Thoughts for Prayer SHALOM

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is the summit of God’s favour to Mary; one who submitted her total self to God’s will in her life.

St. Maximilian Kolbe had such love for Mother Mary that for him his mission was accomplished on the feast of the Assumption of Mary. It was when he volunteered to take the place of a prisoner condemned to starvation and he was put to death by the Nazis with a lethal injection. His devotion to Mary gave him the strength and courage to do this.

The Magnificat in today’s Gospel is said to be a canticle that reflects the thoughts of the Anawin which means ‘poor, humble, afflicted’. Such a collective voice found its spokes person in Mary. St. Luke associates Mary with the Anawin, because she embodied the exaltation of the humble and the poor in her total surrender and trust in God.

In the First Reading, St. John spoke about the pregnant woman as a great ‘sign’ that this woman is more than a mere woman. She is significant and for John, ‘sign’ refers to something miraculous that points to a deeper spiritual significance. (Jn. 2:11.18; Rev. 12:1.3). We would consider this honour to Mother Mary whose life is significant in our salvation history.

The second sign is ‘the birth of the child.’ The pain and suffering that accompanied childbirth (physically and spiritually) signifies the suffering of the faithful community as a prelude to the coming of the Messiah. What do these signs tell us today?

Lord, help us to express concretely our solidarity with the ‘Anawin’ in our society.
Let us pray for him.
Sacred Heart Cathedral. All parishioners are invited to attend. Aged 55 and above are welcome. It is free.
English Mass at the Right Wing, SHPC. Senior parishioners are engaged.
LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR
Theme: “Living & Moving by the Spirit”
Venue: Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Room F7
Date: September 3rd to 6th, 2015 (Thu-Sun)
Contribution Fee: RM15.00
This seminar is conducted by LJCCC, Tel. No. 718817/012-223618, 224741, 262068.

Symbolon : The Catholic Faith Explained
Faith formation for the entire Parish, moving faith from your head to your heart.
The above programme opens up the “big picture” of the Catholic faith in a way that helps us know it, live it and articulate it to others. The Parish has subscribed to this programme for the faith formation of all of us. As such we can now access it on-line for free. Filmed in Rome, the Holy Land and Calcutta, Symbolon features Catholic teaching in a dynamic way that engages culturally relevant issues. Symbolon is transforming lives in families at homes as well as youth and adult faith formation in parishes all over the world. Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained Programme for the faith formation of all of us. As such we can now access it on-line for free. Filmed in Rome, the Holy Land and Calcutta, Symbolon features Catholic teaching in a dynamic way that engages culturally relevant issues. Symbolon is transforming lives in families at homes as well as youth and adult faith formation in parishes all over the world. As such we can now access it on-line for free.

Divine Mercy Devotion
English
Every Saturday at 2.15pm-4.00pm
B1, Lower Ground Floor (LGF)
BM
Sunday (1st & 2nd week) at 1.30pm-3.00pm
B4, LGF

Walk For Jesus
This is organised by Sabah Prison Fellowship & Sabah Council of Churches.
Date: August 23rd, 2015 (Sun)
Time: 4.00p.m. (Registration at 3.00p.m.)
Venue: Town Padang, K.K.
All are invited and encouraged to join in the Walk!

Enrollment for 2016
Tadika Shan Tao is a Catholic Mission School under the Sacred Heart Cathedral Parish. Teaching in Chinese medium with “Kurikulum Standard Pra-sekolah Kebangsaan”. Intake for the academic year 2016 is now open for children born between Year 2010 - 2012. Catholic Catechism also forms part of the academic curriculum of the school. Registration forms are available at the Kindergarten from Monday to Friday (8.00am to 11.00am). For information please call 218253.

Hospital Chaplain
Parishioners are advised to contact Fr. Tony Moijwat and Fr. Aloysius Fidelis for ministry and spiritual guidance.
Contact Nos:
Fr. Tony Moijwat 013-5507007
Fr. Aloysius Fidelis 010-8081957
Parish Office at Stella Maris 254321

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 - 7 pm) / Sunday (9 - 10 a.m). PROGRAMMES: PRAYERS/ BIBLE STORIES-CRAFT-COLOURING/ PRAISE SONGS/ FELLOWSHIP, VOLUNTEERS are also needed to run the programme. For details please call Jane 016-8323710.

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.

Personal Belongings, Bags and Valuables
Please DO NOT LEAVE your personal belongings (bags, cameras, hand phones, etc.) unattended while in the SHC or CMI complex. NEVER leave these items in your vehicle. SHC and CMI will not be held responsible for any of your personal loss while in the church complexes.

Funeral Arrangement
Bereaved families are to contact St. Joseph’s Benevolent Fund Office at tel. 216321 or Thomas Chew at 0109570393 for funeral arrangement / Mass and confirmation before making obituary announcement in our local newspapers

Tribunal Office Hours (Mon, Wed & Fri)
Morning : 9.00am to 11.30am
Afternoon : 2.00p.m to 4.30pm
Telephone contact: 018-9682398

Recyclable Items
Sales of recyclable items collected at the Parish Centre basement bins for July 2015 amounted to RM703.95.

Sunday Donations (August 8th & 9th, 2015) (in RM)
SHC Black Bag (18,965.75), Red Bag (14,522.95); CMI Black Bag (5,928.90), Red Bag (5,188.45).