

NOTICES & EVENTS

Please keep your facemask on throughout Mass.

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY STATIONS OF THE CROSS “Journeying with Christ to Calvary”

In this season of Lent, as part of their journey of faith, the Sunday School of St. Simon Likas Parish will be having their annual devotion to pray the stations of the cross at the Sacred Heart Cathedral with its life size stations of the cross on the third Sunday of Lent, 12th March 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

As all students (and their families) are required to participate in the above devotion, there will be no faith formation classes in the morning. Therefore, there will be no canteen after the 8.30am mass that Sunday, 12 March 2023.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent immediately after the 6.30pm weekday Mass in Church. 1st Stations of the Cross will begin on 24 February 2023.

No Holy Hour throughout Lent
Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday.

Congratulations

to Steve Ringgo Wong and Samantha Teresa Degullacion on their marriage on 18th February 2023.

Penitential Service

with Sacrament of Confession
14 March 2023 in Church beginning at 7.15pm. Daily mass that day begins at 6.45pm.

Chrism Mass on 30 March 2023 at 7.30pm at SHC. No weekday mass at St Simon that day.



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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

7 Mar	Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs
8 Mar	St John of God, religious
9 Mar	St Frances of Rome, religious
17 Mar	St Patrick, bishop
18 Mar	St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor
19 Mar	St Joseph husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
23 Mar	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, bishop
25 Mar	Annunciation of the Lord
2 Apr	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Saint Francis of Paola, hermit
4 Apr	Saint Isidore, bishop & doctor of the Church
5 Apr	Saint Vincent Ferrer, priest
6 Apr	Holy Thursday

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - 5 MAR 2023

R1: Genesis 12:1-4 **R2:** Timothy 1:8-10
Res Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - 12 MAR 2023

R1: Exodus 17:3-7 **R2:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Res Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: Harden not your hearts.
Gospel: John 4:5-42

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - 19 MAR 2023

R1: Samuel 16:1.6-7.10-13 **R2:** Ephesians 5:8-14
Res Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Gospel: John 9:1-41

PARISH DONATIONS

19 Feb	Black Bag	RM 5,129.10
	Red Bag	RM 4,161.05
22 Feb	Black Bag	RM 9,772.00
24 Feb	Black Bag	RM 2,299.20
26 Feb	Black Bag	RM 5,139.40
	Red Bag	RM 4,398.10

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.



PRAY FAST GIVE

Have faith in the Lord and leave your comfort zone

AS I read the first reading of how the Lord calls Abram to “Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you”, I am reminded of the time I had to leave Sabah and follow my husband when he was transferred due to work. I was so afraid of leaving the place that I grew up in as well as leaving my immediate family. My eldest child was about to enter Primary one and I was 8 months pregnant with my fourth child. I remember sitting in my living room early one morning crying out to the Lord, and asking him why was he doing this to me. Now more than 20 years later, I see the reason and thank God for the grace of obedience.

Change is never easy, but it is very necessary for self-development and spiritual growth. Though the Lord promises Abram to make him a great nation, he faced many challenges as he listened and obeyed God’s calling. God promised to bless him; to make Abram’s name great, so that he will be a blessing. We see that Abraham [Abram] is called



the ‘Father of Faith’, due to his faithfulness to God. Despite the trials faced by him, Abraham never lost faith in the Lord. How many of us would be willing to say “yes” to the Lord, if God were to ask us to offer our only son to become a priest? Yet, Abraham was willing to sacrifice his only son offered by God in his old age. Faith illuminates the path before us and guides our movements through time. Consequently, if we wish to comprehend what faith is, we must trace the journey it has traveled, the path trodden by believers, as first revealed in the Old Testament. Abraham, our father in faith, has a special place here.

When the Lord calls, we are to follow him immediately, we are called to let go and let God direct our path. This is seen in (Matthew 8:18, 21-22), “when Jesus saw the crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other side of the lake....Another disciple said to him, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” But Jesus told him, “Follow me and let the dead bury their own dead”. Billy Graham explains what the man is really saying: Jesus I will follow you but first let me stay with my father until he dies. I am not sure how long it will take but once that happens then I will bury him and follow you. It could also mean that the man may have been considering his inheritance. Perhaps we are currently being called by the Lord, he may be saying, “I need you to leave home, the comfortable and secure job you have

now, and follow me to the unknown.” Is our answer, “Lord, I do want to do your will, I do want to serve your church, I do want to take care of my aging parents, but Lord, can you give me time to save enough money, pay all my loans, see to my children’s education, Lord you know how the cost of living is now so high...”

Let us look back to our father of faith, something disturbing occurs in his life: God communicates to him, revealing himself as a God who speaks to and calls us by name. Listening is linked to faith. Abraham does not see God, but he does hear the voice of God. Thus, faith takes on a personal quality. God is neither the god of a certain location nor a deity associated with a specific sacred time, but rather the God to us as an individual. Each of us was created with a special purpose in mind, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations.” (Jeremiah 1:5). This word to Abraham conveys both an invitation and a promise. First, it is a call to leave his native place, a summons to a new life, and the beginning of a migration that points him toward an unknown destiny. Abraham's faith would always provide him with a view of the necessity of taking this step ahead. Faith “sees” to the extent that it travels, to the extent that it voluntarily enters the horizons provided by God's message. This term also holds a promise: Your offspring will be

numerous, and you will become the father of a mighty nation (Genesis 13:16; 15:5; and 22:17). As a reaction to a preceding word, Abraham's trust would always be an act to be remembered. As the memory of a promise, however, this remembrance becomes capable of revealing the future by illuminating the road that must be pursued. Thus, faith, as a future memory, is intimately connected with optimism.

Abraham is instructed to rely on this word. Faith recognises that anything as fragile and specific as a word, when spoken by our faithful God, becomes utterly certain and unshakeable. God's word secures the continuity of our life's journey. His word is accepted by faith as a rock upon which we can build and a road upon which we can walk. Let us hold on to God's promise in (Jeremiah 29:11-13), “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

ON SALE!

Alkitab Kanak-Kanak	- RM5	Missal (BM)	RM8
St. Simon T-Shirt	- RM26		
Hymnal	- RM29		
New Jerusalem Bible	- RM52		
Daily Missal	- RM140		

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