

NOTICES & EVENTS

Please keep your facemask on throughout Mass.

Sunday Faith Formation For Children (Sunday School) 2023

Classes resume on 08th January 2023. All students from Year 1 to Year 9 in the year 2022, are advised to proceed to their respective classes this year 2023, i.e.

Year 1 2022 students to proceed to Year 2, 2023

Year 2 2022 students to proceed to Year 3, 2023

Year 3 2022 students to proceed to Year 4, 2023

Year 4 2022 students to proceed to Year 5, 2023

Year 5 2022 students to proceed to Year 6, 2023

Year 6 2022 students to proceed to Year 7, 2023

Year 7 2022 students to proceed to Year 8, 2023

Year 8 2022 students to proceed to Year 9, 2023

Year 9 2022 students to proceed to Year 10, 2023

Please refer to the notice displayed in the parish hall for the location of your classrooms.

For new students for 2023, online registration is ongoing until 31st March 2023; please refer to the Parish website/FB page.

Walk-in new registrations for students from age 7 years to 15 years, who are residing within St. Simon Likas parish boundary, are advised to proceed to Room 6B in the Parish Hall for assistance.

Rosary on Sundays before Mass at 8.00 am and at 11.00 am.

SEATING IN CHURCH

1. The Parish Health Team of St Simon Catholic Church Likas has agreed to remove the allocation of seat numbers before entering the main church beginning 29th January 2023.
2. PARISHIONERS TO SIT IN FRONT OF NUMBERS ON THE PEWS - a distancing measure. MEMBERS OF SAME HOUSEHOLD MAY SIT TOGETHER AND TAKING NUMBER OF SEATS ACCORDING TO SIZE OF HOUSEHOLD.
3. Wearing of face mask is still compulsory to safe guard all parishioners.
4. Allocated seats for the elderly & person with disabilities as per designated area.
5. Parents with infants or young children will occupy the back three pews.
6. Wardens will usher parishioners to the next available seat.

Registration for RCIA

Registration is now open for 2023 intake for those living within Likas parish boundary. For enquirers/candidates who are seeking full initiation into the Catholic church or the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact the parish office or Magdalene Chu (016-8313675).

ON SALE!

Missal (BM)	- RM8
New Hymnal	- RM29
St. Simon T-Shirt	- RM26
New Jerusalem Bible	- RM52
Daily Missal	- RM140

The above items are available for sale at the Church entrance or Parish office. Catholic Sabah monthly Publication, please do take home a copy when you leave the Church.



BULLETIN EDITION: 5 FEBRUARY 2023 (YEAR A)

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Assistant	Rev Fr Rhobby Mojolou
Priest	

5TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 5 FEB 2023

R1: Isaiah 58:7-10 **R2:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Res Psalm: The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

6TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 12 FEB 2023

R1: Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20
R2: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Res Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!
Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

7TH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - 19 FEB 2023

R1: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18
R2: 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Res Psalm: The Lord is compassion and love.
Gospel: Matthew 5:38-48

PARISH DONATIONS

22 Jan	Black Bag	RM5,579.35
	Red Bag	RM4,654.70
29 Jan	Black Bag	RM6,069.90
	Red Bag	RM5,156.95

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

Sunday Mass:	8.30am & 11.30am
Daily Mass:	6.30pm
Saturday:	7.00am
Chapel Open:	9am to 6pm (Mon-Fri) 9am to 12pm (Sat) Closed on Sunday
Holy Hour:	Every Thursday 7.30pm Followed by Mass at 8.30pm
Weekly Intercessory Prayer:	Every Tuesday after weekday Mass

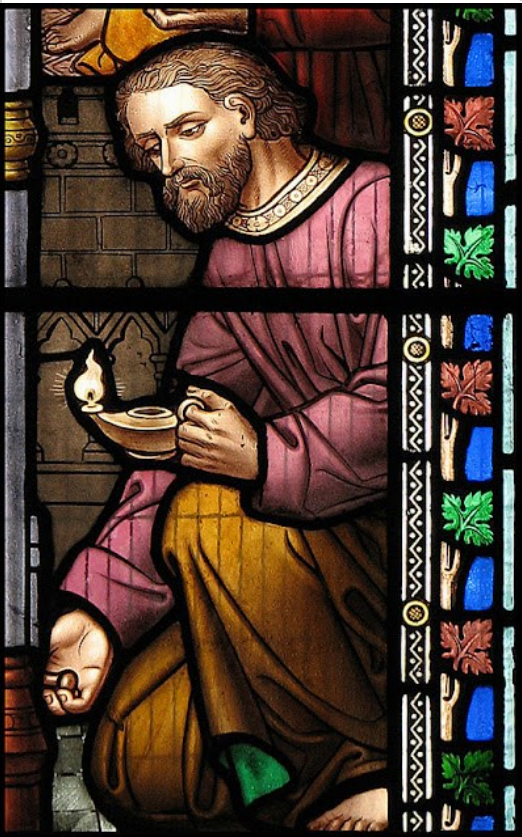
SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

5 Feb	St Agatha, virgin & martyr
6 Feb	Saint Paul Miki, martyr
10 Feb	St Scholastica, virgin
11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes
14 Feb	St Cyril, monk St Methodius, bishop
17 Feb	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
21 Feb	St Peter Damian, bishop
22 Feb	Chair of St Peter, the Apostle
23 Feb	St Polycarp, martyr

You Are the Salt of the Earth and the Light of the World!
Matthew 5:13-16

THE LIGHT

When I reflect on my younger days as a youth and young adult, I am happy to say that I have fond memories of youth camps and gatherings, faith seminars and workshops as all these contributed to the formation of my faith. I remember the camaraderie and fellowship experienced with the facilitators and my friends. Recalling the joy and peace felt during those precious moments helped me get through the roller coaster journey of adolescence.



Those events shaped my belief and early views on what it meant to be a Christian and showed me how to contribute my energy, resources, and time for the good of others. I believe that my habit of praying for strangers started as a little girl because I witnessed people being prayed over in church. Hearing testimonies of people being powerfully transformed because they surrendered their lives to Jesus Christ showed me God's power even though we cannot see Him. It formed in me a desire to help others even in the smallest of ways. All this would not have been possible if there were no people who "are the salt of the earth" and "light of the world" as my early examples of faith being practised.

"It only takes a spark to get the fire going..." is one of my favorite church hymns as it has a memorable first line. We cannot stand around and just wait for people to be the salt and light of the world (unless you're a child and require a good example set before you – albeit some children go on to become saints, hence being holy does not depend on one's age). It starts with an individual who voices out about any injustice or who acts on goodwill. But

goodwill alone is not enough, as we must be aware that we are required to sacrifice our time and energy to do God's will. But as scripture says, God rewards those who are generous, merciful, and just. Psalms 112: 9 says that such a person "... will be raised in glory". Isaiah 58: 7 -10 also says that such people have their "light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over".

Sometimes, we romanticise our lives in service of the Lord. It becomes sentimental when we attach too much to our own personal achievements instead of thinking about the other party who is being helped, healed, or prayed over. At other times, we think that it is a mission to save others or even a job one must do, and we could become self-righteous. But Jesus said that "In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in Heaven" (Matthew 5:16). The joy that comes with serving others is real and it is also our way of saying to God, "Thanks for helping me, now let me share this joy with others too". This is done in the hopes that the person

who sees and receives our good acts emulates them and has the desire to turn their lives to Jesus.

Thus, sisters and brothers in Christ, let's reflect on God's gifts and blessings to us in this life. How can we share them with others? How much of our time is spent being done on helping others (donating, praying, teaching, etc)? Can we make some room for others (besides our family members and friends) and reach out to strangers physically and via social media? Do we need guidance? A suggestion is to pray for God's will in our lives. We can also try to volunteer ourselves in activities that aim to help others as the "harvest is plenty, but the labourers are few". Besides that, we can start with ourselves, making small changes in our attitudes and behaviors that need to be improved. With God all things are possible! Blessed weekend! May your light shine for all to see!

