

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 19	16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV	Ex 14, 5-18; Mt 12, 38-42.	5:30 PM
Tue 20	16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Apollinaris	Ex 14, 21-15, 1a; Mt 12, 46-50.	5:30 PM
Wed 21	16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Lawrence of Brindisi	Ex 16, 1-5. 9-15; Mt 13, 1-9.	5:30 PM
Thu 22	St Mary Magdalene Apostle of the Apostles	Song 3, 1-4a or 2 Cor 5, 14-17; Jn 20, 1-2. 11-18.	5:30 PM
Fri 23	16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Bridget of Sweden	Ex 20, 1-17; Mt 13, 18-23.	Mass: 12:15 PM Holy Hour: 7:30 PM
Sat 24	16th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Week IV St Charbel Makhlof	Ex 24, 3-8; Mt 13, 24-30.	Novena to OMPH: 5:00 PM Mass: 5:30 PM
Sun 25	17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Psalter Week I	2 Kgs 4, 42-44; Eph 4, 1-6. Jn 6, 1-15.	8:00 AM 5:30 PM

POPE PRAYER INTENTION: JULY 2021

Social friendship: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.



Church of Our Lady of Immaculate Conception

Newsletter

Vicariate website: revbd.com



Issue 2021/29

For Private Circulation Only

18th July 2021

16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

Reading I: Jeremiah 23, 1-6;
Responsorial Psalm: 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.
Reading II: Ephesians 2, 13-18.
Gospel: Mark 6, 30-34.

Revised Roman Missal: 754 (Bahasa 1238)



Reflection

The Episode narrated by the Gospel describes the vicissitudes of some apostles so pressured by the urgency of the mission that “they did not have time to rest or eat”. **Christ, the good shepherd, leads his sheep to restful places.** When he sees them worn out by apostolic work, he takes them in the boat to a peaceful and secluded place to rest for awhile.

Brothers and sisters,

1. One of the greatest victories for the evil one is trapping us in a world of noise and uncertainties that pervade everything. We live in an age of rush, rush, rush. We run around in a mass along the grueling highway of modern life. The noise pollution of cities reaches our ears at the highest decibels. The sickness of activism leads us to individualism, intolerance, anxiety and impatience. Today, no one wants to be alone, yet at times it is necessary to stop, retreat, and be by yourself.

2. In medical language, the sickness of time is called “cronopathy”. Not having a moment’s rest or a minute of silence or meditation has created a truly physical and spiritual pathology. Medicine ascribes this occupational dizziness and hustle and bustle to a wide range of organic disorders and neuroses; theology sees in it the root of paganism, religious indifference and man-centeredness.

Man is looking for happiness in all the wrong places. It can't be found in the world of highways, factories, clubs, stadiums or businesses. In order to find it we need to look elsewhere and learn to listen to the voice of silence.

3. Cervantes once wrote, “He who retreats does not flee.” Solitude with God is a most fruitful experience; it is the solitude of two in company with each other. Silence is necessary for God to speak. We must not fear retreating once in awhile in order to take stock of our spiritual life. Silence is the place where great things are forged.

Let us stop and smell the roses. We need that rest which will help free us from tension, wear and tear, and the fatigue accumulated over time. This retreat to restful places will be the best therapy for our insomnias, stress, and heart problems. Rest, solitude and silence will put order to our thoughts, feelings, emotions and even our problems and worries.

But more important than all this is the fact that God continues to wait for us in the desert to reveal himself to us and tell us what are mission in life is. Let us go to a deserted place with Jesus to rest, but moreover to be with him, now and always.

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Robert Leong

Lot 2469, No.49, Jalan Lorong 1 Barat, P.O. Box 145, Seria, KB1133

Tel:322-2304 ♦ Fax: 328-7260 ♦ Mobile: 863-7260 ♦ Email: frrobert@outlook.com

Second Collection (18th July)

The Second Collection today will be for the Tunggulian Cemetery Fund.

Sunday School and COM Classes (18th July)

There will be Sunday School and COM Classes today. Parents are reminded to drop their child off at the Parish Hall gate entrance.

Baptism for Sunday School Children and Infants (21st July)

The baptism for Sunday School children and infants will be on Wednesday, 21st July at 10:00 AM. Please note the change of date.

Liturgy Meeting (24th July)

There will be a meeting of all Liturgy Committee members on Saturday, 24th July at 2:00 pm. Please try to meet with your members to find out if they are issues to bring up at this meeting.

Coming to Mass

From 1st August onward, the priests in the Vicariate have decided not to have Parish ID registration for Mass. Only BruHealth, temperature check, and social distancing will still be enforced. Parishioner are free to sit anywhere. The Usher/Warden will guide you to any vacant spaces once the Mass has started. The Parish Hall will continue to be available until we can get back to normal and unrestricted capacity. Although wearing the mask is no longer mandatory, we do encourage you to wear them as a precautionary measure, for your protection and others. If you are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine, we also do encourage you to take it as a safety precaution.

CONFESSIONS

By appointment (Tel: 8637260)

LEGION OF MARY

English	Sat	6:00pm
Bahasa	Tue	6:00pm
Chinese	Wed	7:30pm

DEVOTIONS

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help	Sat	5:00pm
Holy Hour	Fri	7:30pm

VOCATION TREE

Prayer	1st Sun	10:30am
--------	---------	---------

PRAYER MEETINGS

Iban	Mon	7:30pm
Bahasa	Thu	7:30pm
El Shaddai	Sun	2:00pm

BIBLE STUDY/FAITH FORMATION

English	Thu	7:30pm
---------	-----	--------

RCIA Classes

English	Mon	7:30pm
Iban	Mon	7:30pm
Bahasa	Thu	6:00pm
Chinese	Tue	10:00am

St John Vianney

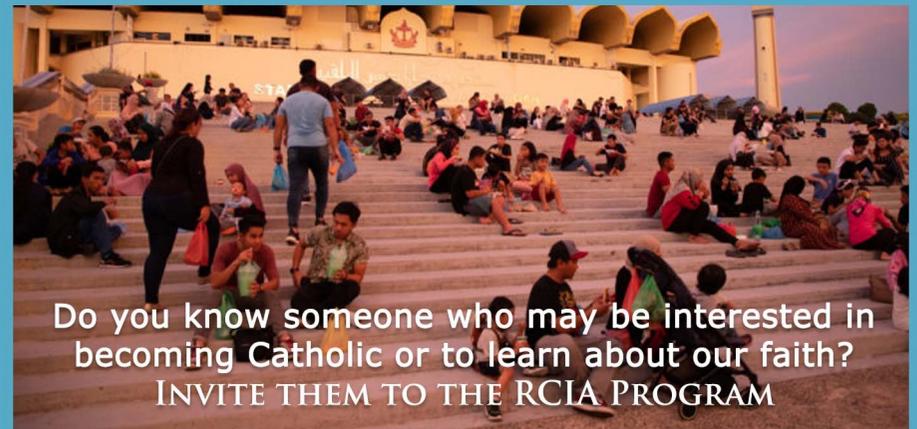
Two of the most eloquent signs of God's yearning for our friendship are the two sacraments the Church encourages us to receive frequently, the Eucharist and confession.

Each one of these sacraments was invented by Christ as a way to reach out towards us, to extend his hand to us, to strengthen and renew our friendship with him.

These were the two pillars of the remarkable life of St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests.

- Two days before St. John Vianney died at the age of seventy-three, he received Holy Communion for the last time.
- He was extremely weak, unable to rise from bed, completely exhausted from his decades of tireless service to his little parish of Ars.
- The parishioners gathered around his rectory, kneeling in prayer, tears streaming down their faces.
- After receiving his last Holy Communion, he whispered: "How kind the good God is! When we are no longer able to go to him, he comes to us."
- That's what Jesus does for each of us in the sacrament of the Eucharist - he makes it easy for us to find him and go to him, and when even that is beyond our power, he himself comes to us.

That's the Heart of our Savior, a heart burning with love for us.



Do you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic or to learn about our faith?
 INVITE THEM TO THE RCIA PROGRAM