Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

Jesus turned and saw John the Baptist’s two disciples following him. A study of the original language of John’s Gospel suggests that Jesus did not just “see” the two disciples following. Of course, if he turned and found two men behind him, he must have seen them. John would not have noted such an obvious fact. In general, we may assume that nothing in John’s Gospel is a record of mere fact: all have a profound theological and revelatory function.

Every language has different words to express a great variety of ways of using our gift of sight: see, look, glance, stare, gaze etc. In this passage John uses a special word, one which he uses in six other passages in his Gospel. In almost every case, it will add great significance to our understanding of John’s Gospel and, more importantly, our understanding and appreciation of Jesus himself and his way of dealing with people if we translate the word as “contemplate”. Jesus turned and contemplated the two disciples following him. That is to say, he turned and looked at them with love and acceptance and it was out of this love and acceptance that he asked them “What do you want?”

Lord Jesus, in our encounters with You, grant us the grace to experience Your contemplative love and acceptance.

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Fr. Rhobby Aaron Mojoloi
Fr. Mitchell Kun
Deacon: Abel Madsang
C&: Fr. Wilfred Atin
IY & Carmelite Chaplain: Fr. Rayner Bisus

At the last supper, when Jesus was giving his final instructions to his disciples, he reminded them, “You did not choose me, but I choose you.” God has a place for each of us in his Kingdom and he gives us talents and abilities that suit us for our particular role that he has chosen us for. But, over and above that, he gives us the priceless gift of his CALL, which puts us in a special relationship with him as his instruments. The call of God may come through a mystical experience or a direct revelation, as in the case of Samuel. It may come through a sudden insight, as in the case of the first two disciples in today’s Gospel. When they heard that Jesus was the Lamb of God, this sudden realization led them to start following him. The call of God may come through a human being, as in the case of Simon Peter (Cephas), who was called by his brother, Andrew. Or the call of God may come through an incident in one’s life, as in the lives of St. Alphonsus and so many saints.

Notice

Registration for New Catechumens and Faith Formation (at SHC Parish Centre)

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Sessions have started last Sunday, January 11th, 2015. The documents required for registration of RCIA/CIC candidates are photocopies of Birth Certificate, Identity Card and Marriage Certificate (if married), baptism certificate (candidates from other denominations) with two photographs (passport size), and for Faith Formation students are photocopies of birth certificate, identity card and baptism certificate. Registration fee is at RM10.00 per person.
Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary

Our Rector, Archbishop John Wong will celebrate his 16th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary on Wednesday, January 21st, 2015. Let us pray for God’s choicest blessings on him in his priestly ministry.

Weekly Vespers and Holy Hour

Please be informed that effective this year, the weekly evening prayers and Holy Hour at the SHC will be held on every Thursday (started on January 8th, 2015) 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.

Infant Baptism (English)

Parents and Godparents are reminded to come for the baptism this Sunday, January 18th, 2015. Registration of attendance will start at 2.00pm.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples who wish to get married either at the Sacred Heart Cathedral or Church of Mary Immaculate, Bukit Padang are required to meet with the Parish Priest at the SHC Parish Office at least 4 months prior to the proposed date of marriage. Couples please take note, the date of marriage can only be decided at the Pre-nuptial Interview with the Parish Priest and NOT before.

Richness Of Our Catholic Heritage Seminar

This seminar continues from the first seminar held in November last year.

Date: January 20th - 22nd, 2015 (Tue - Thu)
Time: 7.15pm – 10.00pm
Venue: Room F7, SHPC

Come and journey with us to find answers to the following questions:

- Is the Eucharist a sacrifice?
- Is Christ really present in the Eucharist?
- Why is divorce not allowed in the Catholic Church?
- Why do we confess our sins to a priest?
- Why do we have Holy Orders?
- What is Prolife / Culture of Death?
- What are the challenges we face in our Malaysian context?

Admission is free. All are welcome. Please contact Pauline 016-8044728, Angela 016-8304005 or Lorenzo 014-6793125.

Parish Discipleship Formation

The Mission Awareness Team (MAT) is organizing a Parish Discipleship Formation for Form 5 / 6 students, from January 23rd to 31st, 2015 at Montfort Retreat Centre Kinarut. RM250.00 fees include accommodation, food, transport and outreach expenses. For more information and registration please contact Derek Chong 019-8620660 or email: dchongth@gmail.com.

Parking at the Parish Centre (SHPC)

Please register at the Parish Office. Couples are required to submit their birth certificate or identity card, baptism & confirmation certificates and engagement agreement for those who are engaged. Fee is RM50 (registration, morning tea and booklet). Please call the SHC Parish Office for information at Tel: 223618, 224741 & 262068.

Pre-Marriage Course (PMC)

| Jan 26th to 28th, 2015 (Mon-Wed) English F6, SHPC @7.30pm-10.00pm |
| Feb 12th-13th, 2015 (Thu-Fri) B.M. (Regn. deadline: 7/2/15) F7, SHPC @ 6.00pm onwards |
| Feb 14th, 2015 (Sat) F7, SHPC @ 8.15am-4.30pm |

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The Great Adventure: A Journey through the Bible

The third 8th sessions Bible Timeline Study (24 weeks) will begin, every Tuesday at 7.45 p.m. at SHPC Room F6, from January 27th – March 17th, 2015. The first session will be at Room F8, SHPC, please take note.

This study includes personal learning, small-group discussion and video presentation by Jeff Cavins. You will learn the “big picture” of salvation history. Please register with James 019-8512095, Dorothy 016-8803828, Alan 019-8603000 or at SHC Parish Office Tel: 224741/262068. Fee is RM 30.00 (Registration plus Student Pack). Your Bible is essential. All are welcome!

Kids of the Kingdom Faith Formation Class

This is for children aged 4 - 7. Parents can register at the St. Francis' Kindergarten during class on Saturday (6.00pm – 7.00pm) / Sunday (9.00am – 10.00am). Programmes: Prayers / Bible Stories-Craft-Colouring / Praise Songs / Fellowship. VOLUNTEERS are also needed to run the programmes. For details please call Jane 016-8323710.

Petition Box

The SHC Intercessory Group welcomes the petitions of parishioners. Kindly put your written petition into the box placed in the SHC Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Parish Calendar 2015

All Parish Groups / Ministries / Communities, please submit your activity itineraries for the year 2015 to the Parish Office as soon as possible (Attention: Johny) or through e-mail (shparishoffice@gmail.com) soonest possible for inclusion in the Parish Calendar 2015.

Guidance & Pastoral Counseling Services

Call 013-8612088 for an appointment.

Sunday Collections (Jan 10th & 11th, 2015) (in RM)

SHC Black Bag (17,326.80), Red Bag (12,895.80); CMI Black Bag (6,374.40), Red Bag (5,205.85).