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संत लुईस आम्हासाठी प्रार्थना कर
ST. LOUIS PRAY FOR US



HOLD ON TO GOD WITH TWO ARMS

St. Louis would always say, "Cling on to God with two arms: the two arms are firm faith and good works".

St. Louis often pictured with a crown of thorns is a symbol of commitment to the Holy Land and the Holy Places so important in the life of Christ. To his son, before his death, he said, "Cling to Christ and without this, there is no salvation." The image of clasping on to God in firm faith reveals the relationship with God, in response to love of God who loved us first.

St. Louis was renowned for his charity. He gave generous gifts to the poor irrespective whether others considered them worthy or not. Beggars were fed from his table, he dined with them, washed their feet, ministered to lepers, and daily fed over one hundred poor. He also engaged in constant dialogue with them. He founded many hospitals and houses: the House of the Filles-Dieu for reformed prostitutes; the Quinze-Vingt for 300 blind men, hospitals at Pontoise, Vernon and Compiègne.

St. Louis truly clinged to God with two arms: firm faith and good works by practicing the Gospel of Lk: 10:27: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbour as yourself." Everything he did was for the glory of God and for the good of his people. Recalling the memory of St. Louis, our Patron Saint, let us ask him to intercede for us, so that we too may similarly hold on to God with two arms: firm faith and good works. Wish you all a Happy Feast.

दोन्ही बाहुंनी देवाला मिठी मारा

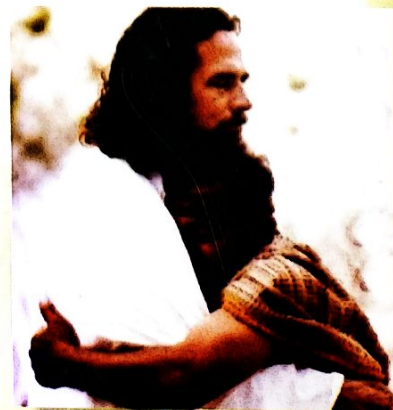


संत लुईसच्या शब्दात सांगाथचे झाले तर, "दोन्ही बाहुंनी देवाला मिठी मारा, एक बाहुश्रद्धेचा तर दुजा सत्कृत्याचा असु द्या". मरणाआधी आपल्या मुलास ते म्हणाले होते, मुला ख्रिस्ताला मिठी मार कारण त्या शिवाय तारण नाही.

आपल्या सेवेसाठी प्रसिद्ध असे ते महान संत आहेत. त्यांनी नेहमी गरीबाला भेटी देऊन त्यांना मदत केली. भिकाऱ्यां बरोबर ते त्यांच्या मेजावर भोजनास बसत असत, त्यांचे जेवुन झाल्यावर उरलेले जेवण ते खात असत, त्यांचे पाय धुवुन त्यांची सेवा करीत असत, कुष्ठ रोग्यांच्या जण माधुत असत व दररोज शंभर पैशा जास्त लोकांना खावयास देत असत. गरीब त्यांचे सोबती होते व त्यांच्या सेवे साठी त्यांनी अनेक रुग्णालय उघडले.

संत लुईसने खरोखर दोन्ही बाहुंनी देवाला मिठी मारली. त्यांनी देवावर श्रद्धा ठेवली व सत्कृत्ये केली. त्यांनी तारण प्राप्तीची आज्ञा पाळली, "संपूर्ण मनाने संपूर्ण दिलाने देवावर प्रीती कर व जशी आपणावर तशी आपल्या शेजाऱ्यावर प्रीती कर". त्यांनी सर्वकाही देवाच्या गौरवासाठी व त्यांच्या प्रजेच्या भल्या साठी केले. आपण त्यांचे स्मरण करुया, त्यांच्या कडे मध्यस्थी करुया व देवाला दोन्ही बाहुंनी मिठी मारुया : "दृढ श्रद्धेने व सत्कृत्याने".

आपणा सर्वांना संत लुईसच्या सणाच्या हार्दिक सुभेच्छा.



Fr. Martin S, CSC

THE CHURCH WILL BE EFFECTIVE WHEN WE DO WHAT WE CAN DO

For as in one body we have many members, and all the members do not have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; he who teaches, in his teaching; he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who contributes, in liberality; he who gives aid, with zeal; he who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. **Romans**

God has uniquely equipped every Christian to serve actively and to bless and build up His church - the body of Christ. When we embrace this truth, the beauty of church is supremely displayed both in the church and to the world.

Every Christian has been given some gift and the Lord didn't give these gifts to be kept buried. So if you're not serving, look around, perhaps there is a certain ministry or certain activity in our parish that needs gifted people like you to work, to develop and to progress.

There may be some who grumble about the church being poorly organized. Some may gripe that the church neglects the needy, while others may shake their heads at the lack of interest in the ministry of outreaching. The solution of course, is to quit complaining and start serving in your area of giftedness, so that the church will improve in that area.

We all should keep looking for needs of the Church and be quick to help, no matter what our spiritual gifts. We're all commanded to share Christ with the lost. There is a gift of service; there is a gift of mercy and there is a gift of giving. We're all required to be prompt and generous with what God has entrusted to us.

My prayer is that our faith that unites us to Christ also unites us to the body of Christ - the Church. May His name be honoured with the decision you make now.

Thomas Dsouza - Liturgy Committee

MY JOURNEY OF JOYFUL EXPERIENCE

It was indeed a privilege to heed the Lord's call to be someone in service to extend His compassion and care to the people of Our Lady of Lourdes Community.

During the course of my tenure as parish councilor, I got an opportunity to explore, what it really means to follow Jesus beyond the hour or so that is spent at Sundays Eucharistic celebrations. Such exploration reshaped my thinking and made me to recognize that each and every person has a unique story and is of priceless value. I learnt that communities are places where each one's story if joined together with the story of Jesus can bring that unique community spirit of togetherness and make us to be part of a greater family with the sharing of each other's joys and sorrows.

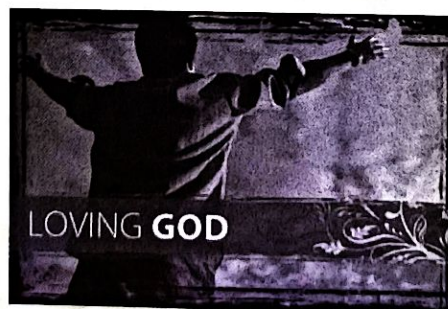
This was a wonderful experience for me and was

also a wonderful way to give back by sharing my gifts, having fun, and getting involved. There is nothing more fulfilling than experiencing the joy of sharing and reaching out together.

Perhaps God now wants to fill in so many details in the blanks that I left in the book of my experience and has directed me to change over to another chapter. May I encounter more of His light in this new chapter and may it help me shape my soul and shape my calling.

I thank God for His guidance and for revealing Himself to me whenever it was needed. I also immensely thank everyone in the community who helped me walk this journey.

**Thomas Dsouza - former Parish Councilor
Our Lady of Lourdes community**





ST. LOUIS COMMUNITY WELFARE FUND

St. Louis Church, Dahisar (W), Mumbai – 400 068

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

From 01st April 2015 to March 31st, 2016

Receipts	Rs.	Payments	Rs.
To Contributions from Parish Community	1504164	By Medical reimbursements	479295
To Donations	5800	By Education support	251225
To Charity received	8000	By Zonal Activity	78912
		By Ration Aid	48000
		By Youth & Children Activity	62476
		By Senior Citizen Activity	5860
		By Parents Day expenses	29805
		By Charity paid	8000
		By Stationery expenses	1572
		By Church Support	397899
		Balance Amount	154920
To Total	1517964	By Total	1517964

Recollection of Eucharistic Ministers

A recollection was held for the Eucharistic Ministers on 5th June 2016 which was conducted by Fr. Joe Gonsalves, professor of St. Pius College, Gurgaon. Fr. Joe was given a warm welcome by Fr. Lancy and the members. The recollection began with breakfast followed by a quiz on the topic "Eucharist". Four groups were formed and each group was given 15 questions based on the topic to be answered in 15 minutes. Everyone participated in the quiz. Then Fr. Joe explained the meaning and the importance of the Eucharist. He said that the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. It is a memorial of what occurred 2000 years



ago, Jesus being crucified at Calvary which is happening at every Eucharist. It is also a sacrament of healing, whereby Jesus is really and truly present in the Eucharist. Fr. Joe also answered the queries put forth by the members.

In conclusion Fr. Joe said that we as Eucharistic Ministers play an important role of administering the Eucharist in the church and to the sick and homebound so we should show respect and reverence while we are holding the real person of Christ. Fr. Lourdhu thanked Fr. Joe for the wonderful talk, which was an inspiration to all the members.

Josephine Rodrigues.



Congratulations to newly elected PPC members



संत लुईस कम्युनिटी वेलफेअर फंड

दीन, पीडित, गरीब, गरजवंत लोकांपर्यंत पोहचता यावे, याच हेतूने पॅरीश कम्युनिटीची स्थापना करण्यात आली. अन्नाविना कोणी उपाशी पोटी झोपी जाऊ नये, कोणतीही आजारी व्यक्ती औषधाविना वेदनातून जाऊ नये, व कोणताही मुलगा आर्थिक अडचणीमुळे मूलभूत शिक्षणापासून वंचित राहू नये. गरजवंतांची गरज वेळीच ओळखून, पारखून त्याकडे तात्काळ जाणे हाच पॅरीश कम्युनिटीचा एकमेव हेतू आहे.

ख्रिस्ती याना त्याने आपण गरजवंताची गरज वेळीच ओळखून त्याकडे तात्काळ धावत जाणे, आपल्या अवतीभवती असलेल्या गरजवंत तसेच शेजाऱ्यांना मदतीचा हात देणे हे आपले कर्तव्य आहे. परंतु बऱ्याच व्यक्तींना आपल्या व्यवसायामुळे, कामधंद्यामुळे शक्य होत नाही किंवा त्यांना वेळ मिळत नाही. त्यामुळे पॅरीश कम्युनिटी वेलफेअर फंड आपले डोकेवर काढून मदतीला धावून येते. शुभवर्तमानात सांगितल्याप्रमाणे विधवा बाईने आपल्या कमाईतून आपले होते नव्हते ते सर्व दान टाकले. आपण देखील तिच्यासारखे आपल्या कमाईतून दान द्यावे.

जुन्या करारातील (गलाखी ३:१०) यात सांगितले आहे की आपल्या कुटुंबियाच्या मिळकतीतून किंवा उत्पन्नातून १० टक्के उत्पन्न देणगीद्वारे द्यावे. उदा. आपल्या कुटुंबाचे उत्पन्न दर महिना १०,०००/- रुपये असेल तर १०० रुपये दर महिन्याला द्यावे. किंवा वर्षाला १२०० रुपये द्यावे. परंतु असं काही दिसून येत नाही. सरासरी ७०% कुटुंबच वेलफेअर फंड देत असतात. काही सेक्टरमधील ४०% पेक्षा कमी वेलफेअर फंड देण्यासाठी पुढे येतात.

“तर मग जसा आपणाला प्रसंग मिळेल त्याप्रमाणे आपण सर्वांचे व विशेषता विश्वासाने एका घरचे झालेल्यांचे बरे करावे”, गलतीकरास (६:१०) म्हणूनच आपण या महान कार्यासाठी आपल्या परीने देणगी द्वारे आपल्या पॅरीशमधील गरीब, गरजू लोकांपर्यंत पोहचण्यास सहभागी होऊन हातभार लाऊया. अशामुळे जसे पहिली ख्रिश्चन कम्युनिटीने आपल्याकडे जे होतं ते सद्दळ हाताने देऊन एकमेकांची काळजी घेतली एक प्रेमळ कम्युनिटी तसेच पवित्र कार्य आपण करून त्यांचे उत्तम उदाहरण अंगी बाळगूया.

म्हणूनच आजच आपण निश्चय करूया की आपल्या कुटुंबियाच्या मिळकतीतून १% उत्पन्न संत लुईस वेलफेअर फंडासाठी देऊ या. आपल्या हया उदार कृती द्वारे धर्मग्रामाच्या दृष्टीकोनाप्रमाणे क्रियाशील बनू शकू. “करूनी घेऊ कुटुंबे स्पष्टीकरण देव शब्दाचे वाहुनी घेऊ भाकरी गरजवंताशी”.

St. Louis Community Welfare Fund

St. Louis community welfare fund was established with the major objective that **WE as a parish community**, reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters. In concrete terms this means, that no one in our parish community, goes to bed hungry for want of food, no sick person is left suffering for want of medical assistance and no child is denied basic education, for lack of finance.

As Christians, all of us are duty bounded to take to our neighbours (Ref: Mk 12:31). However, not many of us can do so due to our preoccupation. Here's how the community welfare fund comes in. you contribute your mite like the poor widow in the gospel, and the welfare committee, ensures that your contribution is well administered as per the guidelines and above objective.

While the Tithe (contributing 10% of one's earning) is the noble practice suggested in the scriptures (Malachi 3:10), our target very modest i.e. only 1% of the earnings of the family. For example, if a family as a whole (including all earning members) earn Rs. 10, 000/-per month, they need to contribute Rs. 100/- per month or Rs. 1200/- per year. Regretfully, this has not been so, in most cases. Moreover, on an average, only about 70% of the families come forward to do so.

In Galatians 6:10 St. Paul tells us "As often as we have chance, we should do good to everyone and especially to those who belong to our faith." Therefore, let us make it a point to be part of this noble cause, wherein, our contribution reaches out to the poor and the needy, in our own community. By this we will be emulating the first Christian community, in the acts who shared what they had and cared for each other as one loving community.

Let us decide today, to make our parish vision a reality and contribute 1% of our family income to St. Louis community welfare fund.

Your suggestions for better functioning of the welfare committee are also welcome.

St. Louis Community Welfare Committee



संत जॉन मारी वियानी

संत जॉन मारी वियानी - ज्याचा सण ऑगस्ट महिन्यात साजरा केला जातो, ज्याची थोरवी चर्चमध्ये गायिली जाते. व सर्व धर्मगुरूंना हॅपी सण म्हणून शुभेच्छांचा वर्षाव केला जातो. वियानी आपले आध्यात्मिक मेंढपाळ, धर्मगुरूंचा आदर्श कैवारी म्हणून त्याचा सन्मान केला जातो.

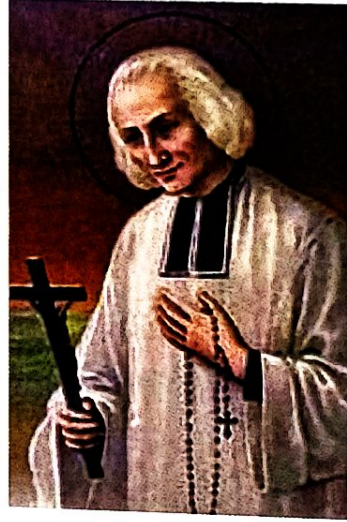
जॉन मारी वियानी यांचे आईवडील एका सामान्य गावात, एका साध्यासुध्या कुटुंबात जन्माला आले. शेती माती करणारे मॅथ्यू वियान्नी आणि मारी बेलुसे हयांचे कुटुंब. दोघेही धार्मिक व पापभिरू.

त्याचा जन्म झाला ८ मे १७८६ च्या मध्यरात्री. ज्या दिवशी त्याचा जन्म झाला त्याच दिवशी त्याचा बाप्तिस्मा आणि नामकरण विधीही पार पडला, आईने त्याला लहानपणीच क्रुसाची खूण करायला शिकवले. १८ महिन्याचा असल्यापासून त्याला सायंकाळच्या कौटुंबिक प्रार्थनेत गुंफून घेतले. तो झोपी जाताना त्याच्या खाटेवर क्रुसाची खूण करायला ती कधी विसरली नाही. आईच्या भक्तीचे सामर्थ्य जॉनला क्षणोक्षणी जाणवले. तिने घरात एक सुंदर क्रूस ठेवला होता. जॉनचे लक्ष वारंवार त्याच्यावर जाई. जसे झाड तसे फळ, खाण तशी माती, आई तशी मुलं. चांगली आई, चांगले धार्मिक-नैतिक संस्कार तिने त्याच्या मनात रूजवले. आपणास ज्या व्यक्ती आवडतात अगदी त्यांच्यासारखेच किंबहुना त्यांचे अनुकरण करतच आपण वाढत जातो. हयाच नियमानुसार एखादे छोटे बाळ हे त्याच्या आईवडिलांचे अनुकरण करीतच वाढत जाते, कारण त्या बालकासाठी त्याचे आईवडिल त्याला सर्वांत प्रिय असतात. त्यामुळेच केलेली प्रत्येक गोष्ट आपल्या नजरेने टिपत टिपत हे बालक मोठे होत जाते. संत जॉन मारी वियान्नीच्या बाबतीतही असेच घडले. आईवडिलांच्या आध्यात्मिक व प्रेमळ सहवासात वाढताना वियान्नीला देखील आध्यात्मिकतेचे बाळकडू अगदी लहानपणापासूनच मिळाले. धार्मिकता जणू त्याच्या नसानसांत भिनत गेली.

जसाजसा वियानी वयाने वाढत होता तसतशी देवाची ओढ देखील त्याच्या अंतःकरणात अधिक खोलवर मूळ धरत होती. परमेश्वरासाठीच आपले जीवन समर्पित करण्याची इच्छा त्याच्या हृदयात धरू लागली होती. त्याने देवाच्या मळ्यात कार्य करण्यासाठी स्वतःला झोकून देण्याचे ठामपणे ठरविले. तो सेमिनरीत धर्मगुरू होण्यासाठी १८१५ साली गेला. परंतु सेमिनरीतील कठीण अभ्यास करताना अक्षरशः तारेवरची कसरत करावी लागली. वरात तो कधी चमकला नाही. बुध्दीचे सामर्थ्य जरी जॉन मारी वियान्नी याला मोठ्या प्रमाणात मिळाले नसले तरी भक्तीचे प्राबल्य त्याला मिळाले असल्यामुळे बुध्दीत जे कमी पडले, त्याची भरपाई भक्तीने केली. आईच्या भक्तीचे सामर्थ्य जॉनला क्षणोक्षणी जाणवले. जेमतेम त्याने सेमिनरीतील वर्ष पुरे केले.

शेवटी बिशप कुर्बोन यांनी जी पाहिली ती त्याची

बुध्दी नव्हे याची मरियाभक्ती जी मरियाभक्ती त्याच्या हृदयात त्याच्या आईने जोपासली होती, तीच त्याला जीवनभर साथ-सोबत देत राहिली. १८१५ साली ते प्रभूच्या मळ्यात कार्य करण्यासाठी धर्मगुरू म्हणून सज्ज झाले. त्याची नेमणूक अशा पॅरिशमध्ये झाली की तिथे लोकांमध्ये फार व्यसनाधिनता, चंगळवाद, अपप्रवृत्ती हयांचा धुमाकूळ होता. स्वतःचे प्रयत्न व देवावरील अढळ श्रद्धा हयाच्या जीरावर फादर वियान्नी हयांनी त्या आर्सेच्या खेड्यामध्ये स्वर्गनिर्माण केला. तेथील लोकांच्या आध्यात्मिक प्रगतीसाठी त्यांना प्रसंगी स्वतः उपासतापास केले, तासन्तास प्रार्थनेत घालवले, हृदयस्पर्शी अशी प्रवचने दिली. ते प्रार्थना



करण्यासाठी प्रातःकाळी तीनला उठत व दिवसाकाठी १५-१६ तास प्रायश्चित संस्कारात लोकांचे पापनिवेदन ऐकण्यासाठी चर्चमध्ये हजर असत. ते कुमसाला बसत असत कारण त्यांन स्वतःच्या जीवापेक्षा लोकांच्या आत्म्यांची जास्त काळजी होती म्हणून कधी कधी रात्री एक एक वाजेपर्यंत ते कुमसार ऐकत असत. लाखो आत्म्यांना देवाकडे वळविण्याचे महान कार्य करीतच हया 'क्युरे ऑफ आर्स' ने ४ ऑगस्ट १८५९ रोजी आपला देह समर्पित केला. (देवाघरी गेले)

फ्रेंच सरकारने त्यांना 'ए नाईट ऑफ लिजन ऑफ ऑनर' हा सन्मानाचा किताब देऊन त्यांचा गौरव केला. १९२५ मध्ये पोप अकरावे पायस यांनी, त्यांना संतपद बहाल केले. पाळकीय धर्मगुरूंचे कैवारी म्हणून आज त्यांचा सर्व सन्मान केला जातो. केवळ आर्स नाही, युरोपनाही तर सजगभर वियान्नीची कीर्ती पसरली झाले. बहू होतील बहू पण हया परि हाच.

डायगो तुस्कान

माझी आई

आई मला तू, का ग सोडून गेली?
आई, मला तूं हवी होती.
माझ्या जीवनाचा शिल्पकार तू होती,
आई, मला तू हवी होती.
माझ्या आजाराचे, औषध तू होती.
आई, मला तू हवी होती.
माझ्या दुःखाचा, आठांद तू होती,
आई, मला तू हवी होती.
माझी आई गाऊली, माझी सावली तू होती,
आई, मला तू हवी होती.
आई, परत तू ये ना,
तुझ्या कुशित मला घे ना,
आई, आई स्वरच मला तू हवी होती.



प्रिती वैती - कांदरपाडा

आई-बाबा प्रेमाचा झरा



२६ जुलै ख्रिस्तसभा ह्या दिवशी पवित्र मरियेचे आईवडिल संत ज्योकिम आणि संत आन्ना ह्यांचा सण साजरा करते. धन्य ते आईवडिल ज्यांनी पवित्र मरियेला जन्म दिला. तिचे संगोपन करून तिला देवाच्या सहवासात वाढवलं. पवित्र मरिया ही जन्मापासुनच पवित्र होती. तिच्या आईवडिलांनी तिच्यावर खूप चांगले संस्कार केले होते. ती एक चांगली मुलगी, तरुणी, बहीण, पत्नी होती म्हणूनच देवाने तिला आपला तारणारा प्रभूयेशू ख्रिस्त ह्याची माता होण्याचा बहुमान दिला.



हसत बसतात; पण आपल्या बाजूला असलेल्या आईवडिलांबरोबर बोलायला त्यांना वेळ नाही. आपण आपल्या मुलांवर चांगले संस्कार करतो का? जेव्हा आपली मुलं रविवारच्या मिरसानंतर घरी येतात तेव्हा आपण त्यांना विचारतो का? आजचीं बाचनं कुठच्या पुस्तकातुन होती? शुभवर्तमान काय होतं? आपण त्यांना रोज संध्याकाळी रोझरीच्या प्रार्थनेला घेऊन बसतो का?

आपण आपल्या आईवडिलांचा आदर्श डोळ्यांसमोर ठेवुया. आपण खरच त्यांचे आज्ञापालन करतो का? त्यांचा मानसन्मान करतो का? त्यांना प्रेम, आपुलकी सुख देतो का? आजच्या ह्या धावपळीच्या व इंटरनेटच्या युगात आपल्याला खरच वेळ आहे का, आपल्या आईवडिलांबरोबर बोलायला? पूर्वी काळी एकत्र कुटुंब पद्धत होती. एकत्र बसून प्रार्थना, जेवण, चर्चा करणे, पण आता तसं नाही. मुलांना आपल्या आईवडिलांशी बोलायला वेळ नाही. वॉट्स अप, फेसबुक ह्यांनी ही जागा घेतली आहे. परदेशी असलेल्या आपल्या मित्र-मैत्रिणींशी मोबाइलवर चॅटिंग करून एकटेच

अजुनही वेळ गेली नाही. संत जोकीम व संत आन्ना ह्यांनी जसे आपल्या मुलींवर, पवित्र मरियेवर चांगले संस्कार केले, तसं आपणही आपल्या मुलांवर चांगले संस्कार करू शकतो. कारण आपण आईवडिल आपल्या मुलांचे जीवनाचे खरे शिलपकार आहोत. जी मुलं आईवडिलांच्या आज्ञेत असतात. ती मुलं स्वर्गीय पित्याच्या आज्ञेत राहतात. आपण पवित्र मरियेच्या आईवडिलांचा आदर्श डोळ्यांसमोर ठेवून आपल्या मुलांना ख्रिस्ती श्रद्धेत वाढवू या.

सर्व आईवडिलांना आपल्या मुलांकडून प्रेम, आपुलकी, सहानुभुती व मदत मिळावी व त्यांनी एकमेकांना समजुन घ्यावे हीच माझी प्रार्थना.

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★ Events

EVENTS - March to July, 2016

MARCH

EASTER BLESSING: From 28th March to 9th April the sector priest visited and blessed the homes of the families. Sector mass was held in the church and at Vailankani Mass centre on the respective days.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY: The Sunday school culminated with the annual day which was celebrated on 19th March. The programme began with the tradition of lighting of the lamp followed by a graceful prayer dance. The children enthralled the audience with skits, songs and dances based on the bible - The Word of God. Prizes for the "Maximum Attendance" and "Best Participation" were awarded to the children.

MASS FOR THE SICK & HOMEBOUND: On 24th March a special mass was organised for the sick & homebound by the Eucharistic Ministers, Legion of Mary and SVP members. The members made arrangements to bring the sick for the mass. Around 35 sick persons attended the mass.

APRIL

SUMMER CAMP: The summer camp commenced on 19th April. The campers participated in games, activities and different input sessions. The annual day was on 18th May which was indeed a chance to showcase the campers talent to everyone present there. A picnic was also arranged for them to the Royal Garden Resort.

MAY

ROSARY: From 1st to 31st May rosary was recited daily in the church.

FAREWELL: Br. Roshan D'Sa CSC was given a farewell by the parishioners on the 28th and 29th of May. We wish Br. Roshan who served the parish and school for one year all the best for his future ministry.

JUNE

WELCOME: On 4th and 5th June Br. Job Louis and Br. Pravin Bandula were given a warm welcome by the parishioners. They will be with us for a year for their regency experience.

RECOLLECTION: On 5th June the Eucharistic Ministers had a recollection which was conducted by Rev. Fr. Joe Gonsalves, professor of St. Pius college, Goregaon. Fr explained the meaning and the importance of the Eucharist.

A recollection was also conducted for the SVP members and the adopted families by Fr. Lourdu and Mr. Diago Tuscano. Breakfast and lunch was served.

COMMISSIONING: 20 Eucharistic Ministers

were commissioned at the 8 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. masses on 12th June.

LAITY SUNDAY: On 26th June the members of the Lay heads and Asst. heads of associations and cells were commissioned at the 8 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. masses. The members also attended a programme at St. Andrew's auditorium, Bandra, organised by the archdiocese OLCM team from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

TRAINING PROGRAMME: A leadership training programme for parish councilors, coordinators and heads of associations was held on 26th June. Fr. Felix D'Souza presented well structured principles that are needed for effective leadership and how it can skilfully move in the right direction - with right communication, right objective and right means. The programme was a great learning experience and was very productive.

JULY

PRAYER SERVICE: The English Charismatic prayer group organised a healing and prayer service lead by Fr. Zacharias Neelankavil on 4th July with mass at 7.15 p.m. followed by praise and worship, healing service, concluding with adoration.

INTERACTIVE SESSION: On 24th July the parish organised 'Interactive session' for parish councilors, coordinators, welfare fund committee to bring awareness that we are the church and so we need to give/share our resources both for our good and for the good of all. Mr. Salvadore Saldanha and Mr. David Prakash presented why we need to contribute towards the St. Louis Community Welfare Fund and how the guideline and norms are followed in its disbursement. Thereafter Mr. Rudolph D'Silva and Mr. Francis Nunes made it clear as to what Small Christian Communities means and the responsibilities of parish councilors and coordinators and how important it is to stay connected with every family in the community.

YOUTH OUTREACH: On 31st July an outreach and healing service for youth was conducted by Br. Trevor Lewis on 'Rock and Ruin'. It began with praise and worship. Then Br. Trevor spoke on how rock songs by celebrity singers are creating a bad influence on the youth. Lastly he prayed specially for the youth.

PARENTS DAY: On 31st July a programme for the parents was put up by the youth and the Sunday School children. The parents were entertained with songs, dances and magic show followed by a fellowship meal.

COMPILED BY: Cheryl Rego





Events



Welfare Fund & SCC :Interactive Session

Welfare Fund Interactive Session



Welfare Interactive Session



SVP members oath taking



SVP Family Day



Welfare Fund Interactive Session



Summer Camp Picnic



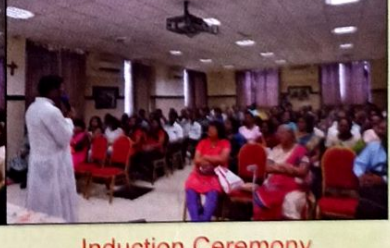
Marathi Prayer Group



Training Session



Training Session by Fr. Felix



Induction Ceremony



Induction Ceremony



English Prayer Group



English Prayer Group



Women Cell Celebration





Eucharistic Ministers (Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion)

The introduction of the extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion both men and women has a lot to do with the shortage of priests and the population growth. It would be nice if the role is understood by the existing as well as the aspiring extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) are called not only to minister the body and blood of Christ, but also to take on "Christ's likeness." The ministers accomplished this by strengthening them from within and sharing it with the faithful at communion time. The role of EMHC seems simple enough, to administer Holy Communion, to the assembled faithful and also to the sick and home bound. In reality the role is to draw faith from the people of God, to become more and more like the body and blood of Christ

responsibility of living up to it. They are called not only to minister the body and blood of Christ, but also to take "Christ's likeness." Having accepted the appointment, one must not only live up to it but also be seen doing just that.

They need to be catechized in the sacraments, especially in the Eucharist, where they fulfill a crucial role. Their presence and participation in the Eucharistic celebration should bring out the reverence that is essential for the celebration of the Eucharist, which is the source and summit of Christian life.



Their demeanour during their attendance at mass- the postures, participation, sensitivity and above all the reverence they exude, should inspire others in the congregation to find meaning in the Eucharistic celebration. Over a period of time it will no longer be a ritual of attending mass but an occasion for a deep and personal encounter with Jesus, the lord and master, who makes himself present on the altar, for us in the sacrament.

The majority of them prove worthy, but there could be a few who may not pass the acid test, even given that they are human. It is the responsibility of the candidate concerned to honestly believe that she is worthy of it. The inner voice must prompt the candidate to do so. It should not be seen as a statue symbol. The church authorities must spell out the parameters for the appointment of the Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

Diago Tuscano

Those who serve as Eucharistic Ministers should also bring a strong faith as the foundation of their ministry. They must be comfortable in establishing a relationship with each communicant in what is, to my mind the most intimate moment in the liturgy for the communicant. What are the criteria that are actually applied in the appointment of Eucharistic Ministers? The priests and nuns undergo rigorous and elaborate training/preparation and only after they are found worthy and capable, they are inducted. There is no such, set or stringent process for lay people and perhaps because of this some of them are ill-suited for this ministry. No one will deny that this unique honour carries some additional

The Sunday School

The Sunday School 2015 - 2016 culminated with the Annual Day which was celebrated on Sunday, 19th March 2016, after the evening mass.

The program started with the tradition of lighting of the lamp followed by a graceful prayer dance.

The Sunday School children enthralled the audience with skits, songs and dances based on the Bible - The Word of God.

A video portraying snapshots of all the activities conducted summed up the immense hard work and dedication of the teachers and

students in ensuring an eventful year.



Prizes for the 'Maximum Attendance' and 'Best Participation' were awarded to the children of each standard.

Fr. Lancy appreciated the children and teachers for their total involvement.

The program ended with the distribution of snacks and a vote of thanks at 9:30 pm.

The Sunday School 2015 - 2016 saw our children enriched with the Word of God and eagerly looking forward to the next year.

Shehalatha Alfonso



THE FLAT TYRE

He almost didn't see the old lady, stranded on the side of the road, but even in the dim light of day, he could see she needed help. So he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her.

Even with the smile on his face, she was worried. No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry.

He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you.

He said, "I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm? By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson."

Well, all she had was a flat tire, but for an old lady, that was bad enough. Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty and his hands hurt.

As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need, and God knows there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way.

He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed, and Bryan added, "And think of me."

He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to grab a bite to eat, and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that even being on her feet for the whole day couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan.

After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back. The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something written on the napkin.

There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: "You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you."

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills.

Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard

She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, "Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson."

There is an old saying "What goes around comes around."

The next time you see someone who needs help, give that person the assistance they need, and tell them to pass it on. Start a chain of love.

Sebastian Lazar





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DATE	THEME (Based on the Works of Mercy)	READINGS	SECTOR
18.08.2016 Thursday	Flag Hoisting/procession		
19.08.2016 Friday	Extending God's Mercy through Compassion	1 Thess 5:11-14 Luke 10:30-35	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: O L Lourdes
20.08.2016 Saturday	Extending God's Mercy through Charity/Generosity	1 Kings 17:8-16 John 6:1-13	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Sts. Joseph/Francis/Peter
21.08.2016 Sunday	Extending God's Mercy through Humility	Philippians 2:3-11 Mark 9:33-37	8.00 am: Marathi Liturgy 6.00 pm: O L Fatima
22.08.2016 Monday	Extending God's Mercy through Hospitality	Genesis 18:4-8 Luke 10:38-42	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Holy Family
23.08.2016 Tuesday	Extending God's Mercy through Optimism/ Positivity	Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:26-33	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Infant Jesus
24.08.2016 Wednesday	Extending God's Mercy through Prayer	1 Timothy 2:1-4 Matthew 6:9-13	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Holy Trinity
25.08.2016 Thursday	Extending God's Mercy through Forgiveness	Psalms 103:10-14 Matthew 18:23-35	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Mother Theresa
26.08.2016 Friday	Extending God's Mercy through Patience	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 13:6-9	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: O L Perpetual Succor
27.08.2016 Saturday	Extending God's Mercy through Faithfulness	Hebrews 11:1-12 Matthew 25:14-23	6.15 pm: Marathi Liturgy 7.15 pm: Parish Youth Group
28.08.2016 Sunday FEAST	BE MERCIFUL LIKE THE FATHER	Sir 3: 17-20,28-29 Heb 12: 18-19,22-24 Lk 14: 1,7-14	8.00 am: Marathi Liturgy Committee 9.30 am : English Liturgy Committee



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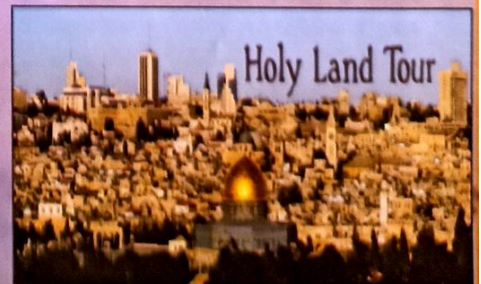
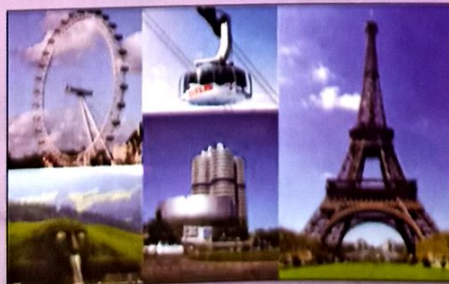
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