to soak in this week. St Paul sets us up for the occasion as he reminds us that *love* is the answer to every one of the commandments. The Commandments are, therefore, the elixir of life that we should try to live by. It is a set of laws most of us know nearly by heart. Yet, while it rolls off our lips easily, they are at times not so easy to obey.



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THEME FOR 2020
DISCIPLESHIP : SENT WITH JOY TO HEAL.
Theme for September 2020
Evangelise/Call : Blood poured out for you and many.

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



05th & 06th September 2020 :

23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME: Ez: 33, 7-9 Ps. 94, 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13, 8-10 Mt 18, 15-20

"O That Today You Would Listen To His Voice! Harden Not Your Hearts." (Psalm : 94)

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 **ONLINE** via parish website at www.visitationseremban.org.

Please take note that the live streaming of Masses are ending this week. No live streaming of Mass from September onwards.

Mass Time : 13th September (Sun) : 7.30 am (Tamil) 10.00 am : (English)
 12.00 noon (Bahasa) (Alternate week with Mandarin)

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

Parish Weekend Collections : 30/8/2020	RM2,354.00
Special collection for Adoration : 30/8/2020	RM1,022.00

There will be a 2nd collection this weekend 06 September for the Ministry of Social Concern (PIHDM). God Bless all generous donors

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.**
- **All parish ministries** of all language groups are requested to **conduct your elections** for new leaders; not a comeback of the 'old face' to the position. Those who have already had your elections recently, it's wonderful. As for the rest, please do so by **end of September 2020.**
- Dear parishioners, **PIHDM Food Bank** will be opened on **Sundays : 8 am - 12.30 pm.** Items needed are : Rice (5kg), Oil (2 kg), Sardines, Biscuits, Milk powder, Milo/chocolate milk, cond. Milk, Bihun/instant mee. For more info contact : John (017-6158961) or Bernadette (012 2715840). Thank you for your generous support towards our **PIHDM Food Bank.** Please continue to give your support.
- **Infant Baptism for October 2020 :** kindly submit applications to parish office by end of September.

Pray for the Departed Souls of :
 a) Annie Carmen Luis (d.o.d : 28/08/20)
 b) Denis Lee Ah Pow (29/8/20)
May the Perpetual Light shines upon them

We are recruiting English choir members for 9 am Mass and Organists for 6 pm & 9 am English Mass. Those interested kindly contact Mr. Daniel Ram @ 012 6588715

Donations received ONLINE as from 18th March to 06th September 2020 (during the RCMCO)

Cumulative Amount:	Parish Donations	Adoration Room	PIHDM Food Bank
	RM55,333.00	RM54,258.00	RM12,155.00

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. **Please do not bank-in money for Mass offerings /Intentions (Office is opened Monday – Sunday)**
- 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.

- **Adoration Room Makeover** - see also video in the facebook and Visitation Web.
- **Parish** is also in the process of revamping leadership in all Ministries

➤ Fr, Kenneth and I are indeed grateful to all those who have been serving in the different ministries in the parish. We sincerely **THANK YOU** for your invaluable contributions to the parish all these years. May the blessings of the Almighty accompany you and your family. Best wishes to all of you. Take Care!
Fr. Xave

Dear Parishioners, you are kindly encouraged to call the parish office to make appointments to meet the Parish Priest, and refrain calling him personally on the mobile for appointments.

- **Booking of Church premises/classrooms/hall etc for meetings please do not call the parish priest to do the booking. All bookings are to be done at the parish office.**

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - BAPTISM OF CANDIDATES :
 13/9/2020 : 10.00 am (English) 20/9/2020 : 12.00 noon (Mandarin)
 27/9/2020 : 7.30 am (Tamil)