

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - B: 24TH JANUARY 2021

CHURCH NOTICES

Dear Parishioners,

In view of rising Covid19 cases in our Diocese, 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 observe SOP religiously. Take care of each other and keep safe.

1. Today's second collection is for the **Lay Apostolate Fund**. You can make your offering(s) through Sarawak Pay. Thank you.
2. **Survey & Registration 2021** – CCD Sunday School of St. Mary's Church is conducting a survey cum registration on how we can start our CCD class. Please click on the link: <http://gg/ccdSMDMv1> and fill a form for each child.
3. **Infant Baptism:** Parents will be informed of the new date.
4. **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.
5. **Marble Reliefs for the 20 mysteries of the Rosary Project:** Be informed that the making of all the 20 mysteries of the marble reliefs is near completion. The engraving of the Church logo and sponsor's names and the fine adjustments to be made to the reliefs will be expected to be completed by the end of next month. Please continue to pray for its smooth and successful completion of our Rosary Prayer Garden Project and its safe delivery to Sibub.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - B
 'The Lord Who Teaches Us His Ways'

First Reading: **Jonah 3: 1-5. 10**
 Responsorial Psalm: **Psalm 24**
 Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**
 Gospel: **Mark 1: 14-20**

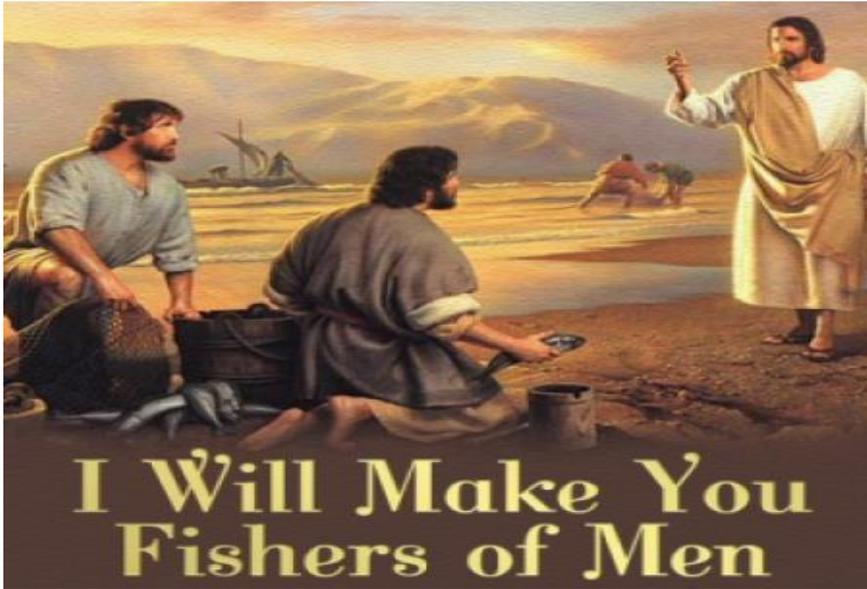
PARISH LIBRARY
 ST. WILLIAM ROOM

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)
- # Monday, 25th January: **The Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle.**
- # 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



Sunday of the Word of God: 'A day of awakening'

Pope Francis instituted **'The Sunday of the Word of God'** to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, with the Apostolic Letter in the form of a Motu proprio "Aperuit illis" issued on 30 September 2019.

The Pope intended it to be a day dedicated to the celebration, reflection and dissemination of the Word.

Importance of Sacred Scripture in our lives

A note released on Saturday by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, and signed by the prefect, Cardinal Robert Sarah, explains that The Sunday of the Word of God is a means to help people "reawaken an awareness of the importance of Sacred Scripture for our lives as believers, beginning with its resonance in the liturgy which places us in living and permanent dialogue with God." It adds that the day is also "a good opportunity to reread some ecclesial documents, especially the Praenotanda of the Ordo Lectionum Missae." The note itself is divided into ten points, the first of which points out that "through the proclaimed biblical readings in the liturgy, God speaks to his people and Christ himself proclaims his Gospel." It indicates that "One of the ritual possibilities suitable for this Sunday could be the entrance procession with the Book of the Gospels or simply placing the Book of the Gospels on the altar." The document then specifies that the biblical readings arranged by the Church in the Lectionary should not be replaced or suppressed, and that versions of the Bible approved for liturgical use should be used. "The proclamation of the texts of the Lectionary constitutes a bond of unity between all the faithful who hear them," says the note, which also recommends the singing of the Responsorial Psalm.

The Homily

Focusing on the homily, it invites bishops, priests and deacons to "explain and enable all to understand Sacred Scripture" and to "make it accessible to their communities", carrying out this ministry "with special dedication, treasuring the means proposed by the Church". The importance of silence in liturgical celebration is also emphasized, because, "favouring meditation, it allows the word of God to be received inwardly by the listener." With regard to those who proclaim the Word of God in the assembly - priests, deacons and lectors - the note specifies that "specific interior and exterior preparation, familiarity with the text to be proclaimed and the necessary practice in the way of proclaiming it" are required. It also insists on the care of the ambo from which the Word of God is proclaimed, and while "the homily and the intentions of the universal prayer can be proclaimed from it", "it is less appropriate to use it for commentaries, announcements or for directing singing." There is also a request to take care of the material value and the good use of "books containing the readings of Sacred Scripture", adding it is "never appropriate to resort to leaflets, photocopies, and other pastoral aids as a substitute for liturgical books."

Formation meetings

In order to make Sacred Scripture and its value in liturgical celebrations better known, the Congregation urges the promotion of formation meetings, in proximity to or in the days following the Sunday of the Word of God, to highlight in greater detail "the criteria for the liturgical distribution of the various biblical books in the course of the year and its seasons, as well as what the structure is of the Sunday and weekday cycles of the readings for Mass." Finally, the document identifies the Sunday of the Word of God, where the community celebration of Lauds and Vespers is promoted, as "a fitting occasion to deepen the link between Sacred Scripture and the Liturgy of the Hours, the praying of the Psalms and Canticles of the Office, as well as the biblical readings."

St. Jerome

It also suggests that St. Jerome be proposed as an example "for the great love he had for the Word of God."



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)