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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 9 February 2025

CELEBRATING, LISTENING AND WALKING AS PILGRIMS OF HOPE

MONTHLY FOCUS & RATIONALE **ECOLOGY – CALLED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP OF THE URGENT MISSION OF SAVING MOTHER EARTH**

In Harmony with People and Nature

Today's gospel story is well-known. As Jesus stands by the Lake of Gennesaret, a large crowd gathers around him. To avoid being pushed by the people, Jesus steps into a boat that belongs to Simon. After Jesus has finished speaking to the crowd, he asks Simon to go out fishing.



“Some people, to discover God, read books. But there is a great book: the very appearance of created things... God... never wrote that book with ink.

Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made.”

St. Augustine of Hippo

SCRIPTURE of the DAY

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalm 137: 1-8

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 or
15:3-8, 11

Luke 5: 1-11

Simon, however, explains to Jesus that his companions and him had fished the whole night but had caught nothing. But he is willing to do as Jesus says. When they go out to sea, something amazing happens - they catch a very large number of fish. Confronted by this experience, Simon realises that the One in his presence is no ordinary human being. He falls to his knee before Jesus, calling him “Lord” and expresses his sense of unworthiness. Then, he and his companions leave everything and followed Jesus.

To many, the gospel story is about the miracle of the large catch of fish. To others, it is about the conversion of Simon or the call of Simon and his companions to become the disciples of Jesus. Maybe, there is another perspective to the story: “How did Jesus know when and where to lead the fishermen to catch fish?” The usual answers would be, “He knew because he is the Son of God” or “He knew because the world was created through him” and so on.

Could it also be that the human Jesus was very close to nature? In his encyclical *Laudato si*, Pope Francis states that the New Testament speaks about “the earthly Jesus and his tangible and loving relationship with the world” (n. 100). The Pope also states that Jesus is able to invite others to be attentive to the beauty in the world “because he himself was in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder” (n. 97).

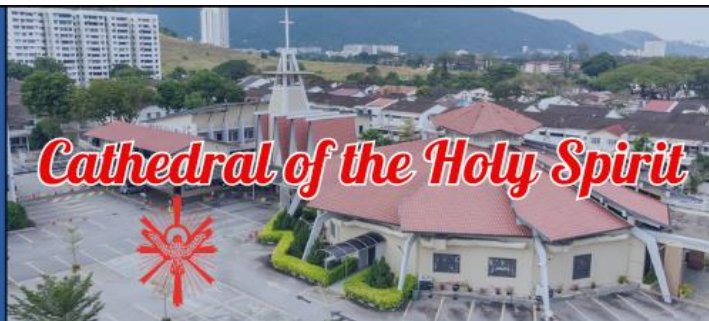
After all, Jesus himself was in “full harmony with creation”, that is, he did not set himself above or apart from the world but was fully immersed in creation (n. 98). Therefore, **Jesus wants us too, as his disciples, to have a tangible and loving relationship with the world, that is, with people and with nature.** May we learn from Jesus to be close with people and nature.✠

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2025 THEME
FEBRUARY

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DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	MASSES IN THE PARISH
Feb 09 (Sun) <i>Is 6:1-2,3-8</i> <i>1 Cor 15:1-11</i> <i>Lk 5:1-11</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	5 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream
Feb 10 (Mon)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	St. Scholastica, Virgin No Livestream
Feb 11 (Tue)	6.40 am 7.00 am	Lauds MASS (E)	World Day of the Sick Our Lady of Lourdes No Livestream
Feb 12 (Wed)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 13 (Thu)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	No Livestream
Feb 14 (Fri)	6.10 pm 6.30 pm	Vespers MASS (E)	Ss. Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop No Livestream
Feb 15 (Sat)	6.40 am 7.00 am 5.30 pm 6.00 pm	Lauds MASS (E) Novena to OMPH followed by MASS (E)	No Livestream Livestream
Feb 16 (Sun) <i>Jer 17:5-8</i> <i>1 Cor 15:12,16-20</i> <i>Lk 6:17,20-26</i>	8.00 am 10.30 am	MASS (M) MASS (E)	6 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) No Livestream Livestream

E = English M = Mandarin T = Tamil BM = Bahasa Malaysia

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Offerings of Mass Intentions, financial giving of monthly tithing, love offerings or donations to the Parish can be made through online transfers to the following designated bank account:-

Online Payment for	Donations Mass Offering Hall Booking Wake Room Booking	Tithes	Sharing Hope Project Outreach Projects
Bank	Public Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad	RHB Bank Berhad
Account Number	309 3049812	20708 2000 39510	20708 2000 39928
Account Name	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral of the Holy Spirit	Cathedral CHS

Email Bank-in-Slip to admin@holyspiritcathedral.com

Our Collection on 01 & 02 February 2025: RM 9,163.30
2nd Collection on 01 & 02 February 2025: RM 10,490.96
Collection on 28 January 2025 (Chinese New Year Eve): RM 6,304.96
Collection on 29 January 2025 (Chinese New Year): RM 2,870.00
Sharing Hope Donations for January 2025: RM 4,577.00
Café Donations for January 2025: RM 1,163.72

“God loves a cheerful giver.” – 2 Cor. 9:7

1. INFANT BAPTISM IN CHS | 23 FEBRUARY 2025

For parents who wish to have their child baptised, infant baptism will be held in the main church on Sunday, 23 February 2025 at 12 noon. Please register at the parish office. There will be a pre-baptismal instruction and briefing for both parents and godparents.

2. SPECIAL SESSION BY REV. DR. FR. GILBERT CHOONDAL | 23 FEBRUARY 2025

You are warmly invited to attend a special program by Rev. Dr. Fr. Gilbert Choondal on Sunday, 23rd February 2025, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Penang. Sessions include:

- Deanery/Parish Level Catechesis for Evangelizing Catechists (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)
- Deanery Level First Holy Communion Evangelizing Catechists (Those teaching Std. 1-4) (3:30 – 6:30 p.m.)
- Family Catechesis for Parents (8:00 – 9:00 p.m.)

Fr. Gilbert is an esteemed author of Readings in Catechetics and Manual for the First Holy Communion. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in faith and knowledge! For more details, please contact Anne Ho at 016-4106992. We look forward to your participation!

3. OLD BLESSED PALMS

Old blessed palms will be used for ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please bring your old blessed palms and place them in the basket by 23 February 2025, the latest.

4. HAVEN YOUTH MINISTRY FEBRUARY GATHERING

Hello to all young adults! We're excited to invite you to the Haven Young Adults Ministry February Gathering! Every Tuesday from 8pm to 10pm, we have something different lined up for you each week—such as connecting over board games, diving into Bible study, worshiping together in God's presence and breaking His word through sessions. This gathering is for 17-25 year olds only, so if you're in that age range, come and be a part of our community. Join us on the 2nd Floor Classroom (St. Michael), and remember: everyone who hears, is thirsty, or wishes to receive the water of life is welcome (Revelation 22:17).

For more details, feel free to contact Julio (016-4339445), Michael (019-4585499), or Caitlin (016-4215027). Looking forward to see you there!

5. **HAVEN YOUTH MINISTRY: BATTLE NIGHT | 15 FEBRUARY 2025**

"ARE YOU READY" for the FIRST BATTLE NIGHT OF 2025 **!!!**

Now that the 07's have just finished SPM and everyone's back from the Chinese New Year break, what better way to kick off the year than with an epic Battle Night x?! Come and join us on...

Title : Are You Ready ?

Date : 15th February 2025 (Saturday)

Venue : St Michael - St Raphael (2nd floor classrooms)

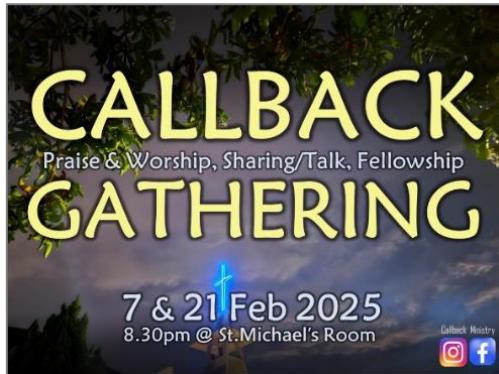
If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us !

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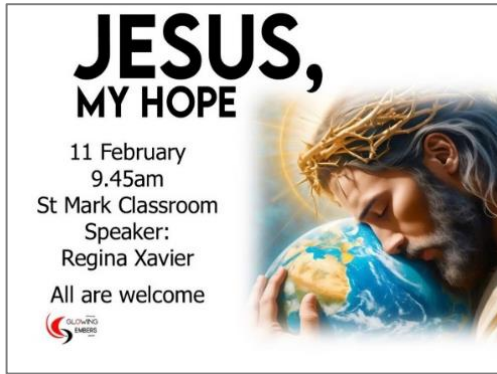
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6. **BADMINTON COURTS**

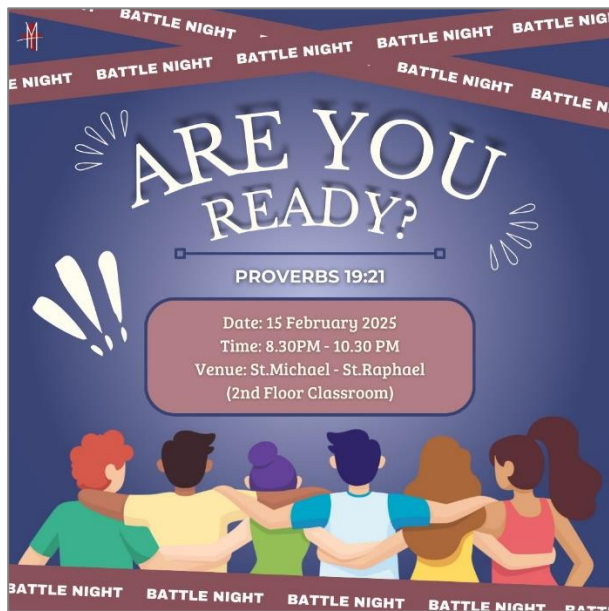
The badminton courts will not be available for use on Sunday, 9 February 2025.



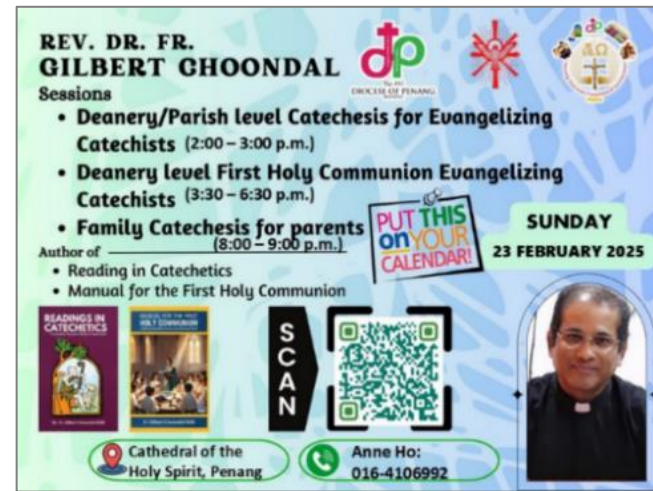
CALLBACK GATHERING
Praise & Worship, Sharing/Talk, Fellowship
GATHERING
7 & 21 Feb 2025
8.30pm @ St. Michael's Room



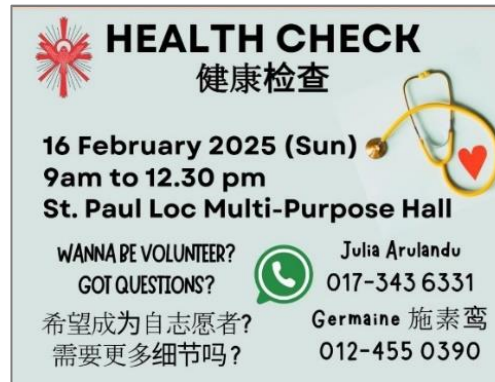
JESUS, MY HOPE
11 February
9.45am
St Mark Classroom
Speaker:
Regina Xavier
All are welcome



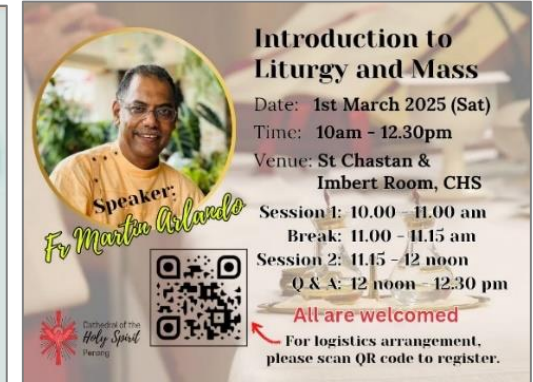
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PROVERBS 19:21
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(2nd Floor Classroom)



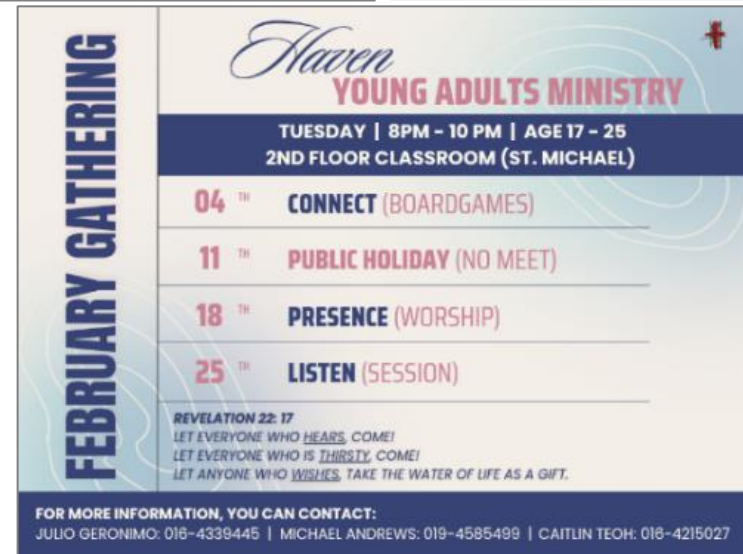
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PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!
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HEALTH CHECK
健康检查
16 February 2025 (Sun)
9am to 12.30 pm
St. Paul Loc Multi-Purpose Hall
Wanna be volunteer? GOT QUESTIONS?
希望成为自志愿者? 需要更多细节吗?
Julia Arulandu 017-343 6331
Germaine 施素鸾 012-455 0390



Introduction to Liturgy and Mass
Date: 1st March 2025 (Sat)
Time: 10am - 12.30pm
Venue: St Chastan & Imbert Room, CHS
Session 1: 10.00 – 11.00 am
Break: 11.00 – 11.15 am
Session 2: 11.15 – 12 noon
Q & A: 12 noon – 12.30 pm
All are welcomed
For logistics arrangement, please scan QR code to register.



Haven YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY
TUESDAY | 8PM - 10 PM | AGE 17 - 25
2ND FLOOR CLASSROOM (ST. MICHAEL)
04TH CONNECT (BOARDGAMES)
11TH PUBLIC HOLIDAY (NO MEET)
18TH PRESENCE (WORSHIP)
25TH LISTEN (SESSION)
REVELATION 22: 17
LET EVERYONE WHO HEARS COME!
LET EVERYONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME!
LET ANYONE WHO WISHES, TAKE THE WATER OF LIFE AS A GIFT.
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