

Creation Justice, Love & Freedom
YEAR OF AIR & CONFIRMATION

BREATH of life in all creation

...the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

1. St. Mary's Church **NEW Parish Account**
 is with **Public Bank:**

The Bishop of Sibub(BOS) – St. Mary's Church
The account number is: 3220104013

For your Sunday contributions or donations, you also can use **Sarawak Pay.**

2. The Rosary Prayer Garden with Belfry Project:

- a. For the Rosary Prayer Garden's donation, bank in your contribution into our MayBank Account: Bishop of Sibub - St. Mary's Church. The account number is **511056667783.**
- b. For the **Bell Tower's donation**, kindly bank it into Public Bank Berhad: Bishop of Sibub (BOS) – St. Mary's Church. The account number is **3220104013.**
- c. The Parish Pastoral Council wishes to invite all to pray for the smooth implementation and successful completion of our Rosary Prayer Garden Project.



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
 (suspended until further notice)

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St. Mary's Church



ST. MARY'S OF THE DIVINE MERCY CHURCH

Mission: "They all gathered with Mary the Mother of Jesus in continuous prayer."
 Acts 1:14

Vision: "... that they may be one, even as we are one." Jn. 17:11

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - B: 17TH JANUARY 2021

CHURCH NOTICES

Dear Parishioners,
 Be informed that all activities in the Church are suspended with the imposition of CMO.2. starting from Friday, 16th January till Friday, 29th January, 2021 Please take care, Keep safe.

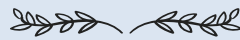
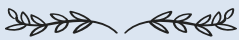
- 1. Today's second collection is for the **Priests' Welfare Fund.** You can make your offering(s) through Sarawak Pay. Thank you.
- 2. **Infant Baptism:** Parents will be informed of the new date.
- 3. **Year of Air & Confirmation:** The recitation of the Prayer for the Year of Air and Confirmation shall begin from 1st January, 2021 onwards. Get your copy of the prayer card at the main entrance of the Church
- 4. **Year of St. Joseph:** Pope Francis has declared a "Year of St. Joseph" starting from 8th December, 2020 until 8th December 2021. Prayer to St. Joseph would be recited at the end of our Rosary recitation. Prayer cards are available at Church main entrance.
- 5. **The Marriage Discernment Weekend** Pre-Marriage Courses for English speaking couples will be from 5th to 7th March and also from 6th to 8th August 2021.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - B
 'Answering God's Call'

First Reading: **1 Samuel 3: 3-10. 19**
 Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 39**
 Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 6: 13-15. 17-20**
 Gospel: **John 1: 35-42**

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



NOTICES FOR WEEKDAYS:

The week of prayer for Christian Unity is held from 18 – 25 January.
Theme: 'Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit (cf. Jn 15, 5-9)
No Holy Hour on Friday and Novena on Saturday during MCO.2. (16th to 29 January 2021)



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)

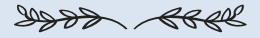
Contact person: Sr. Christina 016 885 4690

CCD SUNDAY SCHOOL

Contact person: Adeline Wong
019 857 6917

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS

Contact person: Lawrence Chan
013 801 5861



Pope at Audience: We can always praise God, whose love never fails

Pope Francis reflected on the dimension of praise in prayer, at the General Audience on Wednesday, taking as his starting point “a critical moment in the life of Jesus.”

At the beginning of His ministry, when He had already begun to preach the Kingdom of God and perform miracles, “the mission of the Messiah goes through a crisis,” the Pope said: John the Baptist expresses doubts, while the people to whom He had preached showed hostility to Jesus and His message. But “precisely in this disappointing moment,” Pope Francis said, “Jesus does not lift up a lament to the Father, but rather a hymn of jubilation... in the midst of a crisis, Jesus blesses the Father, He praises Him.”

God is praised for Who He is

Jesus praises God for Who He is, calling upon Him as “Father, Lord of heaven and earth.” Jesus acknowledges His Father as Lord of the universe, and conversely recognizes “the Lord of all that exists,” as His Father. “Praise springs from His experience of feeling the He is ‘Son of the Most High’,” the Pope said.

God favours the little ones

In His prayer, Jesus goes on to praise God “for favouring the little ones.” Pope Francis explained that in His ministry, Jesus saw those who were considered “wise” and “learned” react to His preaching with suspicion, while the “little ones” were open to His message. “This can only be the will of the Father,” the Pope said, “and Jesus rejoices in this. We too must rejoice and praise God because humble and simple people welcome the Gospel.” Jesus’ prayer of praise “in that moment of seeming failure” leads us to see our own failures in a different light, Pope Francis continued. He explained that praising God, especially “when it seems evil prevails and there is no way to stop it,” is necessary, not for God’s sake, but for our own.

Praising God in times of trial

The Pope cited the catechism, which says that the prayer of praise “shares in the blessed happiness of the pure of heart who love God in faith before seeing Him in glory.” Paradoxically, he said, it is not only at times of happiness, when we feel blessed, but especially “in difficult moments” that we must praise God – precisely, so that, rising up to God, we will be able “to see a new panorama, a broader horizon.”

The example of the Saints

Saint Francis, in his Canticle of the Creatures – Laudato sí – offers an excellent example of praising God in time of difficulties. The prayer was composed at the end of Francis’ life, when he was beset by difficulties. Yet in that moment, Pope Francis said, the saint “praises God for everything, for all the gifts of creation, and even for death, which he courageously manages to call ‘sister’.”

The example of the saints, Pope Francis said in conclusion, shows us “that we can always give praise, in good times and bad, because God is the faithful Friend. This is the foundation of praise: God is the faithful Friend, and His love never fails.”



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:
at 7.30 p.m.

SATURDAY SUNSET MASS

7.00 p.m. (suspended temporarily)
SUNDAY MORNING MASS
7.30 a.m.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Every Saturday: 5.30 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.
(Both suspended temporarily)

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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Every Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.
(suspended temporarily)