

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

ST. MARY'S PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

1. Please be informed that our Parish Pastoral Council will soon begin to prepare for the **Golden Jubilee celebration** of our Parish. The actual date of the celebration will depend on our new normal situation. In the meantime, I like to invite to pray for blessings as we begin our preparation.

2. The Council would like to appeal to **our older parishioners to give a helping hand** in this preparation. We need old photos, any material information,..etc. to trace the detailed history of St. Mary's, especially Movements' activities. Please contact either our Parish Administrator, **Sr. Regina**, Tel: (O) 312-156 (H/P) 011-3560-8283 or our clerk, **Leo Tajul** h/p: 016869-5431 and or our Website Chairman, **Winston Thomas Nyadang** Tel:011-102-69663. We have a very poor existing record in our possession in our Parish Office. Please heed our appeal for help.

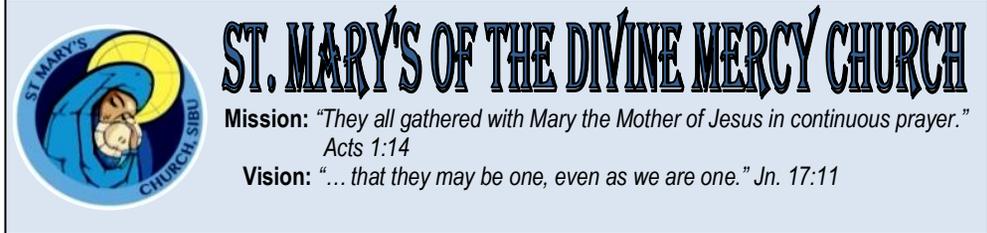
3 In view **the current pandemic situation** in our state, **all those** who have visited or returned from Kuching or Samarahan areas are advised to refrain themselves from coming to attend weekday or Sunday mass for a period of two weeks. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. Stay safe, Wash your hands, Wear your mask, and Keep your social distance, and Stay home if you have no urgent need to go out.

4. Our **Parish's Holy Hour** will begin on the 7th August, 2020 at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome and please strictly follow the SOP procedure.

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR
Every 4th Friday of each month
starting at 7.30 p.m.
(suspended until further notice)

DEVOTION TO ST. JUDE THADDEUS
Every 3rd Wednesday of each
month starting at 7.30 p.m.
with Holy Mass

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18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A: 2ND AUGUST 2020

CHURCH NOTICES

Dear Parishioners, kindly please **REGISTER** yourself for every Sunday mass under the new normal. Since our seating capacity is limited to 112, it will be on 'first-come-first-serve' basis.

1. This week the **second collection** is for the **Priestly Formation Fund**.
2. **Sunday Collection boxes**: Please make all your offerings as you enter the Church. The **1st Collection** and **2nd Collection boxes** are placed at the **church entrance**. The rest of collection boxes are being put at the various convenient places inside the Church where you can drop your offerings, mass intention envelopes etc. either before or after the Mass.
3. **For our senior Parishioners** who are unable to make to the Sunday Mass especially **our elderly**, you can attend the weekday Mass starting at 7.00 a.m. daily.
4. **Personal donations, contributions and monthly tithing**: The Rector would like to convey his deepest appreciation and gratitude for your contributions and donations through your banking-in (Parish Account No.324-1-18404537- BOS: Gereja St. Mary at Standard Chartered Bank). Thank you for your continued financial support at this difficult time. God bless.
5. In the **recent PPM meeting**, all the parish movements and organizations are requested to submit their activity programs and budgets for 2021 in preparation for our Parish 2021 Calendar.
6. **Our Church and compound** – Please help to keep our church and compound clean and tidy.

18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A
'The Lord Who Feeds Us'
First Reading: **Isaiah 55:1-3**
Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 144**
Second Reading: **Romans 8: 35. 37-39**
Gospel: **Matthew 14: 13-21**

PARISH LIBRARY
ST. WILLIAM ROOM
Opening Hours:
Monday – Friday: 2.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.
Saturday: 8.00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.
Sunday: CLOSED



PAYING VISIT TO OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Parishioners and visitors entry into or exit of the Church is through the side door of the Sister's Convent side when the main entrance of the Church is closed after the Mass. See our clerk in the General Office to assist you.

1. St. Mary's Parish Office and Religious Articles Centre are now open to the public during office hours. Your visit either place is by **APPOINTMENT** by calling the Parish office no.: **084-312156**.

2. The home-bound Catholics and the sickly who need Holy Communion and Confession, please call the Parish Office **084-312156** to make your appointment.

NOTICES FOR WEEKDAYS

Thursday, 6th August – **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.**
Friday, 7th August – First Friday Devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Holy Mass is at 7.00 a.m only. Holy Hour starts at 7.30 p.m.

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION or TITHING

Parishioners may pledge their monthly contributions or tithing by using the envelopes provided and drop them into the collection bags or our Petition Boxes beside the Sanctuary. Official receipt will be issued to all. Please give your name, address and h/p no. Thanks for your generous donation or your monthly tithing and or contributions.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please be advised that the family members of any deceased are strongly urged to contact first our priest(s) or Peter Ting 013-816 3211 or Peter Lau 019-888 3701 of Catholic Funeral Service Team (CFST) for guidance and advice before making any funeral arrangement. Your co-operation in this matter is highly appreciated.

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES CENTRE:

St. Lucy Room

Opening Hours:

Monday: REST DAY

Tuesday – Friday: 8.00am – 12.00noon;
2.00pm – 5.00pm

Saturday: 8.00am – 12.00noon;
5.00pm – 7.00pm.

Sunday: 7.00am – 10.00am.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Contact person: Sr. Christina 016 885 4690

CCD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact person: Adeline Wong
019 857 6917

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Contact person: Lawrence Chan
013 801 5861

Pope Francis: Becoming restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven

At the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis reflected on two of the parables told by Jesus in the day's Gospel: that of the treasure hidden in the field, and that of the pearl of great value. In both parables, those who finds the "precious" items, that which is most dear to them, sell everything they have in order to obtain them. "With these two similes," said Pope Francis, "Jesus proposes to involve us in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven, presenting one of its essential characteristics: Those who fully pledge themselves to the Kingdom are those who are willing to stake everything." Pope Francis said that the "decisive and radical" decision to give up everything to seek even more precious treasures shows that "the building of the Kingdom requires not only the grace of God, but also the active willingness of the human person."

Healthily restless seekers

"We are called to assume the attitude of these Gospel figures," Pope Francis continued, "so that we too may become healthily restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven." As in the parables, this involves a cost: we must give up "worldly sureties" – such as "covetousness for possessions, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only of ourselves" – which can hinder our search. Too often, said the Pope, people lead "mediocre and dull lives, because they do not go in search of real treasure." Seeking after the Kingdom of Heaven, on the other hand, is the very "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Seekers after the Kingdom "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, our neighbour, and ourselves.

The adventure of holiness

"Jesus, Who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy in the world," said Pope Francis: "the joy of discovering a meaning in life, the joy of committing oneself to the adventure of holiness." Pope Francis concluded his reflection with the prayer that the Blessed Virgin Mary "might help us to seek after the treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven every day, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be manifested in our words and acts."



CHURCH ROUTINE SCHEDULES



DAILY HOLY MASSES

Monday to Saturday:
7.00 a.m.

ADDITIONAL MASSES

Every First Friday of the Month, Holy Days of Obligation, Solemnities:
6.00 a.m. & 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY SUNSET MASS

7.00 p.m.

SUNDAY MORNING MASS

7.30 a.m.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Saturday: 6.00 p.m.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Sunday: 7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m.

Also by appointment

SCHOOL CHILDREN'S MASS

Last Friday of the Month: 11.30 a.m.
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD Every Sunday 7.30 a.m.

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

Every last Sunday of the Month: 9.00 a.m.

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday evening from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. except for First Friday, the Holy Hour begins after the Mass.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Every Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.