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SCAN ME

STUDENT MASS

6 March 2026 | 12:30 PM | Chapel

All Catholic students from the surrounding schools in Likas are warmly welcome to come, pray and be renewed.

CHRISM MASS

26 March 2026 | 7.30pm | Sacred Heart Cathedral
No Mass at St Simon Church

PALM SUNDAY (PASSION SUNDAY)

29 March 2026 | 8.30am & 11.30am

Procession (hall to Church) only before 8.30am Mass.

No procession before 11.30am Mass.

Parishioners are reminded to bring their own palms.

THANK YOU!

We thank all our blood donors for your generosity and courage. Your simple act of giving brings hope and life to others. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Also 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.

FOR PARENTS WITH INFANTS

Parents with infants may use the OKU toilet for baby diaper changing.

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC SABAH MAGAZINE

Available at both Masses for RM2! Please help to promote our local Catholic news.



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Online Parish Donation	RTDKK St Simon Hall Account No: 100930010018355 Bank: Alliance Bank Malaysia Berhad

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT | 1 MARCH 2026

R1: Genesis 12:1-4 **R2:** 2 Timothy 1:8-10
Res Psalm: May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **Gospel:** Matthew 17:1-9

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT | 8 MARCH 2026

R1: Exodus 17:3-7 **R2:** Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Res Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.' **Gospel:** John 4:5-42

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT | 15 MARCH 2026

R1: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 **R2:** Ephesians 5:8-14
Res Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. **Gospel:** John 9:1-41

DONATIONS (RM)

15 Feb 2026 (Sunday)	Black Red	7,149.65 5,663.55
18 Feb 2026 (Ash Wednesday)	Black	8,090.75
20 Feb 2026 (Stations of the Cross)	Black	1,531.30
22 Feb 2026 (1st Sunday of Lent)	Black Red	7,257.70 6,053.55

Thank you for your generosity. God bless you.

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)
Holy Hour: <small>NO HOLY HOUR DURING LENT (26 February to 2nd April 2026)</small>	7.30pm to 8.30pm Every Thursday
Weekly Intercessory Prayer	Every Tuesday after weekday Mass
Rosary on Sundays	Before Mass at 8am and at 11am

Hospital Chaplains:

Fr Johnny Raju	Tel: 012-8315543
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Fr Jerry Joseph	Tel: 010-942 2618
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SAINTS & FEAST DAYS

4 Mar	St Casimir
7 Mar	SS. Perpetua & Felicity, <i>Martyrs</i>
8 Mar	3rd Sunday of Lent St John of God
9 Mar	St Frances of Rome
15 Mar	4th Sunday of Lent

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.

Reflections on the Transfiguration and the Lenten Transition

"Happy Chinese New Year!"—and almost in the same breath, "Remember you are dust." How do we transition into these two seasons? One season is defined by the crackle of firecrackers, the warmth of family reunions, and the abundance of festive meals. The other is marked by the quiet of the desert, the discipline of fasting, and the solemn preparation for Easter.

For many of us, this transition feels like an abrupt "pulling of the brakes." We are still in the middle of visiting relatives when the promptings of Lent begin to stir in our hearts. Yet, this tension is not a mistake; it is an invitation. It is a reflection of our entire spiritual life—the constant movement between the mundane and the divine, between our daily



THE MOUNTAIN IN THE MIDST OF THE FEAST

routines and the call to re-dedicate our moments to Jesus.

The Lesson of Tabor: Breaking the Mundane

In the Gospel of the Transfiguration, we see Jesus take Peter, James and John away from their familiar surroundings to the heights of Mount Tabor. Why the mountain? It was necessary to lead them away from the "noise" of their daily commitments. Had they stayed in the valley, occupied with their nets and the demands of the crowd, their hearts would not have been ready to perceive the revelation of Christ's divinity.

Jesus did not just seek a quiet physical space; He sought the openness and availability of their minds. He wanted to prepare them for a "mountaintop experience" to sustain them through the difficult road to Jerusalem. Similarly, Lent is our "mountain." It is a deliberate break from the "business as usual" of our lives — even the good business of cultural festivities—to encounter the One to whom our time truly belongs.

A Challenge of Presence

As we move through our week—from the Monday morning commute to the

Sunday Mass — we must ask ourselves: *Where is the space for Jesus to reveal Himself?* Is He a guest we only acknowledge on Sundays, or is He the silent companion in our carpool lines and work meetings?

Lent challenges us to look beyond the external actions of giving up meat, sweets, shopping and Facebooking. It asks us to "re-tune" our internal frequency. If we find that our focus has been consumed by personal ambitions or the clutter of festive planning, we are called to a spiritual "re-wiring."

Three Steps to Re-Wire Your Lent Shift the Focus:

Move from "I" to "You (Jesus)." Start your day by acknowledging that your time is a gift for His glory.

Restore Communication:

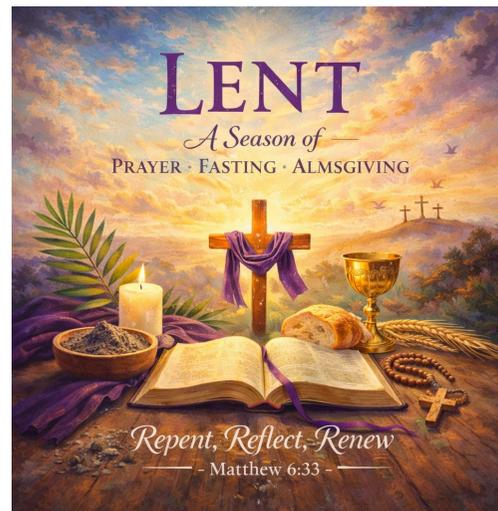
Build an intimate relationship with Jesus through daily prayer. If you are busy, use the "hidden" moments of your day—like the time spent waiting in line—like a drive through the traffic jam - to speak to Him.

Return to the Word:

To know Jesus is to hear His voice in Scripture. This Lent, commit to a sustainable goal, like reading one

chapter of the Gospel of Matthew each day.

Lent is not just a season of "less"—less food, less noise, less indulgence. It is a season of **more**: more of Jesus, more clarity, and a deeper walk toward a deeper relationship with HIM.



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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.**

PARKING AT ST JAMES' SCHOOL

Parishioners are welcome to park at St. James' School every Sunday and on major feast days.