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& Happy New Year

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VICAR'S Message



പൈതലാം യേശുവേ ഉമ്മവച്ചുമ്മവെച്ചുണർത്തിയ

...ആട്ടിടയർ ഉന്നതരേ നിങ്ങൾതൻ ഹൃത്തിൽ...

യേശുനാഥൻ പിറന്നു... പ്രത്യാശയുടേയും പ്രതീക്ഷയുടേയും പൊൻനക്ഷത്രം തെളിയിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് ഇതാ ഒരു ക്രിസ്തുമസ്സ് കാലം കൂടി വരവായി. Christmas എന്ന് കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾ കരോളും പുൽക്കൂടും അലങ്കാരദീപങ്ങളും മധുരപലഹാരങ്ങളും ഒന്നിനോടൊന്നു മത്സരിക്കുന്ന ഒരു അവധിക്കാലമാണ് ആദ്യമായി മനസ്സിൽ ഓർമ്മവരിക! 25 നോമ്പ് അനുഷ്ഠിച്ചും സുകൃത ജപങ്ങൾകൊണ്ട് ഉണ്ണി ഈശോയ്ക്ക് മെത്ത ഒരുക്കിയും പിറവിക്കായി കാത്തിരുന്ന കുട്ടിക്കാലം.

ആചാരങ്ങളും അനുഷ്ഠാനങ്ങളും കുറച്ചൊക്കെ മാറിയെങ്കിലും ഇന്നും ക്രിസ്തൻ പ്രത്യാശയുടെയും സന്തോഷത്തിന്റെയും പങ്കുവയ്ക്കലിന്റെയും പുണ്യദിനമാണ്. മനുഷ്യന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാന ആവശ്യങ്ങളായി പൊതുവെ പരിഗണിക്കുന്നത് ഭക്ഷണം വസ്ത്രം പാർപ്പിടം എന്നിവയാണ്. എന്നാൽ ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പ പ്രത്യാശയെ അടിസ്ഥാന ആവശ്യത്തിലേക്ക് ഉയർത്തി.

എന്നാൽ ഈ പ്രത്യാശ ഉണ്ടാവുന്നത് ദൈവത്തിലും അവിടുത്തെ വചനത്തിലും ആശ്രയിക്കുമ്പോഴാണ്. അവിടുന്നിലേക്ക് നോക്കിയവർ പ്രകാശിതരായി അവർ ലജ്ജിതിരായില്ല എന്ന സങ്കീർത്തന വാക്യം (സങ്കീ. 34:5) ഓർമ്മപ്പെടുത്തുന്നതാണ് ഈ പ്രത്യാശ.

യേശുവിനെ ഏറ്റവും നല്ല കുട്ടുകാരനായി കണ്ടുകൊണ്ട്, യേശു കാണിച്ചു തന്ന ജീവിതപാതയിലൂടെ, വിശുദ്ധിയോടെ, യേശുവിനോടൊപ്പം മുന്നോട്ടു പോകുവാൻ ഈ ക്രിസ്തൻ നമ്മെ എല്ലാവരേയും ഒരുക്കട്ടെ എന്ന് ഞാൻ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

Christmas Theme - 2018

Christmas - The Greatest Gift from God The Father

*For God so loved the world that he
gave HIS only Son, so that everyone
who believes in HIM may not perish,
but may have eternal life*
[John 3:16]

Santhome Church, Hulimavu



Christmas - Greatest Gift from God The Father

"Christmas - Greatest Gift from God, The Father" is the theme for 2018 Christmas in our parish. As you read in the Holy Bible, For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life [John 3:16]

The love of God, manifest in Christ Jesus, is a shining example of the ultimate act of giving and of sacrifice. Let us all reflect this love in sharing our kindness and generosity with others.

In Luke 2:20, Holy Bible says, " ..Angel said to them, Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord". Christmas is the festival of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Jesus' message of love and compassion shines upon our wounded world, to console the afflicted, the oppressed and abandoned.

When we celebrate the birthday of Jesus, we should ask our self an important question " Who is Jesus to us?" Jesus is God and the only way to salvation. Jesus is our best friend ..He says to us, "you are my child and I love you no matter what you are." We are celebrating the birthday of such a loving God!

How should we prepare for Christmas? The days before Christmas is the time for preparation for welcoming the greatest King.. As John the Baptist prepared the way of the Lord, so we, too, must prepare for his coming...first, by cleansing our own life.

Wish you a merry Christmas and happy New Year!
May Baby Jesus bless you all!

സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം നിങ്ങളുടെ വികാരിയച്ചൻ,
Fr. Manoj Ambalathinkal



Editorial

Thank you for your feedback on the first edition of our parish bulletin. We have tried to address the shortcomings as much as possible in this second edition.

There are many traditions for Christmas, but a common thread is the time spent with loved ones, the sights and smells that evoke Christmas' past, and the warmth and hope that comes from acts of goodwill. It is the time for loving, caring and sharing. May this Christmas season brings more Christ experience to all of us!

Wish you a Happy Christmas

Parish Bulletin Committee



ABOUT MAR WALAH

“മാർ വാലാഹ്” എന്ന മനോഹരമായ സുറിയാനി പദമാണ് ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ പേരായി നമ്മൾ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ പിതാവായ മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹാ ഉത്ഥിതനായ യേശുവിനെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ പറഞ്ഞ അർത്ഥനിർഭരമായ വിശ്വാസപ്രഖ്യാപനമാണത്. ആത്മാവിന്റെ അന്തരംഗത്തിൽ നിന്നും വന്ന മനോഹരമായ ഒരു നെടുവീർപ്പിന്റെ സ്വരമാണത് ... “എന്റെ കർത്താവേ, എന്റെ ദൈവമേ” [My Lord, My God : John 20:28]. നമ്മുടെ ഹൃദയത്തിൽ മുദ്രകുത്തി, എന്നും ജീവിക്കേണ്ട ഈ തിരുവചനം ബുള്ളറ്റിന്റെ പേരായി എടുത്തതിൽ നമുക്ക് അഭിമാനിക്കാം. സീറോമലബാർ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനികളായ നമുക്ക്, പ്രത്യേകിച്ചും സാന്തോം ഇടവകയ്ക്ക് ഈ വചനം നമ്മുടെ തന്നെ വ്യക്തിത്വത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമാണ്. അതുകൊണ്ടുതന്നെയാണ് നമ്മുടെ ദേവാലയത്തിന്റെ മുൻപിൽ നാം ഈ തിരുവചനം ആലേഖനം ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. തോമാശ്ലീഹായപ്പോലെ യേശുവിനെ ആഴത്തിൽ അറിയുവാനും മറ്റുള്ളവർക്കു യേശുവിനെ കാട്ടിക്കൊടുക്കുവാനും നമ്മുടെ ഈ എളിയ പരിശ്രമം സഹായിക്കട്ടെ.



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Timings**

SUNDAY

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5 PM

FRIDAY

6:30 PM

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, SATURDAY

6:30 AM

TUESDAY

6.30 AM (in Marillac Convent)

Celebrating the feast day of our church's patron saint, St. Thomas: Annual Parish Feast will be celebrated in our parish from January 18, 2019 to January 27, 2019. There will be Holy Mass and Novena every day, and procession, dinner and fellowship on selected days!

Annual Parish Feast Cultural Programs

As part of the Annual Parish Feast, children's cultural program is planned on 20 Jan Sunday and all others' (Youth and above) cultural program is planned on 26 Jan Saturday. Group events are preferred (Group dance, group song, skit) to provide maximum opportunity to all. Details will be announced shortly.

There are other four events for the Parish Feast -

Bible Family, Music Family, Badminton and Football.

Details of these programs will be communicated shortly :

These events are coordinated by **Saju John, Pallath** - 9902530250

Parish Auditorium:

As per the decision taken in the parish council on Dec 2, 2018, Parish auditorium will be given for rent for smaller functions like birthdays, at attractive rates.

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Christmas Celebrations in our Parish:

Oh, jingle bells, jingle bells
Jingle all the way
Oh, what fun it is to ride
In a one horse open sleigh



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

As in the previous years, Christmas will be celebrated in our church keeping its meaning and messages in all aspects. Cake selling by Vincent De Paul for supporting the less privileged, Christmas carols and visiting of the physically challenged children's home are planned for making the Christmas celebrations more meaningful and memorable.



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December 8:

The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



The Immaculate Conception is the conception of the Virgin Mary free from original sin by virtue of the merits of her son Jesus Christ. The Catholic Church teaches that God acted upon Mary in the first moment of her conception keeping her "immaculate".

Annunciation-Nativity



The liturgical year of the Syro-Malabar Church begins with the period of Annunciation. The four weeks in preparation to the feast of the Nativity of Jesus, celebrated on 25th December constitute this season. Since we practise abstinence from 1st to 25th December in preparation for Christmas, we call this period "25 days Lent".



The season of Nativity (comes after season of Annunciation) commemorates the important themes like the birth of Jesus, the visit of Magi, the escape into Egypt, presentation of Jesus in the temple and the infancy of Jesus.

December 3:

Feast of Saint Francis Xavier, priest (1506-1552)



Jesus asked, "What profit the whole world and forfeit 16:26a). The words were teacher of philosophy promising career in success and a life of before him. Francis and living and not heed these words from a good friend, whose tireless the young man to Christ. spiritual exercises under and in 1534 joined his little



would there be for one to gain his life?" (Matthew repeated to a young who had a highly academics, with prestige and honour Xavier, 24 at the time, teaching in Paris, did at once. They came Ignatius of Loyola, persuasion finally won Francis then made the the direction of Ignatius, community (the infant Society

of Jesus). Together at Montmartre they vowed poverty, chastity and apostolic service according to the directions of the pope. From Venice, where he was ordained priest in 1537, Francis Xavier went on to Lisbon and from there sailed to the East Indies, landing at Goa, on the west coast of India.

For the next 10 years he laboured to bring the faith to such widelyscattered peoples as the Hindus, the Malaysians and the Japanese. He spent much of that time in India, and served as provincial of the newly established Jesuit province of India. Wherever he went, he lived with the poorest people, sharing their food and rough accommodations. He spent countless hours ministering to the sick and the poor, particularly to lepers. Very often he had no time to sleep or even to say his breviary but, as we know from his letters, he was filled always with joy.

Francis went through the islands of Malaysia, then up to Japan. He learned enough Japanese to preach to simple folk, to instruct and to baptize, and to establish missions for those who were to follow him.

All of us are called to "go and preach to all nations" (Matthew 28:19). And we are called to preach not with words, but by our everyday lives. May the feast of St Francis Xavier reminds this to all of us.

Shortcut to Heaven !



Anju Jojee

Jesus just before dying on the cross in Calvary gave us mankind greatest gift that of His mother, "Here is your mother" John 19:27. That is why we all have special devotion and love for Mother Mary. This love can be profoundly increased by consecrating ourselves to her immaculate heart.

Consecration is a word familiar to all of us – It refers to the act of dedicating ourselves to a specific purpose or intention. To "consecrate yourself" essentially means that wholly dedicate yourself to something of great importance. Consecration to the immaculate Heart of Mary means – living in a habitual dependence on Mother Mary as a means of uniting with Christ, offer our prayers and obligation to God through Mary and also seek every gift from God through Mary.

Mary being the queen of Heaven has immediate access to the infinite treasury of graces in the kingdom of her divine son. So, the shortest and surest way to acquire these graces is by our devotion to Mother Mary.

It is through Mary that God choose His beloved son to come to this world. In the same way, Jesus wants all of us to reach heaven by her help. Mary being our mother and 'Gate of Heaven' will surely recommend for us sinners.

The easiest way to lead a consecrated life is to be an apostle of Mary and striving to imitate her virtues which are profound humility, universal mortification, constant prayer, surpassing purity, angelic sweetness, lively faith, and heroic patience in our life.

In Fatima, Portugal when our Lady appeared to three children - Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, six times from May to October in 1917, she asked for consecration to her immaculate heart and asked children to recite rosary to pray for peace in the world. Our Lady of Fatima revealed to Lucia – "I will never leave you, immaculate heart will be your refuge and the way that leads you to God".

The consecrated are always sheltered in the protective mantle of Mary. We must acknowledge the role of our Mother as a guide who always lead us to Jesus.



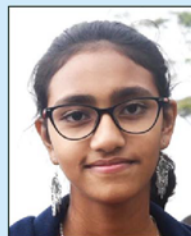
Diogenes of Sinope was a very playful philosopher who is said to have lived in ancient Greece between 412 -323 BC.

In winter Diogenes walked barefoot in the snow. In summer he rolled in the hot sand. He did this to harden himself against discomfort.

"But aren't you overdoing it a little?" a disciple asked.

"Of course," replied Diogenes, "I am like a teacher of choruses who has to sing louder than the rest in order they may get the right note."

Importance of Personal Prayer



Mita Baiju

Prayer is a conversation with God. We always pray at church and during family prayers, but sometimes we forget about the most important kind of prayer –personal prayer. Through personal prayer we share our troubles, disappointments and shortcomings with God. Jesus loves to hear about our friends, thoughts and dreams. He becomes very happy when we share our feelings with Him. Through personal prayer we become closer to God.

Personal prayer is also a form of reconciliation with God. We can tell God about our sins and ask forgiveness for them. Every day before going to bed, we can spend around 10 minutes in prayer with God. Tell Him about our day - the happiness and sadness we experienced, thank Him for the blessings we received and repent for the sins we committed that day.

Mathew 6:5 says,

"....when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "

Personal prayer is the key to strengthening our faith.Hence personal prayer plays a major role in our life as a Christian.



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O loving Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Priests, during this time of priestly ordination of our beloved deacons, we pray to you to be their comfort, their joy, their strength, and especially help them to live and to defend the ideals of consecrated celibacy.

Ten Tenets for a good life

Mrs. Alice K Jose

(from her Autobiography - 'Am I A Chosen One?')

- 1] Have unwavering faith in the Supreme Universal Spirit.
- 2] Have immense faith in prayer and fasting.
- 3] Have a most positive approach to life.
- 4] Earn money by fair means and spend a portion of it for common good.
- 5] Earn the day's satisfaction by doing atleast a few acts of selfless service.
- 6] Love and respect all alike, meaning treat everyone with justice.
- 7] Love to lead a simple life with high thinking.
- 8] Be true to oneself and to others.
- 9] Be non-violent even in thoughts.
- 10] Be honest, hard-working and helpful.



Best Wishes!

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ഞാൻ കണ്ട നക്ഷത്രം

എന്റെ കണ്ണുനീരിനു മുകളിൽ ഞാൻ ഒരു നക്ഷത്രം കണ്ടു. ആ നക്ഷത്രം എനിക്ക് ഈശോയെ കാട്ടിത്തന്നു. എവിടെയോ കേട്ടുവന്ന ഈ വരികൾ ആരുടേത് എന്നറിയില്ല. എങ്കിലും അവ എന്നെ ഒരു ക്രിസ്തസ് രാവിന്റെ നിറമുള്ള ഓർമ്മകളിലൂടെ കുട്ടിക്കൊണ്ടുപോയി.

നക്ഷത്രം എന്ന് കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾ തന്നെ ഏവരുടേയും മനസ്സിൽ ഒരുപാട് അനുഭവങ്ങൾ പങ്കുവെയ്ക്കുവാൻ ഉണ്ടാവും. ചെറുപ്പത്തിൽ നക്ഷത്ര വിളക്കുകൾ ഉണ്ടാക്കിയതും പുൽക്കൂട് കെട്ടിയതുമായ അനുഭവങ്ങൾ. ഉണ്ണിയേശുവിനെ കുറിച്ചുള്ള മധുരിക്കുന്ന ഓർമ്മകൾ തട്ടിയുണർത്തി കൊണ്ട്, എന്നോ വായിച്ചു മറന്ന ഒരു ചെറുകഥ എന്റെ മനസ്സിലേക്കോടിയെത്തി.

ഗ്രാമത്തിലെ കാലിത്തൊഴുത്തിലെ പുൽത്തൊട്ടിയിൽ പിറന്ന ഉണ്ണിയെ കാണുവാൻ എല്ലാവരും സമ്മാനപ്പെതികളുമായി പോകുന്നത് കണ്ട് കണ്ണുനീരുമായി നിന്ന ഒരു ബാലൻ ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു. അവൻ ഉണ്ണിയെ കാണുവാൻ പോകണമെന്നുണ്ട്. പക്ഷേ... അവന്റെ കയ്യിൽ ഉണ്ണിക്ക് കൊടുക്കുവാനായി ഒന്നുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. പഴകി കീറിയ ഒരു കമ്പിളിപ്പുതപ്പ് മാത്രമായിരുന്നു അവന്റെ സമ്പാദ്യം. ഉണ്ണിയെ കാണുവാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹം കൊണ്ട് ആ കമ്പിളിപ്പുതപ്പ് നെഞ്ചോട് ചേർത്തുപിടിച്ചു, അവൻ കാലിത്തൊഴുത്ത് ലക്ഷ്യമാക്കി നടന്നു.

പുൽത്തൊട്ടിയിൽ സൂര്യപ്രഭ ചൊരിയുന്ന ഉണ്ണിയെ അവൻ കണ്ടു. ഞാൻ നെഞ്ചോടു ചേർത്ത് പിടിച്ചിരുന്ന ആ കമ്പിളിപ്പുതപ്പ് തണുത്തു വിറക്കുകയായിരുന്ന ഉണ്ണിയെ അവൻ പുതപ്പിച്ചു. ഉണ്ണിയുടെ അമ്മ അവനെ നോക്കി പുഞ്ചിരി തുകി.

ഇത്തരം കഥകളിലൂടെ ജീവിച്ചിരുന്ന ഒരു ബാല്യം എനിക്കുമുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. വൈദ്യുതി എത്തി നോക്കുകപോലും ചെയ്യാതിരുന്ന ഒരു ഗ്രാമം ആയിരുന്നു അന്ന് ഞങ്ങളുടേത്. നവംബറിൽ തുടങ്ങുന്ന മഞ്ഞും കുളിരും ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഗ്രാമത്തെ മുടുമായിരുന്നു. ഡിസംബർ ഞങ്ങളുടെ ഹൃദയങ്ങളെ മഞ്ഞിൽ കുളിപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു. പിന്നെ അങ്ങോട്ട് ഒരുക്കമാണ് എന്റെ ഉണ്ണീശോയെ വരവേൽക്കുവാൻ. നക്ഷത്രവിളക്ക് ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതാണ് ആദ്യപടി. ഈറ്റയും, കളർ പേപ്പറും, പശയും ഉപയോഗിച്ച് ആൺകുട്ടികൾ നക്ഷത്രം ഉണ്ടാക്കിത്തരും. ഞങ്ങളുതിനെ കൂടുതൽ വർണ്ണാഭമാക്കും. എന്നിട്ട് അതിന്റെ നടുവിലായി മെഴുകുതിരി കത്തിച്ചു വയ്ക്കും. മെഴുകുതിരികൾ മറിഞ്ഞു വീണ് നക്ഷത്രം കത്തി പോവാറുണ്ട്. എങ്കിലും ഞങ്ങൾ തോറ്റു കൊടുത്തിരുന്നില്ല. എന്നിട്ട് മുറ്റത്തെ മരത്തിന്റെ കൊമ്പിൽ തൂക്കിയിടും.

ഞങ്ങളുടെ പള്ളിയിലെ സന്ധ്യാമണി കേൾക്കുമ്പോൾ ഞങ്ങൾ നക്ഷത്രത്തിൽ തിരി തെളിയ്ക്കും. അതിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിച്ചിരുന്ന ആത്മസംതൃപ്തി പിന്നീട് ഒരിക്കലും അനുഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടാവില്ല. ആ നക്ഷത്രം തെളിഞ്ഞു നിന്നിരുന്നത് ഞങ്ങൾ ഓരോരുത്തരുടെയും ഹൃദയങ്ങളിൽ ആയിരുന്നു.



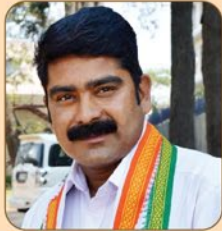
ക്രിസ്തസ് രാത്രിയിൽ പള്ളിയിൽ ഒന്നാം മണി അടിക്കുമ്പോൾ അപ്പച്ചൻ വിളിച്ചുണർത്തും. മടികാണിക്കുമെങ്കിലും ഉണർന്ന് ഒരുങ്ങി പള്ളിയിലേക്ക് ഓടും. ഇടവഴിയിൽ നിന്നും കൂട്ടുകാരും അവരുടെ വീട്ടുകാരും കാണും. കൊടും തണുപ്പിനെയും, ഹൈറേഞ്ചിനെ ഒന്നാകെ മുടുന്ന മഞ്ഞിനേയും തട്ടിമാറ്റി പുൽക്കൂട്ടിൽ പിറന്ന ഉണ്ണി ഈശോയെ ആദ്യം കാണണമെന്ന ആഗ്രഹത്തോടെ വേഗത്തിൽ നടക്കും. എത്തിനെന്നോ, എന്നാലല്ലേ എന്റെ ദാരിദ്ര്യത്തിന്റെ മൺകുടിലിലേയ്ക്ക്, മണ്ണെണ്ണ വിളക്കിന്റെ ഇത്തിരിവെട്ടം നിറഞ്ഞ എന്റെ പുൽക്കൂട്ടിലേയ്ക്ക്. കീറിപ്പഴുകിയ എന്റെ കമ്പിളിപ്പുതപ്പിന്റെ ചൂടിലേയ്ക്ക്, എന്റെ ഉണ്ണീശോ വരികയുള്ളൂ... ഒരുപക്ഷേ, ഞാൻ കണ്ട നക്ഷത്രം എനിക്ക് ഈശോയെ കാട്ടി തന്നാലോ...



CONGRATULATIONS!!



REV. FR MANOJ AMBALATHINKAL,
who was serving as the Director of Syro Malabar Youth Movement, Mandya Diocese has been promoted as the Director of Syro Malabar Youth Movement, Karnataka state (includes all three diocese - Badravathi, Balthangadi, and Mandya)



MR. ALEX JOSEPH
from our Parish has been appointed as the District Congress Committee (DCC) Secretary – Bangalore South.



KAREN THERESE DONNY
Bible Quiz
Diocese Level



ANN MARIA JOY
CML National Essay
Competition
First Prize



ROSE MARIA JOY
CML National
Essay Competition
A Grade
Extempore & Bible Story
Bible Kalotsavam(Diocese)



Hanna Manoj
Pencil Sketch
Bible Kalotsavam(Diocese)

FORANE BIBLE KALOTHSAVAM



Bible Kalotsavam - 2018 Winners(Grade)



Aleena Tomy
Essay



Angel Ajay
Psalm Recitation&Solo Song



Antony Anil
Poster Color



Austin Sibi
Bible Story&Pencil sketch



Ewin Shijo
Bible Reading



Saana Shijo
Bible Reading



Ajoaan Job
Poetry



Merrill Jayson
Poetry



Miara Melvin
Pencil Sketch



Rachel Ron
Poster Color



Rose Martin
Poster Colors

Parish Level Family Bible Quiz Winners	Logos Quiz-2018 Top 3 Winners from each Category		
Jayson Pappachan & Family	Category	Name	Prize
	A	Grace Sunil	1
	A	Elena Maria Joseph	2
	A	Johann Job	3
Jem Mathew & Family	B	Melvin Joseph	1
	B	Ann Tresa	2
	B	Aleena Tomy	3
	C	Kevin J Joseph	1
	C	Chintu Thomas	2
Saju Pallath & Family	C	Anu Avarachan	3
	D	Jojee Joseph	1
	D	Julie Justin	2
	D	Anju Paul	3
	E	Mercy Alex	1
E	Anis Averachan	2	

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The Greatest Gift

Christmas IS FOR LOVE

Sunil Varghese

'Christmas is for love' is a short story that I would like to share with you. The author remains unknown. It is not funny but is worth reading when considering what the Christmas message means to each of us as individuals.

Christmas is for love. It is a time for joy, for giving and sharing, for laughter, for reuniting with family and friends, and for tinsel and brightly covered packages. But, mostly Christmas is for love. I had not believed this until a small child with wide innocent eyes and soft rosy cheeks gave me a wondrous gift during one Christmas.

Mathew was a 10 year old orphan who lived with his aunt, a bitter, middle aged woman greatly annoyed with the burden of caring her dead sister's son. She

never failed to remind young Mathew, if it hadn't been for her generosity, he would be a vagrant child. Still, with all the scolding and chilliness at home, he was a sweet and gentle child.

I had not noticed Mathew particularly until he began staying after class each day (at the risk of arousing his aunt's anger, so I learned later) to help me straighten up the room. We did this quietly and comfortably, not speaking much, but enjoying the solitude of that hour of the day. When we did talk, Mathew spoke mostly of his mother. Though he was quite young when she died, he remembered a kind, gentle, loving woman who always spent time with him.

As Christmas drew near however, Mathew failed to stay after school each day. I looked forward to his coming, and when the days passed and he continued to rush home after class, I stopped him one afternoon and asked him why he no longer helped me in the room. I told him how I had missed him, and his large brown eyes lit up eagerly as he replied, 'Did you really miss me?'



I explained how he had been my best helper, 'I was making you a surprise,' he whispered. 'It's for Christmas.' With that, he became embarrassed and dashed from the room. He didn't stay after school any more after that.

Finally came the last school day before Christmas. Mathew crept slowly into the room late that afternoon with his hands concealing something behind his back. 'I have your present,' he said timidly when I looked up. 'I hope you like it.' He held out his hands, and there lying in his small palms was a tiny wooden box. It's beautiful, Mathew. Is there something in it?' I asked opening the top to look inside. 'Oh you can't see what's in it,' he replied, 'and you can't touch it, or taste it or feel it, but mother always said it makes you feel good all the time, warm on cold nights and safe when you're all alone.'

I gazed into the empty box. 'What is it, Mathew?' I asked gently, 'that will make me feel so good?'

'It's love,' he whispered softly, 'and mother always said it's best when you give it away.' He turned and quietly left the room.

So now I keep a small box crudely made of scraps of wood on the piano in my living room and only smile when inquiring friends raise quizzical eyebrows when I explain to them there is love in it.

Yes, Christmas is for cheerfulness, festivity , carols , and for good and wondrous gifts. But mostly, Christmas is for love.

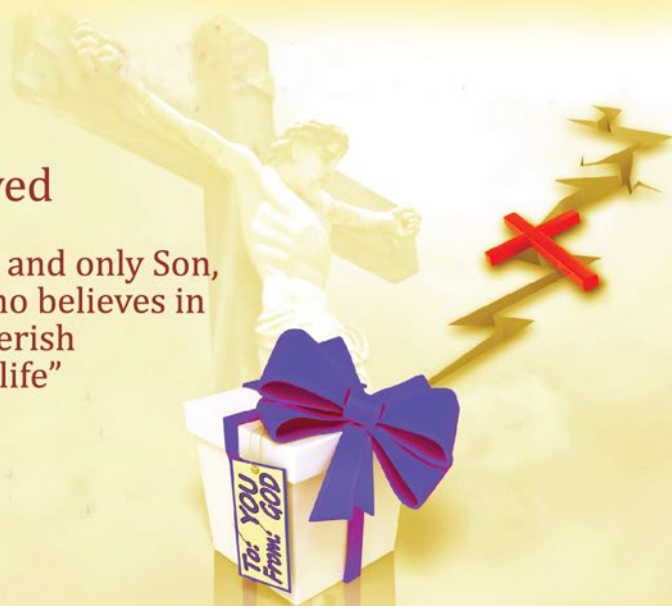
God gave us the best gift, a wonderful, beautiful, and life changing gift. This mysterious gift came in the form of a baby born in a stable. Have you considered Jesus, the One who left the perfection of heaven and came to walk the planet He created. Each day, His heart was broken by the people he came to serve. He knows all our hurts and sorrows. This Christmas let us open our life to Him, asking Him to come into our life, forgive our sins and direct our life from this moment on.

Let's pray

Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to You and ask You to come in as my Saviour and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Bring peace to my world this Christmas. Make me the kind of person You want me to be.

**“For God so loved
the world that
He gave His one and only Son,
that everyone who believes in
Him shall not perish
but have eternal life”**

John 3:16



Santhome Parish Youth Report



September - October, 2018

1. **Kerala Flood and Relief collection:** Members of the youth went from door to door and collected an amount of 35,000 rupees. The collected amount was then handed over to the church to help those who were affected.
2. **Santhome Youth Cup**
The Santhome Youth Cup was conducted on the 29th of September. The boys of the Youth participated in the football section and emerged second in the tournament.
3. **Balloon Rosary**
As part of the 'Ten days rosary' in the church, a rosary was created out of 59 balloons and released into the sky.
4. **Youth Seminar by Fr. Augustine**
A charismatic and energetic seminar was conducted by Fr. Augustine. Participants learnt in-depth about the life of Mother Teresa, the Youth Synod and Vocational Discernment.



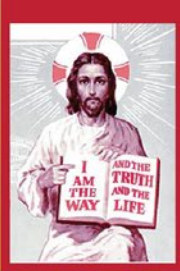
Greatest Insurance Plan!

All of us have heard about LIC..Life Insurance Corporation. If you pay money to LIC regularly as premium against a policy, they will give the insured amount to the dependents in case of your death. There is another LIC — Life Insured in Christ. This is totally different kind of insurance compared to the insurance that the world provides. There is no policy or premium payment. It is totally free. There is no age limit. Anybody can join anytime in life. This Insurance is valid not only in this world, but also valid beyond this world. Rules are very simple ..just follow what Jesus told as mentioned in the Gospel. Once life is insured in Christ, it is always insured. Nothing to worry thereafter! Always Jesus, only Jesus, hold onto Jesus!





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Christeen Retreat (Nov 6, 7, 8, 2018)

Purpose:

- 1] To come closer to Jesus
- 2] To receive anointing of the Holy Spirit
- 3] To become Strong Christians



From the Christeen Retreat!

Christmas is the season of great joy. We experience this joy only when we allow Jesus to be born in our heart...when we let Him grow in our heart, He will transform our lives.

What Happens when God enters in our Life?

Nick was very depressed in childhood, but when God entered in His life, he proclaimed "No arms, no legs, still no worries".



As a famous model and actress, Olalla Oliveros lived a life of glitz and glamor. She became a Catholic Nun After her encounter with Jesus..



Update on First Edition: In the first edition of the parish bulletin, there was an article titled "Prayer is My Strength" (page 15). This article was written by **Mr. Pious Antony**.

He is an Associate Professor in Economics and HRM, MBA Dept., T John College, Bangalore. Author's name was missed out by mistake.





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*In Loving Memory of
our beloved Daddy*

1st First Death Anniversary

*"Every day in some small way
memories of you come our way.
Though absent, you are always near
still missed, loved and always dear"*

We miss you Daddy...

*Fondly remembered by
Jojee & Family*

10th Death Anniversary

*Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place
-Psalm 91:9*



K .M. Sebastian (Appachan)

Karikkedath

K.S Joseph's Father

DOB: 03-10-1938 | DOD: 15-11-2008

Remember me in your prayers

*Attained
heavenly adobe*



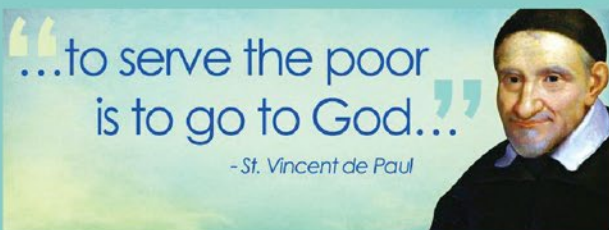
Mrs. Aleamma Joseph (72 years)

Passed away on Oct 6, 2018

[St. Mother Theresa Unit]



Activities of SSVP Santhome Conference (July - November 2018)



Society of St Vincent De Paul (SSVP)

St. Vincent De Paul feast was celebrated together with St. Vincent De Paul family unit on 30th September. The function started with 8:30 AM Qurbana followed by cultural program and ended with lunch along with family members.

PASSED AWAY RECENTLY



Fr. Joseph Mattam CMI
St. Vincent De Paul Spiritual Director,
Diocese of Mandya

Philanthropic activities

- Visited the adopted families and provided financial support to them.
- Mobilized funds (including Onam payasam sale to raise fund) and provided support for the Kerala flood relief movement.
- Visited Akasaparavakal (home for mentally challenged people) at Divyakarunya Charitable Trust (Thirumugha Ashrama), Voderahalli village and provided financial support.
- Active participation in Mission Food Fest and distribution of Christmas cakes to fund various charitable initiatives of SSVP.



Cake Sale!!

It is Christmas time! Like in the past, we are back this year too selling delicious and quality cakes. The cake will be even more sweeter, when you know that you are contributing to a noble cause, since the proceeds from the sale of cakes will be used to fund the various charity initiatives of SSVP.





Maalaakha

Children's Corner

"No one journeys alone and no one should think that they are alone," the Pope said. Pope noted that oftentimes, we have the feeling that "I should do this, this is not right, be careful." This, he said, "is the voice of" our guardian angel..."

"According to Church tradition", the Pope said, "we all have an angel with us, who guards us..." The Pope instructed each, "Do not rebel, follow his advice!". The Pope urged that this "doctrine on the angels" not be considered "a little imaginative". It is rather one of "truth". It is "what Jesus, what God said: 'I send an angel before you, to guard you, to accompany you on the way, so you will not make a mistake'".

Pope Francis concluded with a series of questions so that each one can examine his/her own conscience: "How is my relationship with my guardian angel? Do I listen to him? Do I bid him good day in the morning? Do I tell him: 'guard me while I sleep?' Do I speak with him? Do I ask his advice? ...Each one of us can do so in order to evaluate "the relationship with this angel that the Lord has sent to guard me and to accompany me on the path, and who always beholds the face of the Father who is in heaven".

Grandparents

*Grandparents have a loveable heart
In our hearts, they are a caring part
They know lot of stories, which will not even fit in lorries
They are sweeter than our parents*



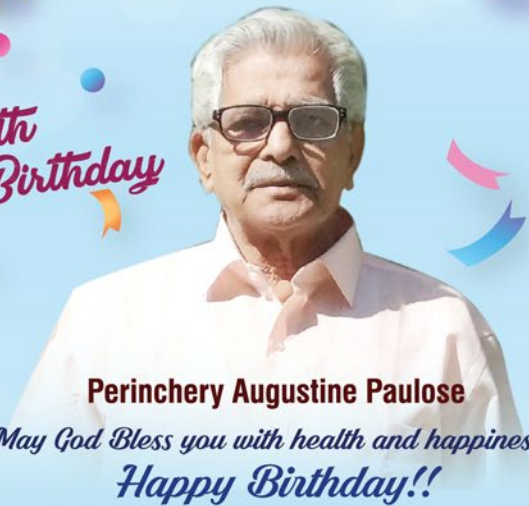
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*Day is great when they drop us in the bus stop to school
My grandpa is old
My grandma has silver hair
But their face always has a golden smile*

*They forget my mistakes when I say sorry..
Cheer me up saying "I am a lovable kid"
They are with me in my ups and downs
I am like a bee who got honey, with them.*



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Church's view on Homosexuality

In a historic judgment, the Supreme Court (SC) recently ruled that consensual adult gay sex is not a crime saying that sexual orientation is natural and people have no control over it. This verdict has caused confusion in people, especially among youngsters, as the church prohibits such relationship.

Can the same sex people marry as per church rules? Simple answer is "NO". There are more discussions and debates going on in the church to give more space to LGBT (Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) community in church, but as of today, any such relationship is considered as totally unacceptable.

Definition or purpose of marriage is not only for having physical sexual experience, but the main objective is to give new life which is not possible in a LGBT relationship.

Catholic teaching condemns sexual acts between people of the same gender as gravely immoral, while holding that those with a homosexual sexual orientation must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity, and every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided. Just as it is objectively wrong for unmarried heterosexuals to engage in sex, so too are homosexual acts considered to be wrong.

Leviticus 18:22, 22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. 23 You shall not have sexual relations with any animal and defile yourself with it, nor shall any woman give herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it: it is perversion.

Leviticus 20:13, 13 If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death; their blood is upon them. Romans 1:24-27, .. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

9 Do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! Fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, male prostitutes, sodomites, 10 thieves, the greedy, drunkards, revilers, robbers—none of these will inherit the kingdom of God.

Four major reasons that strengthens Church's view:

In the first place, man, the image of God, was created “male and female” (Gen 1:27). Men and women are equal as persons and complementary as male and female. Sexuality is something that pertains to the physical-biological realm and has also been raised to a new level – the personal level – where nature and spirit are united.

Marriage is instituted by the Creator as a form of life in which a communion of persons is realized involving the use of the sexual faculty. “That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife and they become one flesh” (Gen 2:24).

Third, God has willed to give the union of man and woman a special participation in his work of creation. Thus, he blessed the man and the woman with the words “Be fruitful and multiply” (Gen 1:28). Therefore, in the Creator's plan, sexual complementarity and fruitfulness belong to the very nature of marriage.

Furthermore, the marital union of man and woman has been elevated by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament. The Church teaches that Christian marriage is an efficacious sign of the covenant between Christ and the Church (cf. Eph 5:32). This Christian meaning of marriage, far from diminishing the profoundly human value of the marital union between man and woman, confirms and strengthens it (cf. Mt 19:3-12; Mk 10:6-9).



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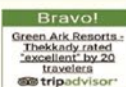
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