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NO DAILY MASS (1ST DAY OF CNY) | 17 February 2026 (Tuesday)**ASH WEDNESDAY****18 February 2026 | Mass 7.30pm | Church, Chapel & Hall****STATIONS OF THE CROSS****Starting 20 Feb 2026, Every Friday | Immediately After 6.30pm mass | Church****YOUNG PEOPLE'S MASS****22 February 2026 | Mass 8.30am | Church****PENITENTIAL SERVICE & INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS****St. Simon Likas | 23 February 2026 | Church**

Daily Mass: 6.45 pm Penitential Service: 7.15 pm

Individual Confessions: 7.30pm onwards

NO HOLY HOUR DURING LENT | 26 February to 2nd April 2026

Daily Mass at 6.30pm.

Holy Hour will resume on 9th April 2026 at 7.30pm followed by daily Mass.

BLOOD DONATION ORGANISED BY CARITAS ST SIMON**22 February 2026 | 9.00am to 1.30pm | Parish Hall**

Donor criteria: Aged 17– 60, 45kg, healthy, min. 5 hours' sleep.

Your donation saves lives.

Enquiries: (Dr Michael) 019-8126144 (Audrey) 017-8169280 (Hani) 016-8020500

RCIA 2026/2027 REGISTRATION

Registration is open for enquirers and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church or Confirmation, residing within the St. Simon Likas parish boundary. Please contact the Parish Office or Joseph Leong (011-21314861).

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDRENAlso called *Children's Liturgy*, this ministry invites children aged 7–12, especially Sunday School students (Year 1–6), to listen and respond to the Sunday Liturgy of the Word at their level. Children in this age group are welcome to join us during the 8:30am Sunday Eucharist. *To help the children focus, we kindly ask parents not to send children younger than this age group.***ST SIMON CHURCH LIKAS**

PARISH UNDER THE KOTA KINABALU CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE

ST SIMON
CATHOLIC CHURCH
LIKAS**BULLETIN EDITION: 15 FEBRUARY 2026**

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| E-mail | SSCCL010608@gmail.com |
| Webpage | http://stsimonlikas.org |
| Facebook | https://www.facebook.com/StSimonLikas/ |
| Office Hours | Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sat: 9am-1pm |
| Rector | Rev Fr Michael Modoit |
| Online Parish Donation | RTDKK St Simon Hall Account No: 100930010018355 Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad |

6TH SUNDAY IN OT | 15 FEBRUARY 2026**R1:** Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 **R2:** 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
Res Psalm: They are happy who follow God's law!

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

ASH WEDNESDAY | 18 FEBRUARY 2026**R1:** Joel 2: 12-18 **R2:** 2 Corinthians 5: 20 – 6: 2
Res Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel: Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-18

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT | 22 FEBRUARY 2026**R1:** Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7 **R2:** Romans 5: 12-19
Res Psalm: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

DONATIONS (RM)

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| 1 February 2026 (Sunday) | Black Red | 6,944.95 5,533.05 |
| 8 February 2026 (Sunday) | Black Red | 6,664.95 5,098.65 |

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

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| Sunday Mass: | 8.30am & 11.30am |
| Daily Mass: | 6.30pm |
| Saturday: | 7am |
| Chapel Open: | 7am to 8pm (Mon-Fri) 7am to 1pm (Saturday) 8am to 1pm (Sunday) |

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| Holy Hour: NO HOLY HOUR DURING LENT (26 February to 2nd April 2026) | 7.30pm to 8.30pm Every Thursday |
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| Weekly: Intercessory Prayer | Every Tuesday after weekday Mass |
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| Rosary on: Sundays | Before Mass at 8am and at 11am |
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| Hospital Chaplains: | |
| Fr Johnny Raju | Tel: 012-8315543 |
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| Fr Wilson Francis | Tel: 014-701 8652 |
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| Fr Bradley Belly | Tel: 017-801 3286 |
| Fr Canisius Benjamin | Tel: 011-1954 9188 |

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

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| 17 Feb | Ash Wednesday |
| 20 Feb | World Social Justice Day (UN) |
| 21 Feb | St Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor |
| 22 Feb | First Sunday of Lent |
| 23 Feb | St Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr |
| 27 Feb | St Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor |

CARITAS ST SIMON LIKAS

Caritas offers assistance in emergency relief, food security, and community support. For help or inquiries, please contact the St. Simon Parish Office.

"She said she's made her choice.....she's decided to end it all by having an abortion," my God-daughter told me through tears. "I tried to tell her that she had other options, Godma. I told her she does not have to kill her baby, but she won't listen to me. Her friend who had an abortion is bringing her to the clinic to do it. I feel so helpless...I couldn't stop my tears when she told me. What should I do, Godma?"

The book of Sirach tells us: If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.

Indeed, life is full of choices. It is the result of the gift of free will that has been given to us by our Heavenly Father. We always get to choose, and every choice we make leads to consequences. While we rebel when our free will is taken away and we feel forced to do something against our will, yet often when our poor choices lead to painful consequences, we question God. *How could a loving God allow this to happen?* And sadly, we shift the consequences of our actions first to others and then to Him.

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, *You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment.* But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." Jesus teaches that obeying God's law is more than just following rules - it means living with honesty, love and self-control. Jesus also

OUR CHOICES

highlights the importance of forgiving hurts and being at peace with each other before approaching the Lord with our prayers and petitions: "Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."

I was just about to graduate from University when I found out I was pregnant. My world seemed to stop, and I could not imagine myself as a mother raising her child alone. I was still getting over Ted. How would I tell my family, and how would my future look like with a baby? I was so scared. Abortion was the only way out...a way to regain control over this crisis. I believed everything would go back to normal after the procedure, I would move on with my life and forget this ever happened. No body mentioned the emotional aftermath I would suffer...

Jesus said: "Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven."

The emotions nobody told me about... Grief. Guilt. Confusion. Even moments of relief, strangely mixed with a deep sadness. These weren't things I felt right away. For a while, I kept myself busy and told myself it was over and done. But slowly, the emotions began to catch up with me— first in small

ways, then in larger ones. I began to drink more. I experimented with drugs. My relationships became more difficult to maintain, and I didn't understand why. I couldn't explain the heaviness I was carrying because I had never expected it to be there. Just when I tried to end it all by taking my life, I was rescued and sent to hospital.

Life is full of choices. Some of our choices are good, while others fill us with regrets. Thanks be to God, Jesus paid the price for all our mistakes and bad choices. The question is whether we are willing to return to Him and let Him heal our brokenness and make us into a new creation after our poor choices. Our second reading today encourages us: *What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit (1Cor.2: 9-10).*

Bishop Barron explains that the Gospel shows how Jesus wants his followers to go beyond external actions and change their hearts. Jesus teaches that avoiding sin is not enough. People must look at the root of their actions, like anger leading to violence or lust leading to adultery. He calls his followers to strive for holiness, saying, "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." The Church does not accept mediocrity. It holds up high moral standards while also offering God's mercy. Jesus' teaching challenges people to seek both righteousness and compassion.

Lord Jesus, help us to hear Your voice speaking to our hearts today. Give us the grace and courage to come to You with our brokenness and allow You to envelope us with Your merciful Love. Help us to forgive those who have hurt us first, so that we can then receive forgiveness from You and be made new. Most of all, Jesus – please help us to forgive ourselves for our bad choices. Help us to realise that if You have forgiven us, we have to forgive ourselves too. Mother Mary, intercede for your children, who need you more than ever. Amen.

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PARKING REMINDER

Park considerately, no double parking, driveways, or sidewalks. Follow wardens' instructions & **leave your contact if you might block others.**

BAPTISM ANNOUNCEMENT

We joyfully welcome into our Christian family: Ariana Seren Lind Sherline Yoan Sherold (*Marie Yoan*) Sherlie Yulie Sherold (*Marie Yulie*) May God's loving blessings be upon them as they begin their journey of faith.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER GROUP

No prayer session on 17 Feb 2026. We'll resume on 24 Feb 2026 after daily Mass.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SABAH MAGAZINE Available at both Masses for RM2! Please help to promote our local Catholic news.