Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

The first reading describes the missionary work of the apostle, Philip. Although he was expelled from Jerusalem, he moved on to preach the word in the city of Samaria. Historically, Samaritans were descendants of Israelites and foreigners living in Israel after most of the people were exiled. Therefore, the Jews despised the Samaritans as people of “mixed” or “unclean blood”. In Samaria, however, Philip drew crowds through his proclamation of the Messiah.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that the Samaritans had received the word of God, Peter and John were sent there. While Peter and John were praying, the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit. The manifestation of the Holy Spirit upon the Samaritans is a sign that God is confirming the work of Philip who, although rejected by his own people, had reached out to Samaritans and non-Jews. It is important to note that Philip did not allow the persecution he experienced in Jerusalem, to deter him from carrying out the mission entrusted by Jesus.

These days, the persecutions and restrictions against Christians are increasing in many parts of the world. Some of these are taking place at our own doorsteps. Do the persecutions, challenges and restrictions make us want to keep silent or to avoid these issues? After all, as it is stated in the second reading, why should we fear if we have a clear conscience about what we are doing.

Lord, help me be courageous in proclaiming my faith.
Sacerdotal Ordinations
The priestly ordination of Deacon Maximilliano Benhor Hontor will be on Sunday, June 15th, 2014 at the Church of St. Catherine, Inanam at 4.00pm.
Thereafter, Deacon Jack Johimi Sigam will be ordained at Church of St. Peter Claver, Ranau on Saturday, June 28th, 2014 at 9.30am. Come and let us celebrate with them.

Repeat Screening of the Movie “Courageous”
There will be a repeat screening of the above movie on Sunday, May 25th, 2014 at 7.00pm in room F8 SHPC. All are invited.

Follow-up of the Movie “Courageous”
“COURAGEOUS MEN PROGRAMME”
Calling all men to take courage to be MEN of GOD who will lead your families and impact future generations. This program will commence on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014 at 8.00pm in room F7 of SHPC (instead of Wednesday, May 28th, 2014 as published last week). Please register with Johnny Chong at the SHC Parish Office 223618, 224741, 262068.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
(Day of Obligation)
The masses will be celebrated as follows:

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Month (May) of Mary
Thanksgiving mass with the crowning of Our Lady Mary will be celebrated during the Sunset Mass next Saturday, May 31st, 2014 at the Cathedral at 6.00pm.

Infant Baptisms
Mandarin: this will be on May 25th, 2014, 3.00pm at SHC.
English: Briefing will be on June 15th, 2014 at 3.00pm at SHC. Registration deadline is on Thursday, June 12th, 2014. Baptism will be on June 22nd, 2014 at 3.00pm in SHC.

Parents, please register your child at the Parish Office during office hours. Bring along original and copies of your Church marriage certificate, child’s birth certificate and confirmation certificate of godparent. For info. call 223618, 224741, 262068.

Sunday Faith Formation Class (English)
There will be NO classes on June 1st, 2014 & June 8th, 2014 due to Kaamatan Festival and school holidays. Class will resume on June 15th, 2014.

Monthly Vespers and Holy Hour
The monthly evening prayers and Holy Hour at the Sacred Heart Cathedral (every first Tuesday of the month) will be held this June 3rd, 2014 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm. As usual the Parish Centre will be closed during these Vespers and Holy Hour and will only be opened at 8.30pm.

Sahab CCR 40th Anniversary
Date / Venue: June 7th, 2014 (Sat) @ SHPC Hall
8.00am - 4.30pm Day of Reflection
6.00pm Mass for Anniversary at SHC
7.30pm Fellowship & Dinner at SHPC Hall

Please register with your Prayer Group / Community or with the Parish Office before May 31st, 2014. No registration fee. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration for Children
Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, June 13th, 2014 at 6.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Neophytes / New Confirmants Fellowship Night
This will be held on Sunday, June 8th, 2014 at 6.30pm at the SHPC Hall. Let us come together with our Parish Priests to welcome our newly baptized and confirmed brothers and sisters into our Parish community. Please contact the SHC Parish Office (during office hours) 223618, 224741, 262068, teachers or facilitators for dinner coupon at RM10.00 per head.

R.A. Youth Holy Spirit Camp 2014: “The One”
The Royal Ambassadors Youths of LJCCC is organizing this camp, to be held from June 13th to 15th, 2014 at the Bundu Tuhan Retreat Centre, for teens aged 13 to 19. Please be reminded that this is the last weekend to register for this camp. Registration is limited and open this weekend. Registration counters will be opened before and after the Sunset Mass and the 9.00am English Mass at the SHC entrance and acceptance is on “first come, first serve” basis. For information please contact Aline 019-5341705.

Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)
June 12th-13th, 2014 (Thu-Fri) B.M. (Regn deadline: 6/6/2014)
F7, SHPC @ 6.30pm onwards
June 14th, 2014 (Sat) F8, SHPC @ 8.00am-4.30pm
Register at the Parish Office. Fee is RM50 (registration, morning tea and booklet). Please call the SHC Parish Office for information at 223618, 224741 & 262068.

July 16th-18th, 2014 (Wed-Fri) English F7, SHPC @ 7.30pm onwards
The PMC (English) on Wednesday, July 16th, 2014 will be a walk-in registration.

Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish Feast Day
(Week-long Celebration)
23/24 & 25/6/14 (Mon-Wed) Triduum (9.00am - 9.00pm) SHC B.S. Chapel
26/6/14 (Thu) Eucharistic Celebration (7.30pm) SHC
27/6/14 (Fri) Movie Night (7.30pm) SHPC
28/6/14 (Sat) Musical Nite (7.30pm) SHPC
29/6/14 (Sun) Parish Family Day Carnival (7.00am-2.00pm) SHPC

Bethel English Prayer Community Meeting
There will be NO meeting on Fridays, May 30th, 2014 and June 6th, 2014. Session will resume on June 13th, 2014.

Communications Sunday
All collections during the Sunset and Sunday masses next weekend, May 31st, 2014 & June 1st, 2014 (Sat & Sun), will be sent to the Archdiocesan Office for Catholic Sabah. Please donate generously.

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