

## SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL SERVICES

| DAY          | SAINTS / EVENTS                 | LIT.                 | TIME                          | READINGS   |
|--------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Mon, 02 Oct. | <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> | Mass                 | 6:00 pm                       | <i>Ex 23: 20-23</i><br><i>Mt 18: 1-5, 10</i>                                 |
| Tue, 03 Oct. | 26TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME        | Mass<br>NO           | 6:30 am<br>Holy Hr.           | <i>Zec 8: 20-23</i><br><i>Lk 9: 51-56</i>                                    |
| Wed, 04 Oct. | <i>Francis of Assisi</i>        | Mass                 | 6:00 pm                       | <i>Neh 2: 1-8</i><br><i>Lk 9: 57-62</i>                                      |
| Thu, 05 Oct. | 26TH WEEK, ORDINARY TIME        | Mass                 | 6:00 pm                       | <i>Neh 8: 1-4,5-6,7-12</i><br><i>Lk 10: 1-12</i>                             |
| Fri, 06 Oct. | <i>Bruno</i>                    | Mass                 | 12:30 pm<br>6:00 pm           | <i>Bar 1: 15-22</i><br><i>Lk 10: 13-16</i>                                   |
| Sat, 07 Oct. | <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>   | Novena<br>Mass       | 6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm            | <u><i>Saturday's Reading</i></u><br><i>Ac 1: 12-14</i><br><i>Lk 1: 26-38</i> |
| Sun, 08 Oct. | 27TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME    | Mass<br>Mass<br>Mass | 7:30 am<br>9:30 am<br>5:30 pm | <i>Is 5: 1-7</i><br><i>Phil 4: 6-9</i><br><i>Mt 21: 33-44</i>                |

### St Vincent de Paul Did Not Want to Be Hero or Leader, But a 'Little Seed'

#### *Pope's Sends Letter to Vincentian Family on 400th Anniversary of the Charism*

Saint Vincent never wanted to be a hero or a leader but a "little seed". Pope Francis made this observation in a letter he sent to the Vincentian Family on the 400th anniversary of the charism (1617-2017). "He was always progressing, open to seeking God and himself. Grace worked to supplement this constant quest: as a shepherd, he encountered Jesus the Good Shepherd in a striking way in the person of the poor." Noting that Vincent had a burning desire to make Jesus known to the poor, Francis stressed that the saint passionately dedicated himself to proclaiming the Lord, particularly through popular missions and most especially by attending to the formation of priests. "He quite naturally used a 'little method': speaking first of all through his life and then with great simplicity, in a familiar and direct way," Francis said. "The Spirit," the Pope highlighted, "used him as an instrument to raise up a generous impulse in the Church." Yet, the Pope reminded, everything began with this little mustard seed. "Saint Vincent never wanted to be a hero or a leader but a "little seed". He was convinced that humility, gentleness and simplicity are the essential conditions for embodying the law of the seed that gives life by dying (cf. Jn 12:20-26)." Francis reminded the law in which our lives remain will be fruitful: "in giving we receive, in losing our lives we gain them and in remaining hidden we shine. He was also convinced that he could not do this alone but rather together, as Church and as the People of God." The Church, he noted, must have the courage to give up what might be an advantage in order to imitate in all things its Lord and to fully become itself, making the apparent weakness of charity its only reason to boast. Pope Francis concluded, assuring them of his prayers and giving the following reminder: "You are thus called to reach out to the peripheries of human existence to bring not your skills, but the Spirit of the Lord, the 'Father of the Poor.'"



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## 26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### FIRST READING

*Ezekiel 18: 25-28*

Ezekiel emphasized personal responsibility to the Lord for one's own actions in an age when it was held that descendants inherited the punishment for their father's sins. He addresses the people in the name of God: by taking refuge in the unexamined wisdom of traditional proverbs, the exiles have fallen into a fatalism which blames present tragedy on the collective guilt of the past. When this happens to a nation or community, there is no need to enquire into personal responsibility and sinfulness.

### SECOND READING

*Philippians 2: 1-11*

The proof of the life-changing power of the Gospel is to be observed in the way in which the individual has put on the mind and heart of Christ. Moral action is not a question of mere words, but of a transformed lifestyle. Paul quotes a hymn which pictures Jesus both the Suffering Servant and the New Adam, who wins the gift of new life because he does not grasp at his likeness to God. It is this letting go of dignity and self-esteem in the cross which is the central experience of God's power.

### GOSPEL

*Matthew 21: 28-32*

The frame-work for the parable as a controversy between Jesus and Jewish authorities concerning the righteousness which fits one for the kingdom. This parable is a way of forcing the issue, so that the opponent is left with no alternative but to make a choice. The two sons may represent the two kinds of Jewish righteousness - the kind which reposes on empty traditional formulas, and that of those who have been brought to a new awareness of the demand of God through the kingdom preaching of Jesus.

**Blessed Are Those Who Turn OFF Mobile Phones in Church ~~ They Have Answered The Right Call!!!!!!**

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

Last week's collections are as follows:

Friday Mass: **B\$292.26**  
1st collections: **B\$4,766.78**  
2nd collection: **B\$3,173.40**

**Thank you for your unflinching generosity.**

**INFANT BAPTISM**

The next Infant Baptism will take place on **15th October 2017** within the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

The **Infant Baptism Seminar** will take place on **Friday, 13th October** starting at **7:30 p.m.**

Baptismal Information sheets are available at the parish office for registration.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE (MPC)**

**MPC04 - 1st / 8th October**

If you are intending to get married sometime soon, please make an appointment with the parish priest to register for the above-mentioned course. Please be informed that there will be **NO** MPC for individual requests. Please note that the MPC is one of the pre-requisites for a Catholic Marriage. Registration form for the MPC is available at the parish office. Couples wishing to get married are kindly reminded to prepare themselves at least six months prior to their wedding.

**BIBLE STUDY 2017**

We have completed the Bible Study programme on Simon Peter and will resume on **9th October, 2017**, after a short break.

Stay tuned for more information.

**2-HOUR ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

The 12-Hour Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament for September will take place on **Friday, 6th October 2017**, starting at **11:00 a.m.** and will end at **11:00 p.m.** Please feel free to drop in for the adoration any time during the twelve hours to be with the Lord and meditate with Him who is in our midst. Please take note that there will be **NO Holy Hour** on **Tuesday, 3rd October**.

**OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**

October being the month of the Holy Rosary, the recitation of the Holy Rosary will take place before the weekend Masses and after the daily Masses. All are invited to join.

**MASS TIME CHANGE**

Please be informed that the daily Mass on **Tuesday, 3rd October** will be at **6:30 a.m.** and NOT at the usual 6:00 p.m. This is due to the Priests meeting with Bishop at SJC. Please take note.

**INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR 2017**

COLA Annual Fund Raising event, the **International Food Fair**, will be held on **5th November 2017**. Food coupons (booklets of 10 coupons for **\$10 per booklet**) which will entitle you to a lucky draw, are now available with the various church groups. We look forward to all your usual support for this annual event.

**24TH VICARIATE CHILDREN FRIENDSHIP DAY**

This **Sunday, 1st October 2017** will be the **24th Vicariate Children Friendship Day** with the theme: **"GOD POURS LOVE INTO OUR HEARTS"** hosted by St. John's Church (SJC), KB.

Please note that the bus will leave COLA at **6:45 a.m.** so as to be in time for the Mass scheduled at **9:00 a.m.** Parents are requested to send your child on or before **6:30 a.m.**

After the event the bus is scheduled to leave SJC at **4:30 p.m.** and to arrive COLA at **6:00 to 6:30 p.m.**

Please be informed that there will be **NO Sunday morning classes**.

**BLESSING OF PETS**

There will be a Blessing of Pets on **Wednesday, 4th October** in the parish hall after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Parishioners wanting to have their pets blessed are to bring them to the parish hall and not in the Church. Thank you.

**CHURCH CLEANLINESS**

The Church is a place of worship and **NOT** to throw your rubbish. Dirty tissues and other rubbish are still left in the pews after the weekend Masses. Please be more considerate and keep our Church clean for worshipping. Thank you.

**UPCOMING MASSES**

**Sunday, 1st October**

Tagalog Mass @ 7:00 am

**Sunday, 8th October**

Bahasa Mass @ 9:30 am

**Sunday, 15th October**

Mandarin Mass @ 11:30 am

**WEEKEND MASS HYMNS**

Gathering Hymn - # 619

Kyrie - # 1

Gloria - # 2

Responsorial Psalm - # 28

*Ps 25: TO YOU O LORD.....*

Gospel Acclamation - # 3 (v1)

*Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life. You have the words of everlasting life.*

Profession of Faith - **SUNG**

Offertory - # 490

Holy - # 5

Memorial Accl. - # 6

*We Proclaim Your Death, O Lord, And Profess Your Resurrection Until You Come Again.*

The Lord's Prayer - # 163

Lamb of God - # 10

Communion Hymns - # 484 / 718

Sending Forth Hymn - # 691

**Parishioners Are Reminded To Move Your Vehicle Immediately After The Mass If You Are Blocking Other Cars.**