



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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29TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

Reading I: Is 45, 1. 4-6

Reading II: 1 Th 1, 1-5b.

Gospel: Mt 22, 15-21.

Revised Roman Missal: 577

Gospel Summary

The chief priests and Pharisees tried to trap Jesus into making a political error or renouncing God's authority. They asked whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the emperor. Pointing out that it was Caesar's head on the coin, Jesus told them to give to the emperor what was due the emperor, but to pay more attention to what belonged to God.

Reflection for Families

Sometimes we can get into debates with our children similar to the one Jesus had with the chief priests and Pharisees. Children often wear us down with their relentless arguing. We would do well as parents to imitate Jesus' simple and straightforward response.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Purchase a bag of foil-wrapped chocolate coins and give each member of the family at least three coins each. One at a time, have each person slide one of their coins to the center of the table and name one thing that is very important to them. (Keep in mind that each person will name the top three important things in their lives if you use three coins each.) Continue going around the table and repeat the process for as many coins as each person has. When all the coins are in the center of the table, talk together about how many of the coins represent loyalty to something other than God - perhaps material gifts, power, or recognition. Go around the table again and think of important things that are important in our lives that come from God. For each item, take out a coin.

Discussion Starters

1. It was very clear to me that the only power we have comes from God when...
2. I know that sometimes I put other priorities in front of God, but I definitely put God first when...
3. I don't think Jesus is telling me not to pay taxes in this Gospel. Instead I think he's saying...

“ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- **WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

The second collection for this weekend is for missionaries. Please continue to pray for all missionaries. Thank you for your generosity.

- **CEMETERY CLEANING**

The cemetery is open to all who wish to upkeep their relative's graves before All Souls Day on 2nd November 2020. Please take your trash with you and do not leave it in the cemetery.

- **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE**

The Book of Remembrance is available near our Lady of Perpetual Help shrine for everyone to write in the names of deceased loved ones they would like to have remembered during the month of November.

- **OCTOBER—MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

The Rosary will be recited after the daily Mass except on Saturday & Sundays, where it will be recited half an hour before Mass begins.

- **MEMBER UPDATE REGISTRATION & PARISH ID CARD**

There is a new initiative from the Vicariate, each person will be issued a Parish ID Card. If you have already registered at the member portal, we will need some additional information namely the DATE and PLACE of your Baptism & Confirmation. An email will be sent to you requesting for this information. It would be appreciated if you can reply to the email by Thursday, 22nd October.

If you have not registered at the Member Registration Portal, please register yourself. The link can be found via the Vicariate website at:

rcvbd.com/ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KUALA BELAIT

- **WALK IN REGISTRATION**

SJC is currently accepting walk in registrations. Proceed direct to the Help Desk located at the garage in front of the Parish Hall. Please ensure that you have your Identity Card (IC) with you to ease registration.

- **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.

DAY	EVENT	READINGS	TIME
Monday 19	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 2, 1-10. Lk 12, 13-21.	5:30 pm
Tuesday 20	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 2, 12-22. Lk 12, 35-38.	5:30 pm
Wednesday 21	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 3, 2-12; Lk 12, 39-48.	5:30 pm
Thursday 22	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 3, 14- 21 Lk 12, 49-53.	5:30 pm
Friday 23	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 4, 1-6; Lk 12, 54-59.	12:15 pm
Saturday 24	29TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Eph 4, 7-16. Lk 13, 1-9.	6:00 pm (Pre- registration)
	SUNSET MASS AND NOVENA	Ex 22, 20-26. 1 Th 1, 5c-10. Mt 22, 34-40.	
Sunday 25	30TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	Ex 22, 20-26. 1 Th 1, 5c-10. Mt 22, 34-40.	9:00 am (Pre- registration)