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FEBRUARY 2026

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Blessing of Candles

2 February 2026 | Daily Mass 6.30pm | Chapel

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE - Blessing of Throats

3 February 2026 | Daily Mass 6.30pm | Church

REV. FR MICHAEL'S 26TH SACERDOTAL ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, **8 February 2026**, an ordination anniversary cake for Fr. Michael will be presented in the Parish Hall after the 8.30am Mass.

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On **12 February 2026**, Fr. Michael will celebrate his 26th Sacerdotal Ordination Anniversary.

Let us keep our rector in prayer as he continues his priestly vocation.

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.



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Address	Jln Punai Tanah, Off Jln Tuaran, Mile 3.5 (KM6), 88400 Kota Kinabalu	Sunday Mass:	8.30am & 11.30am
Contact	088-212713 (Tel) / 088-288713 (Fax)	Daily Mass:	6.30pm
E-mail	SSCCL010608@gmail.com	Saturday:	7am
Webpage	http://stsimonlikas.org	Chapel Open:	7am to 8pm (Mon-Fri) 7am to 1pm (Saturday) 8am to 1pm (Sunday)
Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/StSimonLikas/	Holy Hour: NO HOLY HOUR DURING LENT (26 February to 2nd April 2026)	7.30pm to 8.30pm Every Thursday
Office Hours	Mon-Fri: 9am-1pm; 2pm-5pm Sat: 9am-1pm	Weekly: Intercessory Prayer	Every Tuesday after weekday Mass
Rector	Rev Fr Michael Modoit	Rosary on: Sundays	Before Mass at 8am and at 11am
Online Parish Donation	RTDKK St Simon Hall Account No: 100930010018355 Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad	Hospital Chaplains:	Tel: 012-8315543 Fr Johnny Raju Tel: 019-8850866 Fr Peter Chung Tel: 010-9422618 Fr Jerry Joseph Muhamat Tel: 013-8842493 Fr Terans Thadeus Tel: 016-8023946 Fr Gilbert Marcus

SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

3 Feb	<i>St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr</i> <i>St Ansgar, Bishop</i>
5 Feb	<i>St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr</i>
6 Feb	<i>SS. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs</i>
8 Feb	<i>St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita, Virgin</i>
10 Feb	<i>St Scholastica, Virgin</i>
11 Feb	<i>World Day of the Sick</i>

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.

Thank you for your generosity and May God bless you.

Today's Gospel tells us that Jesus went up on a hill, sat down and taught his disciples the beatitudes - teachings which describe the attitudes that God blesses and a description of the life that leads to true happiness. The large crowd that had followed them listened, and what they heard Jesus said must have surprised them because the beatitudes reversed all what they believed compared to the values of this world.

The central message of the beatitudes is that we can only find true happiness or be 'blessed' if we put our total humble trust in God and live according to his values. To be 'blessed' or 'happy' comes from the Greek word 'Makarios' which describes a person who is spiritually blessed and lives under God's favor with a deep, lasting joy that does not depend on circumstances.

The beatitudes contradict all what seem successful in the eyes of the world, and at odds with our human nature. They ask us to be poor in spirit, mourn in our life, to be meek, merciful, pure in heart, thirst and hunger for righteousness, to be peacemakers and undergo persecution willingly. Jesus taught that having these beatitudes lead us to God's kingdom.

The very first beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" means to be aware

Blessed are the Poor in Spirit

of our own spiritual poverty and that we need God- that without God we can do nothing. Only when we are poor in spirit and acknowledge our own nothingness and total dependence on God, can he grace us with his blessings and use us for his own purpose. This attitude of dependence and humility is the gateway to the other beatitudes.

To be poor in spirit also means not to place priority on the material needs of this world. While this does not mean hating money or material things, it means we must not let not these possessions be the center of our lives or let it define who we are.

In the second Reading, Paul gives us a timely reminder that God's call to us does not depend on worldly wisdom, strength or status.

He says,²⁶ "Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong," 1 Corinthians.

From the above we recall that those whom Jesus chose to be his disciples were mere fishermen and tax collectors who were transformed by the Holy Spirit into courageous witnesses and proclaimers for the Gospel.

The second beatitude, "Blessed are those who mourn" refers to those who are aware of the sinfulness of this life, mourning and weeping over pain, loss and injustice. This beatitude teaches that God comes especially close to those who are suffering and blesses them.

God also wants to bring comfort to the poor, the sick, marginalized and meek - to assure them their suffering is not the final word, but their reward will be in heaven. Jesus also assures that those persecuted in his name will be greatly rewarded in heaven.

"It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, Who is just to those who are oppressed, It is he who gives bread to the hungry, The Lord, who sets prisoners free. Psalm 146

Sometimes in life, we neglect to thank our Father God for his many blessings, and especially when things seem good and going our way, we attribute it to luck or our own talent. Only when we experience a sudden downturn or a dire situation, we turn to God and realize how much we need him.

Jesus is inviting us to trust in him, to let go of our pride and to be humble, merciful and seek God, so that he can take over. Despite the sufferings and challenges we may face in this world,

he gives us healing, hope and the promise of eternal life.

"Blessed are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:3



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RCIA REGISTRATION (2026/2027)

Registration is open for enquirers and candidates seeking full initiation into the Catholic Church or Confirmation. Open to those within St. Simon Likas parish. For enquiries/registration, contact the Parish Office or Joseph Leong at 011-2131 4861.

YOUNG PEOPLE / JUNIOR CHOIR RECRUITMENT (2026)

Love singing? Come and join our Young People / Junior Choir! Open to children 4 years and above. Practice: Saturdays, 9.30am - 10.30am, starting 7 February 2026. Enquiries: Contact Samantha at 011-31473498.

Collection of Palms and Preparation of Ashes to Begin.