The correct response to Jesus’ challenge is not a matter of money but a matter of attitude. The generosity of the widows was outstanding because they were both in a difficult situation with extremely meager resources, and yet, out of the little they possessed, they were ready to give everything for the service of God. Their sacrifices were certainly most acceptable to the Lord. The widow, who supported Elijah, was helped in return by a miraculous supply of flour and oil that sustained her and her son through the period of drought. The widow, who offered coins in the temple, was praised by Jesus and assured that her offering was extremely valuable in the sight of God. The value of a gift is, therefore, not in its quantity and quality but in the amount of love with which it is given and in the extent of the sacrifice that one makes.

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An alternative shorter form of the Gospel passage may be read at Mass today. The advantage of this shorter form is that we can concentrate on the story of Jesus admiring the poor widow without being distracted by his criticism of the scribes.

The story of the poor widow has provided us with a principle of doing justice through sharing. While the others going into the temple had contributed “from money they had left over”, the widow had contributed “everything she possessed, all she had to live on.” Thus some thinkers have asserted that, as long as everyone, and every nation, only shares and thus increases the number of those who need help, we need not be afraid of poverty but we must be afraid of unlimited riches and the greed and the abuse of irresponsible extravagance.

Free us, Lord, from all greed and extravagance.
Infant Baptism

Mandarin

November 8th, 2015
Briefing @ 3.00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Parents and Godparents are reminded to attend. Registration of attendance starts at 2.00pm.

November 15th, 2015
Baptism @ 3.00pm at SHC

Elysian - A Gathering of Young Women

The Young Adult ministries of Sacred Heart (Efata, Lifeline, Sacred Heart Young Adults Prayer Group & Sacred Heart Chinese Youth) will be having an event for young women on Tuesday, November 10th, 2015 (Deepavali holiday) from 9.00am to 5.00pm at Room F7, SHPC. Contribution at RM50.00 (includes western lunch & tea breaks). To register, please contact Valerie at 016-8158579.

Eucharistic Adoration for Children

Parents please note that the next Eucharistic Adoration for children will be on Friday, November 13th, 2015 at 8.00pm to 9.00pm at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Senior Parishioners Gathering

The gathering will be held on Sunday, November 15th, 2015 after the 9.00am English Mass at the Parish Centre Right Wing for all senior parishioners aged 55 and above. It is free.

Seminar on Divine Mercy 2015 (in Bah. Malaysia)

In preparation for the Jubilee Year of Mercy, this seminar will be held from November 21st to 22nd, 2015 (Sat & Sun) at the SHPC Hall. Registration will be held at the Church entrance before and after the BM Mass on November 8th & 15th, 2015. For further details and registration, please call Stella 016-8414759 or Helena 013-8715002.

LIFE Unlimited

LIFE community is organising a seminar for singles above 25 years old who are searching for their vocation as married, religious or consecrated. It will be held at Kasih Sayang Resort, Kokol from November 21st at 9.00am to November 22nd, 2015 at 5.00pm. Contribution at RM250 per person (includes food and accommodation). To register, please contact Bea at 013-8569616.

For details please call Jane 016-8323710.

Seminar on “Church in a Modern World”

In conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council, the Archdiocesan Human Development Commission will be organising this seminar in Bahasa Malaysia on Saturday, November 28th, 2015 from 8.00am to 4.00pm at the SHPC Hall. Please register by November 15th, 2015 at the SHC Parish Office (donation of RM20.00 per pax). For enquiry please call Sr. Anita 0111-4130472 or Sergius Ramday 016-8100788.

Life in the Word Retreat 2015

Painful and difficult experiences in life can cause people to harden their hearts because they don’t want to be vulnerable to “another ordeal”, the pope said. Rev. Msgr. Ambrose Vaz from the Archdiocese of Singapore will guide us and walk with us in this Retreat to prepare us a meaningful Advent and that is to cry out, “Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus,” and become docile to “the freedom of his mercy & love.” Space is also provided for personal reflection. Date: December 10th, 11th & 12th, 2015 (Thu-Sat). Venue: Room F7, SHPC. Please register with James 019-8512095, Monica 012-8432547. SHCP Office Tel: 223618, 262068, 224741. Contribution: RM 80.00 (Lunches & Coffee/Tea). All are welcome.

Sunday Faith Formation (English)

Please be informed that Sunday Faith Formation (English) has ended. Classes will resume on January 10th, 2016. Children are advised to bring their in-house registration form and proceed to the respective classroom as indicated in the form.

Advent-Christmas Family Visit (Carolling) 2015

All carolling groups are requested to organize themselves and start practicing as soon as possible. We encourage more groups to be formed this year. Please confirm your group’s participation to the SHC Parish Office (John Chong) at 223618, 262068 & 224741 by November 20th, 2015.

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 (9.00am – 10.00am). PROGRAMMES: PRAYERS/ BIBLE STORIES-CRAFT-COLOURING/ PRAISE SONGS/ FELLOWSHIP. VOLUNTEERS are also needed to help run the programme. For details please call Jane 016-8323710.

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. Please REGISTER at www.symboloncatholic.org/register. Parishioner Registration/enter code: 77772e

Inner Healing & Transformation Seminar

Our lives may be filled with brokenness, emotional scars, hurts & rejection. We may be bound & imprisoned by many habits & thought patterns. These areas are in need of restoration & transformation by the Holy Spirit. YOU ARE INVITED to the seminar to be conducted by LJCCC on December 3rd (8.30p.m.), 4th December (7.30p.m) & December 5th 2015 (8.00a.m.-10.00p.m) at SHPC, room F7. Regn Fee RM15.00. For further enquiries, contact SHPC Office (227471) & LJCCC (718817).

Construction of Proposed New Female Toilets,
Sacred Heart Cathedral

The SHC Parish Finance & Property Council invites contractors to submit quotations for the above. Documents and drawings can be obtained from the SHC Parish Office from November 3rd, 2015. Closing date for submission of quotations is November 17th, 2015 (Tuesday).

Open Tender for Car Park at CMI

Those who are interested please collect Tender Documents from Monday, November 9th, 2015 at the CMI Office from 9.00am to 2.30pm. Closing date: Tuesday, November 17th, 2015. For information, please call CMI Office 244345 or Bartholomew 016-8159188.

SHC Parish Bookshop

New arrivals! Ordo 2016, Bible Diary 2016 and Daily Gospel 2016 will be available this Monday. Come and visit our bookshop while stock available. Thank you.