



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Reading II: Romans 13: 8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

Revised Roman Missal: 557

Gospel Summary

Jesus set for his followers a three-step procedure for reconciling differences among the community. In the first step we are told to go one-on-one to the person and try to work out the problem. If that doesn't work, we are to take some witnesses, or in the final case, bring the offender before representatives of the Church. If reconciliation does not occur in the end, there is nothing more we can do and are told to walk away from the person.

Reflection for Families

Reconciling differences is one of the most challenging jobs of parenthood. When our children jump immediately to step three (we sometimes call it tattling), we need to remind them and guide them through the first steps. Our children need to see us model this as well. How often do we fly off the handle and accuse someone of wrongdoing rather than approach him/her rationally. When our children see us calmly, but firmly, address someone, naming the infraction and saying how the action made us feel, they learn that there are other ways besides hostile confrontation to work out differences.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

The next time there is an argument or injury in your family, try this formula: In a normal tone of voice, let the person who was injured say to the one who inflicted the hurt, "It hurts me (or makes me feel . . .) when you . . ." If the perpetrator is genuinely willing to ask for forgiveness, they may say something like, "I'm sorry for hurting you by . . . I will try not to . . . in the future. Will you forgive me?" The injured person must decide if he/she can accept the apology and truly forgive the other person. If not, a time should be named when they will try this formula again. If reconciliation does occur, the formula should end with some gesture of peace.

Discussion Starters

1. There was a time when I had to correct someone who did something wrong. This gospel would have helped me...
2. There is a situation I know of where this formula will help me. I plan to use it by...
3. I know it was hard for someone to correct me once when...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- **LIVE BROADCAST FOR MASSES AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

You may follow the live broadcast by subscribing to Bishop Cornelius Sim or Fr Robert Leong YouTube channels. More information can be found at the Vicariate website at rcvbd.com

- **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY’S BIRTHDAY**

In conjunction with the birthday of the blessed Virgin Mary, there will be flowers on sale at B\$5 each at the entrance of the Church on Tuesday, 8th September at 5pm. You may present the flowers to her before or after the Mass at the baptism font.

- **MEMBER UPDATE REGISTRATION**

If you have not registered at the Member Registration Portal, please register yourself to receive the confirmation code. The member update is to assist us in planning for the resumption of Mass. It will also inform us of the number of parishioners currently attending Mass at St. John’s Church.

The link can be found via the Vicariate website at:

rcvbd.com/St. John’s Church, Kuala Belait

- **SJC MEMBER REGISTRATION MASS ATTENDANCE HELP DESK**

If you know of anyone who has not registered at the Member Registration Portal, please ask them to go to the Parish Office (during office hours) to fill in a physical form or they can visit the link at the Vicariate website at: **rcvbd.com/St. John’s Church, Kuala Belait**

- **MASS ATTENDANCE WEBSITE**

For Mass Attendance, please note that registrations open at 12noon on Sundays and will close at noon on Fridays for Sunset mass and noon on Saturdays for the Sunday Mass.

Please register at the website for one Mass either on Saturday or Sunday to expedite registration and for head count.

- **SUNSET MASS AND NOVENA**

Sunset Mass will continue every Saturday at 6:00pm followed immediately by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please note that the age limit still applies from **12 years and above**.

- **DAILY MASS AND HOLY HOUR**

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm in the Church daily except for Fridays at 12:15 pm. Holy Hour will be on Wednesdays immediately after the Mass.

No pre-registration is needed, however please ensure you have your BruHealth App and are feeling well. Please come at least 30 minutes before Mass begins. Mass resumption guidelines apply. Please note that the age limit still applies from **12 years and above**.

- **INFANT BAPTISM**

Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish Office during office hours.

- **SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION**

Those who wish to have the Sacrament of Confession is requested to contact the Parish Office for an appointment.

DAY	EVENT	READINGS	TIME
Monday 7	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 5: 1-8 Lk 6: 6-11	5:30 pm
Tuesday 8	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (FEAST)	Rom 8: 28-30 Mt 1: 1-16.	5:30 pm
Wednesday 9	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 7: 25-31 Lk 6: 20-26	5:30 pm
Thursday 10	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 8: 1-7. 11-13 Lk 6: 27-38	5:30 pm
Friday 11	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 9: 16-19. 22-27 Lk 6: 39-42	12:15 pm
Saturday 12	23RD WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 10: 14-22 Lk 6: 43-49	6:00 pm (Pre-registration)
	SUNSET MASS AND NOVENA	Sir 27: 33—28:7 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35	
Sunday 13	24TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	Sir 27: 33—28:7 Rom 14: 7-9 Mt 18: 21-35	9:00 am (Pre-registration)