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VISION : "Breaking the word of God in our families and sharing the bread with the needy"
"करुनी घेऊ कुटुंबी स्पष्टीकरण देवशब्दाचे वाटुनी घेऊ भाकरी गरजवंतांशी"

Christmas, Christ's birthday once again, to remind us that God is always with us. So let us celebrate the Christmas with hope in our heart, as our Messiah will be always there to guide us. Christmas is the time to spread the message of faith, hope, love, joy, forgiveness, harmony and peace. Of course it is a time to get showered with gifts and wishes, but in the midst of all the commercialism, we should not forget the real spirit of Christmas. All that we are called to strive towards is to make present the person of Jesus, in and around us.



नाताळ, आज आपण ख्रिस्ताचा वाढदिवस साजरा करतो व आपल्याला आठवण करून देण्यात येते की परमेश्वर देव आपल्या वरंग्वर आहे. नाताळ साजरा करित असता आपण येशू मरीह आपले रक्षण करील ही आशा आपल्या मनात वाळगुया. नाताळचा काळ विश्वास, आशा, प्रेम, आनंद, क्षमा, शांती व ऐक्याचा संदेश पसरविण्याचा काळ आहे. हा काळ सुभेच्छा व भेट वस्तू देण्या - घेण्याचा काळ आहे परंतु हे सर्व करित असता आपण नाताळचा खरा आनंद विस्मृता कामा नये कारण ख्रिस्त आपल्या मध्ये व आपल्या अवती भवती दिसावा म्हणुन आपल्याला बोलाविण्यात आले आहे.

Christmas reminds us that we are never ever alone. No matter in what condition we find ourselves, no matter how far we might stray or how unfaithful we are, God the supreme lover will pursue us in love. It is the love that never stops shining on the humanity. That is why it is once again time to celebrate in jubilation and be present to one another. At Christmas we feel God is close to one another and that makes us close to one another.

Christmas is not merely a celebration of a historical birth or a birth that took place over two thousand years ago. It is about becoming conscious of who we really are as human beings. It is the celebration of life in all its fullness. It is the celebration of the transformation of limit to limitlessness, of selfishness to selflessness, of bondage and fear to freedom and unconditional love.

The past few months have been the time of grace for all of us in the parish, to come in contact with each other and collaborate with each other for a common good. Through Louisian Sports, Celebration of the Jubilee of the Eucharistic Congress in the parish and the feast of Christ the King, we are able to come together. I thank the Vice President, the Secretaries, Sector councillors, link persons and the youth, for investing their valuable time and services for the good of the parish.

I wish everyone of you, dear parishioners, Merry Christmas and pray that the Baby Jesus finds a home in all our hearts and in our families.

May God bless you and all your loved ones.

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नाताळचा काळ आपल्याला आठवण करून देत आहे की आपण एकाकी नाही. आपण कोणत्याही परिस्थितीत असलो, आपण देवापासून दुर गेलो असलो, आपण देवावर विश्वास ठेवला नसेल तरी सर्वममर्थ देवापासून आपल्यावर विनाअट प्रेम करतो. मानव जातीवर प्रेमाचा वर्षाव कधीच कमी होत नाही. पुन्हा एकदा आनंद साजरा करण्याची व एकमेकांना मदत करण्याची वेळ आली आहे. नाताळच्या काळात देव आपल्या वरंग्वर आहे ह्याची जाणीव होते तेव्हा आपण एकमेकांच्या जवळ येतो.

नाताळ म्हणजे फक्त दोन हजार वर्षांपूर्वीचा इतिहास किंवा येशूच्या जन्माचा सोहळा साजरा करणे नव्हे. मनुष्य म्हणुन आपल्या अंतःकरणाची झडती घेऊन आपले आचरण बदलणे म्हणजे ख्रिसमस नाताळ होय. आपल्या आचरणात बदल घडवून आणणारा हा सोहळा आहे. दुस-यांना मदत करण्यासाठी आपली मर्यादा ओळंडणे, आपले स्वार्थी जीवन त्याग करून निस्वार्थी जीवन जगणे, गुलामगिरीतुन बंधनातुन मुक्त होणे व सर्वांवर अमर्याद प्रेम करणे म्हणजे नाताळ साजरा करणे.

गेले काही महीने आपल्या धर्मगामासाठी कूपेचे वरदान घेऊन आले होते कारण गेले काही महीने आपण अनेकदा एकत्र आलो होतो. लुईसमन स्पोर्ट्स, युक्रिस्टीक कॉंग्रेसच्या सुवर्ण महोत्सवाचा सोहळा व ख्रिस्त राजाचा सण हे सोहळे आपण एकत्र साजरे केले आहेत. आपण एकत्र येण्याचे कारण म्हणजे अनेक लोकांनी घेतलेली मेहनत. विशेषतः मी आपल्या काऊन्सिलचे उपाध्यक्ष, सचीव, सर्व काऊन्सिलर्स, लिंक पर्सन व युवकांचे त्यांनी केलेल्या त्यागाबद्दल व चर्चच्या सेवेसाठी वेळ दिल्याबद्दल मी त्यांचे आभार मानीत आहे.

माझ्या प्रिय बंधु व भगीनींनो, मी तुम्हा सर्वांना नाताळच्या सुभेच्छा देत आहे. बाळ येशूने तुमच्या हृदयात व तुमच्या कुटुंबात सदैव निवास करावा अशी प्रार्थना करतो. परमेश्वराचा आशिर्वाद सदैव तुम्हावर व तुमच्या प्रिय जणांवर असो हीच प्रार्थना.

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CHRISTMAS : GIVING THANKS TO THE GIVER OF THE GIFT

There is a story about a man who always boarded a bus on his way back from work. One evening, while he boarded the bus, he found only one vacant seat remaining and so he sat on it immediately. Soon an old woman followed him but as there was no seat available she stood beside him. The man being a gentleman, offered the seat to her but no sooner she sat on it, she fainted. Quickly the man helped her to recover and asked her: "Are you pregnant?" "What? Are you crazy? Don't you notice that I'm an old woman?" replied the lady. "I fainted because, in ten years this is the first time somebody offered me a seat. For this, I thank you."

After hearing the woman reply 'thank you', the man fainted. So, the woman helped him to recover. She then asked him: "Are you pregnant?" "What? Are you crazy? Don't you notice that I'm a man," he replied. "I fainted because in ten years, this is the first time somebody thanked me for offering a seat."

Sometimes we say, "thank you for giving gifts...thank you for inviting me to your party..." There are so many times we say "thank you" to people who have been good to us. If we owe thanks to people for doing us good, how much more do we owe God? Often, we only notice the gift and not the giver of the gift. I think this Christmas, is the right occasion for us to give thanks to God for having given us His only Son to be our Savior.

At Christmas, we celebrate the birth of Christ, the greatest gift that God exchanged with us. In history, the Jewish people thanked God not only for their redemption from slavery in Egypt but they also thanked Him for the air, the sun, the rain, and the crops... The early Christians too inherited this thanking tradition and added another important element to their worship which we celebrate to this day in Greek, Eucharistia, in English Eucharist which means Thanksgiving). Hence, it is necessary to recall and give thanks to God during Christmas for this wonderful and loving action.



What then do we do when we receive a gift? Do we humbly express our gratitude by saying, 'thank you' to the giver or do we take the gift and the giver for granted? It is not enough to give gratitude for the gift we receive but also for the giver of the gift, God Himself. Let this Christmas be **GIVING THANKS TO THE GIVER OF THE GIFT.**

Fr. Martin Soosal

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ऑक्टोबर महिना हा रोझरीचा महिना आहे. १३ ऑक्टोबर १९१७ साली निष्कलंक फातिमा मातेने तीन बालकांना (मुलांना) दर्शन दिले. ती म्हणाली "मी सर्व विश्वासु लोकांना त्यांच्या पापांची क्षमा मागून त्यांचे जीवन नव्याने सुरू करण्यास सांगावयास आली आहे. सर्व माणसांनी देवाच्या आज्ञांचे पालन

करावे व जपमालेची प्रार्थना दररोज म्हणावी." फातिमा माता ही आपली आई, राणी व शिक्षिका आहे. फातिमा मातेचे शब्द आहेत "जे कुटुंब एकत्र प्रार्थना करते ते कुटुंब एकत्र राहते" पवित्र मरियेने आपल्याला सुंदर अशी जपमालेची प्रार्थना दिली आहे व त्यामुळे आपले व आपल्या कुटुंबाचे नेहमीच रक्षण होते कारण ती आपली मध्यस्थिनी माता आहे. पोप पायस बारावे म्हणतात, "आपल्या कुटुंबावर देवाचा आशीर्वाद येण्यासाठी वापरण्यात येणाऱ्या रोझरीच्या प्रार्थने इतके दुसरे कोणतेही शस्त्र नाही."

आपला सर्वांचा पवित्र मरियेवर पुर्ण विश्वास आहे. म्हणून प्रतिवर्षाप्रमाणे ह्या वर्षी सुद्धा स्थानिक ख्रिस्ती समाजाच्या प्रत्येक कुटुंबात पवित्र मरियेचे आनंदाने स्वागत करून, तिच्या प्रतिमेसमोर १ ते ३१ ऑक्टोबर ह्या काळात सर्व ख्रिस्ती समाजाने एकत्र येऊन एक कुटुंब बनून रोझरीच्या ह्या शक्तीशाली प्रार्थनेसाठी बहुसंख्येने भाग घेतला. काही लोकांनी वाढदिवसानिमित्त, तसेच लष्काराच्या वाढदिवसानिमित्त फातिमा मातेचे आपल्या घरात स्वागत करून आपला आनंद द्विगुणित केला. शेवटी फातिमा मातेची कृपा, तिचा आशीर्वाद, ऐक्य, प्रेम, आपल्या कुटुंबावर तसेच गावावर सदैव राहू दे.

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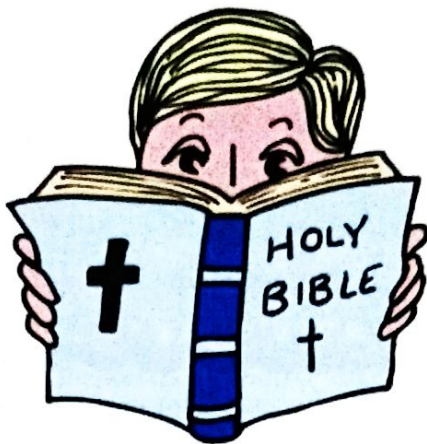
Why Read the Bible ?

Matthew 4:4, Jesus Christ says, "...Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God"

The Bible is a book that is not merely for reading. It is a book for studying so that it can be applied in our day to day lives. The Bible is literally "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16). Reading and studying the Bible helps us see beyond the attractive "bait" to the deceptive "hook" in sinful temptations, so that we can learn from others' mistakes rather than making them ourselves. The Bible gives us the measuring stick by which we can distinguish truth from error. It tells us what God is like. The Bible tells us how one truly gets to heaven, and it is not by being good or by being baptized or by anything else we do. There are numerous questions in our minds like - What is the purpose to life? Where did I come from? Is there life after death? How do I get to heaven? Why is the world full of evil? Why do I struggle to do good? In addition to these "big" questions, the Bible gives much practical advice in areas such as: What do I look for in a mate? How can I have a successful marriage? How can I be a good friend? How can I be a good parent? What is success and how do I achieve it? How can I change? What really matters in life? How can I live so that I do not look back with regret? How can I handle the unfair circumstances and bad events of life victoriously? God answers them all through the Scripture.

There are many things we would discover if we would make time each day to read the Bible. We would discover that our inclinations to sin would be less (Psalm 119:9-11). Our strength to do good things would increase (1 Peter 2:2; Ephesians 3:3-5, 16, 17). Our patience in difficult times would be maintained (Acts 20:32; Ephesians 4:1-3). Our contentment would increase (1 Timothy 6:6). Our peace would multiply (Philippians 4:6-9; Psalm 85:8). Our love would be stirred and so too our joy (Hebrews 10:24; Galatians 5:22-23). We would desire more for our Creator (Psalm 31:23; Psalm 73:25; Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

Many of the great servants of God that you may interact with, may say, I go through the entire Bible at least once in a year. When you will ask them how they grew in the anointing and the grace of God. Their reply will be that this one habit of daily reading the Bible has brought upon them the mighty anointing of the Lord. The greatest benefit in reading the whole Bible often is that we become familiar with the context of every book in the Bible. This familiar-



ity of Scripture gives us the ability to recognize when passages are being taken out of context. Thus we will not be "tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting" (Ephesians 4:14).

We make time for every other thing on this earth, but when it comes to reading the Word of God, knowing Him closely and His plans for us, we have many excuses, the common ones are, I do not have time, or it is not my cup of

tea, it is boring, etc. Some may also say, "I already believe in Jesus Christ." Psalm 119 : 105 – Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Reading the word of God, will help you to know God better. It will help you to grow in relationship with other human beings around you, it will help you change your life according to God's plans and make you grow spiritually and without being deceived.

Hebrews 4:12 – Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow: it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Allwyn Frank

Children – A Precious Gift from God

A child is a precious gift from God but many times parents take this divine gift for granted. If we sit back and ponder, we would realize how many childless couples are longing to have a child? Hence, parents ought to nurture their child with love, care and responsibility while also teaching them the role and importance of God, neighbours and society in their lives.



Now days, the media educates us about the positive and negative ways by which one can either foster or destroy life. If every parent spends quality time with their children, taking interest in their activities, studies and the friends with whom they spend time with; many of the problems can be avoided. It is also important that parents give their children the freedom to express their views and ideas while simultaneously guiding and supporting them when they are in confusion. Apart from this, having a family prayer and dinner together will bring about a vast difference in the way children live their lives. Parents themselves can become role models to their children by living a virtuous and disciplined life.

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नाताळचा शुभसंदेश

कोणताही सण म्हटला की माणसाचं मन उत्साहाने ओसंडून वाहू लागते. आणि नाताळचा सण असला तर त्याचा उत्साह काही औरच असतो. त्या उत्साहात कशाचेच बंधन नसते. अनामिक अशा उत्सुकतेने वातावरण भरलेले असते. गुलाबी थंडी निर्सगाचे एक वरदानच ठरते, कारण यामुळे नाताळचा सण साजरा करण्यात उत्साह व्दिगुणित होतो. आर्थिक परिस्थिती जरी बेताची असली तरीही येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या आगमनासाठी या सर्व चिंता, विवंचना बाजूला सारल्या जातात. साक्षात परमेश्वराचेच आगमन होणार उत्साहाने सण साजरा करण्यासाठी आपापला सहभाग देत असतात. गाईच्या गोठ्याची तयारी, त्याची मांडणी, पुष्परचना आणि सजावट यामध्ये अहोरात्र खर्ची घातली जाते. आणि आतुरतेने येशूच्या आगमनाची वाट पाहू लागतात. वाट पाहण्याची ती ओढ फार विलक्षण असते.

अशाच एका नाताळ उत्सवाची तयारी करत असताना नाताळच्या सुट्टीत २२/१२/१९७४ रोजी परस्पर क्रिकेट मॅच आमच्या गावात आयोजित केली होती. जिंकणाऱ्या संघाला १५ रूपये बक्षीस मिळणार होते. त्याकाळी क्रिकेट प्रेमी मुले रस्त्यात, बिंदीत, घराच्या ओटीवर, अंगणात क्रिकेट खेळताना दिसायची. मलाही क्रिकेट खेळावयास फार आवडे. आमच्या संघाचा सामनाही ठरल्यादिवशी होणार होता. खेळण्याच्या भावनेने मी फार उत्सुक होतो परंतु नाताळ जवळ आल्यामुळे माझ्या बाबांनी मला त्याच दिवशी घरच्या सजावटीची जबाबदारी दिली होती. विशेष करून बाळयेशूचा गाईचा गोठा सजविणे. वडिलांनी केलेल्या ह्या गाईच्या गोठ्याची राखण करण्याची जबाबदारी माझ्यावर सोपवली होती. माझे वडिल काही कामानिमित्त घराबाहेर गेले होते. ते परतण्याच्या आत मला गाईचा गोठा सजवून तयार ठेवायचा होता. तसा मी सजवून ठेवलाही. क्रिकेट सामना वेळेवर सुरू करायचा असल्यामुळे माझे सर्व लक्ष वडिलांच्या येण्यावर लागले होते. अनेक विचार माझ्या मनात घोळत होते. याच विचारांच्या घालमेलीत असताना, मग्न असताना वडिलांनी केलेला गाईचा गोठा माझा हात लागल्यामुळे कोसळला. मी वडिलांना, घरी परत येताना पाहिले व अजून घाबरलो. भीतीने अंग धरधरू लावले. वडिल आता मला मारतील ह्यामुळे मला जास्तच भीती वाटू लागली. इतक्यात माझ्या पाठीवर एक उबदार स्पर्श जाणवला, त्या स्पर्शाने मी शहारलो, हेलावलो. त्या स्पर्शात किती प्रेम, उब, वात्सल्य, माया व दया होती कारण तो स्पर्श माझ्या वडिलांचा होता. वडिलांच्या अलोट प्रेमाच्या दर्शनाने -स्पर्शाने मी गहिवरून गेलो. मला नवी शक्ती, उत्साह व प्रेरणा मिळाली.



“देखणे ते हात ज्यांना निर्मितीचे डोहाळे मंगलाने गंधलेले ते सुंदरची सोहळे.”

या उक्तीप्रमाणे अत्यंत व्यापक दृष्टीकोनाचा ध्यास प्रकाश किरणांसारखा माझ्या मनातही झाला.

जन्म देणाऱ्या वडिलांच्या प्रत्येक शब्दाला, भावनेला व अपेक्षेला आपुलकीची,

आत्मियतेची, वात्सल्याची जर इतकी, गोडी असेल तर आपल्या स्वर्गीय पित्याचे किती प्रेम असेल ह्याची प्रचिती आपणा सर्वांना नाताळच्या सणाच्या दिवशी येते. आदाम आणि एवा ह्यांच्यामुळे जगात पाप आले, स्वर्गाचा दरवाजा बंद झाला, देवाचे व आपले नाते तुटले. परंतु देवाची योजना म्हणजे प्रेमाचा उसळता झरा. आपल्याला पापमुक्त करण्यासाठी, तुटलेले नाते जोडण्यासाठी, स्वर्गाचा दरवाजा उघडण्यासाठी त्याने आपल्या खांद्यावर हातच नाही तर त्यासाठी त्याच्या एकुलत्या एका पुत्राला ह्या जगी पाठविले. येशू या जगात अवतरला.

निष्पापी, साधे, सौम्य, सहनशील, करुणामय, समन्वयी हेच गुण निवडून प्रभू येशू ख्रिस्ताने आपल्यासारखे बनून त्याप्रमाणे आपणात राहण्याचे पसंत केले. देवाने सर्व विश्व निर्माण केले, सुंदर सृष्टी निर्माण केली. आपल्या प्रतिमेप्रमाणे मानव निर्माण केला. देव पुत्राने एका गरीब निर्धन कुटुंबात जन्म घेतला. ना राजेशाईच्या थाटमाट, ना लष्कर, ना दरवाजा, ना ओटा. देव सर्व जगाचा निर्माता असूनही मानवाच्या शोधार्थ गरिबात जन्म घेतला. आपल्यासारखे त्याप्रमाणे आपणात राहण्याचे पसंत केले. हाच आहे नाताळचा शुभसंदेश.

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The birth of Jesus as a human also emphasizes another quality of the Godhead, humility, which is the bridge between God and man. The birth of Jesus at Christmas drives home the point that God is within us in an intimate way and in most intimate events of our life. The message of Christmas, therefore, highlights values such as poverty, simplicity, self-emptying, sacrifice and love.

Christmas is the feast of the neglected and the marginalized- the girl child, the street children, the ragpickers, the tiny domestic workers and sex-workers, the outcasts, the dalits and the shelterless. God became small for the small. Christ, teaches us, in the silence of our hearts, what is important and what is unimportant. Jesus came because he saw in you and me a lovable person who is able to love Him and one another in return.

Christmas is a reminder of Christ who came in to this world to change our nature; to transform us so that our conduct promotes the honour of God and the good of our fellow beings. Jesus gave this lamp to us. Every great soul that came into this world to love humanity gave us this lamp. This lamp is to strengthen the solidarity among human beings. This lamp makes the festivity of lamps into a festivity of happiness and peace. This lamp of love drives away darkness between neighbours and the darkness within the world. The great soul wants us to dispel this darkness. He wants us to be in the light, to be delighted and happy. He wants us to make our neighbours happy too.

God sent his Son to have us turn towards one another and have time for one another. Born in a manger, in poverty and simplicity He changed the course of the human history by bringing the presence of God into our world, establishing himself in human hearts with gentle persuasion as the perfect Teacher, Saviour and Lord of every man, woman and child. Jesus chose to be born in a stable, humble and poor, to show us the way.

Apart from major problems like poverty, disease, violence, crime conflict, pollution and corruption there are numerous challenges and problems in individual lives. People have become totally imprisoned in a lifestyle that is controlled by endless desires, needs and pressures that keep them bound by the illusion of being happy by achieving more of material things.

The question often asked is: How can we find peace when there is so much sorrow in the world? We become affected by everything that comes our way in life; we feel as if we are on a perpetual roller coaster. We move from the heights of ecstasy to the depths of despair and back to ecstasy again from



one moment to the next. These constant variations and uncertainties often lead us to a sense of fear, anxiety and panic because we never know what will happen next.

With the incarnate Christ, we have a God who is fully human and fully divine. Our God knows the fullness of human experience, including deep joy and deep pain, which means we are never alone.

The incarnation of the Word made flesh tells us that we have a God of love, who knows us far better than we will ever know ourselves, yet loves us anyway. That is the Gospel - the Good News - that God so loved the world that he sent His only son to become like us to save humankind.

The present life-situation is very dangerous with lots of challenges to be faced daily, resulting in frustration and life taking situation. What is the solution? Jesus Christ is the only solution. We need to be rooted and grounded in Jesus. He is our life and source for everything we are. He wants to be born in our hearts; we need to open our hearts to Jesus. Jesus invites us all the time.

As Christians we should (must) celebrate Christmas not just as Jesus' birthday but because we want Jesus to be born in our hearts, in our lives, so that His Presence is seen by others in our attitudes, in our actions and indeed in our relationships with one another. The love of God that Jesus came to share, should be the hallmark of our lives.

Let us celebrate the birth of Jesus by giving Jesus a place in our hearts - by forgiving our enemies, breaking the walls of division, of enmity, hatred, jealousy and building bridges of love and friendship, of brotherhood to all. Let us light the lamp now. Let us drive away darkness. Go on to strengthen love among each other. Let us strengthen solidarity, and we wish each other season greetings. MERRY X'MAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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NEWNESS IN JESUS CHRIST

Something that has never existed before and has never been seen before is said to be new and so we have a new year, a new idea or a new event. It is our natural inclination or tendency to go after what is new, whether it's the latest mobile, fashion, movie, car play or idea. This kind of newness has a deeper meaning in the Bible. In the book of (Rev 21: 1-2), John saw a vision of a new heaven and a new earth. The Holy city, the new Jerusalem coming down from God. Here God speaks about the future of humanity and of the world. It is a source of hope that in the end God is going to be victorious in this warfare with the powers of darkness.

We become a new creation when we turn to Christ. This is the work of Jesus Christ who took our sins upon Himself. At the moment of our baptism we were born again to new life. Paul tells us that we are a new creation not only as individuals but as people as well. Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature. Old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (2 cor 5: 17)

At every New Year many of us diligently make a list of 'new year resolutions', but as the year comes to an end, we realize that they still remain a wish list. We get so busy with our daily lives that an entire 365 days whizzes by, without us being able to focus on and complete things that clearly had relevance and importance to us. Life gets the way! We are a serial resolution maker and breaker. Let us make ourselves feel special and surround ourselves with happy people.

While celebrating the new year 2015 let's leave behind yesterdays bitter memories, mutual hatred, jealousy, enmity and embrace tomorrow like a rising star with feeling of mutual love, peace and happiness. New year is a time for reflection as well as celebration. As we look back on the past year and all that has taken place in our life. Lets remember each experience for the good that has come of it and for the knowledge we gained. The new year will be what we make of it. So let us make it prayerful, peaceful, joyful, thoughtful and beautiful by invoking God's blessing.

Do not let the past affect your life in the present. If we cannot forgive the past then your future will be miserable. This new year make up with someone with whom we are not on good terms. Start a fresh and make resolution to do more good, help people in need and bring solace to those suffering. Whenever we are useful to

His mercies
are new
every
morning

people, merit will never be lost. Any good gesture or action of ours will always come back to us. Open eyes and see how much you have been giving focus on what we have rather than what we don't have. The more grateful we are, the more will be given to us. With gratitude reach out and help those who are less endowed. We will get much contentment when we serve selflessly. Then we would realize that our problems are not so big. Let us open our wings and learn to fly.

Yesterday is a history
Tomorrow is a mystery
Today is a gift. So live in the present.

While we live in the present, we must celebrate life every day, knowing that we are becoming history with every work, every action and every good charitable deed. Never think hard about the past; It brings tears
Don't think more about the future; It brings fears
Live this moment of life with a smile; It brings cheers
So cheers to everyone on the occasion of the new year 2015.

Wishing one and all a very Happy New Year 2015, Glittering success, Glowing health and Sparking joy all year around.

Delilah Arden Coutinho

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It carries over "NO BALANCE". It allows "NO OVERDRAFT". EVERY DAY IT OPENS A 'NEW ACCOUNT FOR YOU. Every night it burns the remains of the day. IF YOU FAIL TO USE THE DAY'S DEPOSITS, 'THE LOSS IS YOURS' There is no going back. THERE IS NO DRAWING AGAINST THE TOMORROW. You must live in the PRESENT ON TODAY'S DEPOSIT. INVEST IT SO AS TO GET FROM IT THE UTMOST IN HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS!!! THE CLOCK IS RUNNING'. MAKE THE 'MOST OF TODAY'



EVENTS

AUGUST

Vianney Sunday: It was celebrated all masses on the 10th August. A special speech was given about the priests and bouquets were handed over to them.

Independence day: Many parishioners participated in the flag hoisting along with the students and teachers of the school. To show our solidarity towards our country, the members of the women cell distributed flags to the parishioners.

Stanik Kirshti Samaj: organised a religious play in Marathi on the same evening titled "Birth of Jesus" enacted by the Madhyans Natya Parivar group from Vasai.

St.Louis novena: From the 16th to 24th of August novena masses were held in Marathi at 6.15 pm and in English at 7.15 pm. It was enlightening to hear different speakers preach on the theme "Eucharist". On the 25th August the feast masses were at 8 a.m. in Marathi and 9.15 a.m. in English.

SEPTEMBER

Vailankani feast: As a preparation for the feast, novenas were held in Marathi and English from 30th August to 7th September. Daily at the 7.15 pm English mass, the Sunday school children put up skits which were well prepared and portrayed the theme on Mary.

Training session: On 1st September a training session was conducted by Ms.Christine Thomas and Mr.Thomas Theknath on the Eucharist – A sacrifice, a meal and real presence.

Novem: On 14th September there was a special thanksgiving Konkani mass at 10.30 am followed by a cultural programme in Konkani. It concluded with a traditional meal.

Lay heads of associations and cells: A meeting was held for the heads and asst.heads of the associations and cells of the parish on 24th September. A member of every association and cell reported the work done and the difficulties faced by them. Fr.Ronnie as well as Christine Thomas suggested on how the associations could work together in building up the parish.

OCTOBER

Rosary: In the month of October daily rosary was conducted in English, Marathi and Konkani at the grotto. The statue of Our Lady was also circulated to the sector families.

Inter sector sports: The youth group organised inter sector sports day for the parishioners on 25th and 26th October. Everyone participated actively. The Holy family community won the championship trophy.

Eucharistic adoration: The Archdiocese of Bombay celebrated the 50th anniversary of the 38th International

Eucharistic Congress. To begin the celebration, special Eucharistic adoration services were arranged every parish in our Archdiocese beginning from 8th to till 7th of December 2014.

The Blessed Sacrament arrived at our parish on 8th of November and was then taken to Immaculate Conception church on 9th of November. From the time the Blessed Sacrament arrived, the parishioners showed their love for Christ in the Real Presence by their attendance in large numbers, by walking with Him and by honoring Him with praise and adoration services. It was wonderful to experience our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and to come closer to Him.

Mission Sunday: On 18th and 19th October the catechists along with the sunday school children prepared and sold food items after the masses. The proceeds were given to the missions.

NOVEMBER

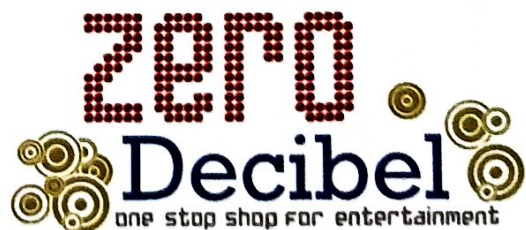
Welcome to Fr. Terence: On 15th November Fr. Terence CSC, the new assistant priest was welcomed to St.Louis community.

Children's day: On 16th November the catechists entertained the children with dance and games followed by lunch.

Christ the King: Adoration was conducted sectorwise and also for the children followed by procession, preaching and benediction.

Eucharistic Congress programme for Eucharistic ministers: The Eucharistic ministers attended the programme on 30th November at St.Paul's Church, Parel. It began with a prayer dance followed by an inspiring skit, testimonies by priests and lay persons, speeches by His Eminence Cardinal Oswald Gracias and Fr.Barthol Barreto. There was also a power point presentation on the "Eucharist". Fr. Barthol introduced a cape to be worn by all Eucharistic ministers in the archdiocese which was unveiled by Cardinal Oswald Gracias. The programme concluded with benediction.

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Snap Shots of Events



Sport day



Eucharistic adoration



Children's day



Mission Sunday



Christ the King



BIBLE QUIZ BY BIBLE CELL

Book of Matthew



- 1) Give the reason Jesus gave as to why He needed to be baptized. (3:15)
- 2) In the "Sermon on the Mount" who did Jesus say would see God? (5:8)
- 3) What example in nature did Jesus give us to show us God's provision? (6:26)
- 4) What was it about the centurion that caused Jesus to marvel? (8:10)
- 5) What question did Jesus ask the blind men to strengthen their faith?(9:28)
- 6) What was the Lord's prayer request? (9:38)
- 7) What little act did Jesus say would be rewarded? (10:42)
- 8) To those that labour and are heavy laden what did He promise to give? (11:28)
- 9) What hindered Jesus' works in his own country? (13:58)
- 10) State the reason that Jesus gave, when the disciples asked why they couldn't cast the demon out of the boy? (17:20)
- 11) How did Jesus pay the temple tax (tribute) (17:27)
- 12) To whom did Jesus compare when the disciples were discussing which of them was the greatest? (18:1-4)
- 13) What is the first step one should take to restore a brother who sins against you. (18:15)
- 14) Who was behind the request for James and John to sit on either side of Jesus in glory? (20:20-21)
- 15) On what two commandments hang the whole law and the prophets?(22:37-40)
- 16) What was the motivation behind the works of Pharisees?(23:5)
- 17) On what account did Jesus say "you shall be hated of all nations"? (24:9)
- 18) What did Judas say when he brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders? (27:3-4)
- 19) What advice did Pilate's wife give him? (27:19)
- 20) Why did the chief priests give the soldiers who guarded the tomb of Jesus a large sum of money? (28:12-13)

IT'S UPTO YOU

One song can spark a moment
One flower can wake the dream
One tree can start a forest
One bird can herald a spring
One smile begins a friendship
One hand clasp lifts a soul
One star can guide a ship at sea
One word can frame the goal
One vote can change a nation
One sunbeam lights a room
One candle wipes out darkness
One laugh will conquer gloom
One step must start each journey
One word must start each prayer
One hope will raise our spirits
One touch can show you care
One voice can speak with wisdom
One heart can know what's true
One life can make the difference.
You see, it's up to you.



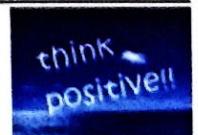
Correct Answers:

- 1) To fulfill all righteousness
- 2) Pure in heart
- 3) Birds
- 4) Faith
- 5) Do you believe that I am able to do this?
- 6) That the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers
- 7) Giving a cup of cold water
- 8) Rest
- 9) Unbelief
- 10) Their unbelief
- 11) Obtaining a coin from the mouth of a fish
- 12) A little child
- 13) Between you and him alone, confront him with his fault.
- 14) Their mother
- 15) Love God with all heart, soul, mind and love your neighbor as your self
- 16) To be seen by men
- 17) For my name's sake
- 18) I have sinned by betraying innocent blood
- 19) Have nothing to do with that righteous man
- 20) So they would say that the disciples stole the body of Jesus while they slept



ALWAYS THINK POSITIVE

TELL YOURSELF EVERY MORNING
TODAY IS GOING TO BE A GREAT DAY
I CAN HANDLE MORE THAN I THINK I CAN
THINGS DON'T GET BETTER BY WORRYING ABOUT THEM
I CAN BE SATISFIED IF I TRY TO DO MY BEST
THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT
I AM GOING TOMAKE SOMEONE HAPPY TODAY
ITS NOT GOOD TO BE DOWN
LIFE IS GREAT, MAKE THE MOST OF IT.
BE AN OPTIMIST



Mrs. JacinthaDiego Rodrigues

Happiness ! Happiness !! Happiness !!!

Everybody, everywhere seeks happiness, its true, but finding it and keeping it seems difficult to do. It is difficult because we think that happiness is found only in the places where wealth and fame abound.... And so, we go on searching in places of pleasure, seeking recognition and monetary treasure, unaware that happiness is just a state of mind within the reach of everyone who takes time to be kind. For in making others happy, we will be happy too. For the happiness you give away, returns to shine on you.

Phil 2:14 - "Lord will make you shine as lights in this world". Advent is God's gift to us, a gift that invites us to be transformed and become new persons acceptable to the Lord. Let us shine like stars for the kingdom of God. We are like light for the whole world. Let our light shine before all people by reaching out and giving a helping hand to the poor and needy - in the family, in community, orphanage and to those who are in darkness. As Jesus said "whatsoever you do to the least of your brother, you do it unto me."

Even if you have only a little, be sure to give something this Christmas and your reward will be great.

Taking care of the poor is the kind of offering that pleases God in heaven. Do this, and you will experience the Joy of "CHRISTMAS"!

Merry Christmas & Prosperous 2015, to all God's people.

Mrs. Helen J. Fernandes

जीवन

जीवनाच्या वाटेवर खूप काही घडलं
जीवनाच्या वाटेवर खूप काही जमलं
हेच का माझं जीवन?

जीवन हे एक फुल,

मधमाशी येऊन सर्व
पराग शोषून नेलं
हेच का माझं जीवन?

जीवन ही एक नदी
ग्रीष्म ऋतुत सर्व
पाणी आटुन गेलं
हेच का माझं जीवन?



जीवन हे एक झाड
पाण्याविना ते मरून गेलं
हेच का माझं जीवन?

जीवनाच्या वाटेवर खूप काही घडायचं होतं
जीवनाच्या वाटेवर खूप काही घडवायचं
होतं, पण.... अर्ध्यावरच माझं
जीवन संपलं.

Preeti Vaity

आणि देव बोलला....

एकदा मी देवाशी बोलले....

"देवा, "तू नेहमी चांगल्या लोकांनाच का
तुझ्याकडे बोलावतो?....

देव बोलला, होय बाळा, कारण मला
चांगली लोकं खूप आवडतात....

मग मी बोलले, "मग तू मला का
नाही बोलवतो? मी चांगली नाही का?
देव हसला आणि बोलला नाही रे
बाळ तू खूप चांगली आहेस....

मी बोलले, "मग तू माझ्या आई-बाबांना
का नेले? मला त्यांच्या प्रेमाची खूप उणीव आहे....

देव बोलला, बाळ तुला तुझ्या आईबाबांचा
प्रेम नाही भेटला.

पण....

मग मी बोलली, पण.... काय?

देव हसला आणि बोललाबाळ
पृथ्वीवर, माझ्यापेक्षा जास्त प्रेम तुझ्यावर
दुसरं कुणीतरी करतं....

मी बोलली.... कोण?
आणि देव बोलला....

तुझी दोन मुलं....
आणि देव निघून गेला....

Preeti Dany Vaity

Louisian Sports Day 2014

"One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than fifty preaching it". The Louisian sports day 2014, organized by the parish youth, was held on 25th and 26th of October in the church premises. The response from different sectors and the active participation of the parishioners was appreciated. My favorite part of the game was the opportunity to represent the sector and play. Indoor and outdoor games were organized for men and women such as carom, throw ball, basketball etc.

On the inaugural day, 25th October 2014, we conducted table tennis, carom, and football up to the semifinals. And on the second day, 26th October 2014, we had throw ball, basketball, volley ball and football finals.

Both the indoor game championships were grabbed by the Velankani Sector on the opening day. The Christi Samaj with a slow and steady pace reached first in the volley ball. It was then the chance for the Holy Trinity to stand first for Throw ball and Basketball. After a tough fight in the football final, Holy Family defeated St. Andre unified team and secured the first place, which pushed them well ahead of all the other sectors to become the Champions of the year.

In all, the Louisian Sports Day 2014 was a great success with the help of the Almighty and with the active participation of the parishioners. This wonderful opportunity was well made use of by all the parishioners to display active an excellent sportsmanship.

Willmer Rego

DECEMBER

Universal: Christmas, hope for humanity: That the birth of the Redeemer may bring peace and hope to all people of good will.

Evangelization: Parents: That parents may be true evangelizers, passing on to their children the precious gift of faith.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH:

- 03 – ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – SOL
- 08 – IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM - SOL
- 25 – NATIVITY OF THE LORD – SOL
- 26 – ST. STEPHEN – FEAST
- 27 – ST. JOHN - FEAST
- 28 – HOLY FAMILY – FEAST



JANUARY

Universal: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

Evangelization: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH

- 01 – MARY MOTHER OF GOD – SOL
- 03 – ST. KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVRA
- 04 – THE EPIPHANY
- 06 – ST. ANDRE BESSETTE – FEAST
- 11 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD – FEAST

FEBRUARY

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.

Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH

- 02 – PRESENTATION OF THE LORD – FEAST
- 04 – ST. JOHN DE BRITTO – FEAST
- 06 – ST. GONSALO GARCIA – FEAST

MARCH

Universal: That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

Evangelization: That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

FEASTS OF THE MONTH

- 19 – ST. JOSEPH – SOL
- 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD – SOL

साक्रामेतातील जीवन प्रभू ख्रिस्त

पन्नास वर्षापूर्वी पोप पॉल सहावे ह्यांनी साक्रामेताद्वारे जिवंत प्रभू येशूला आपल्यापर्यंत पोहचवले व ज्यांची पाऊले आपल्या ह्या मुंबई महानगरी मध्ये लागली अशा जिवंत येशूला व पोपसाहेबांना माझे शतशः कोटी कोटी प्रणाम.

8 नोव्हेंबर 2014 रोजी संध्याकाळी 7.30 च्या सुमारास दहिसर पुलाजवळ खूप लोकांची गर्दी होती. प्रत्येकाच्या हातात मेणबत्ती होती. चर्चमधील सर्व धर्मगुरू, धर्मशास्त्रीय सल्लागार समिती, पालख्या संघटना, सर्व अन्य संघटना व धर्मशास्त्रीय लोकांनी त्यांची उपस्थिती दाखविली. आय. सी. चर्चच्या धर्मगुरूंनी पवित्र साक्रामेंत प्रमुख धर्मगुरू रेव. फा. रॉनी ह्यांच्याकडे सुपूर्द केले आणि सर्व लोकांनी मेणबत्त्या हातात घेऊन रोझरीच्या प्रार्थनेद्वारे, गायनाद्वारे साक्रामेतातील जिवंत येशूला चर्च मध्ये पवित्र वेदीवर ठेवण्यात आले. सर्व धर्मगुरूंनी व लोकांनी साक्रामेताच्या आराधनेमध्ये सहभाग घेतला. रात्री 9 ते सकाळी 7 वाजेपर्यंत आराधना चालूच ठेवली होती. मराठी व इंग्रजी प्रार्थना संधाने रात्री 11 ते सकाळी 6 वाजेपर्यंत पवित्र साक्रामेताची स्तुती आराधना केली. तसेच प्रबोधन देण्यासाठी दोन लोकांना बाहेरून बोलावण्यात आले होते. दहिसर परिसरात रात्री अयोजित झालेली आराधनेची ही पहिलीच वेळ होती.

रविवार 9 नोव्हेंबर सकाळी 10 वाजल्यापासून सायंकाळी 5 वाजेपर्यंत पवित्र ताराची भक्ती मराठी, कोंकणी व इंग्रजी भाषेत आयोजित केली होती. विशेष म्हणजे संडे स्कुलच्या शिक्षिकांनी सकाळी 10 ते 11 वाजेपर्यंत मुलांसाठी व युवकांसाठी आराधनेचे आयोजन केले होते. 11 ते 1 ह्या वेळेत रेव. फा. प्रदिप दाबरे ह्यांनी मराठी मध्ये पवित्र साक्रामेताची आराधना केली व प्रबोधन दिले. दुपारी 1 ते 3 या वेळेत कोंकणी व 3 ते 5 या वेळेत इंग्रजी मध्ये पवित्र साक्रामेताची आराधना करण्यात आली. सायंकाळी 5 ते 6 या वेळेत सर्व धर्मगुरूंनी पवित्र साक्रामेताची आराधना केली व 6 च्या मिस्सांतर 7 वाजता मिस्वणुकीने, प्रार्थनेने व गायनाद्वारे पवित्र साक्रामेंत आय. सी. चर्च येथे पोहचविले. रेव. फा. रॉनी ह्यांनी पवित्र साक्रामेंत आय. सी. चर्चचे प्रमुख धर्मगुरू रेव. फा. बार्थोल बरेटो ह्यांच्याकडे सोपविले. ह्या आध्यात्मिक मिस्वणुकीसाठी जवळ -जवळ 1500 लोकांनी आपली उपस्थिती दाखविली. आय. सी. चर्च येथे सर्व लोकांसाठी थंड पेयाची व्यवस्था करण्यात आली होती.

आपण दहिसर धर्मशास्त्रीय लोकां खूप भाग्यवान आहोत कारण आपल्या धर्मशास्त्रीय आध्यात्मिक कार्यक्रम चालूच असतात व त्यामुळे लोकांची उपस्थिती व त्यांचा सहभाग चांगला असतो. प्रभू येशूची कृपा, पवित्र मरीयेची व संत लुईसची मध्यस्थी आपल्यावर, आपल्या कुटुंबावर व आपल्या धर्मशास्त्रीय सद्बोदीत रहावी हीच प्रभू परमेश्वरा चरणी प्रार्थना.

प्रिती वैती

Congratulations

On the occasion of your
Priestly Ordination
May God lead you along
the path of Christ.



Rev. Fr. Terence Abrenches csc



Hearty Welcome

We the parishioners of St. Louis,
Wish you a fruitful ministry.
May God Bless You.

Parish Clergy & Parish Community
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Advent & Christmas Programmes

- 22nd December : 5 pm to 8.00 pm: Confessions
- 24th December : 8.15 pm Christmas Service in English
10.00 pm Christmas Service in Marathi
- 25th December : 8.00 am Mass in Marathi
9.15 am Mass in English
9.00 am Mass at Velankani Mass Centre
(Masses at 7.00 am and 6.00 pm cancelled)
- 29th December : 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm Sector wise Crib Competition
- Theme : **JESUS AMIDST US TODAY**
- 31st December : 9.30 pm New Year Service
- 1st January '15 : 8.00 am Mass in Marathi
9.15 am Mass in English
9.00 am Mass at Velankani Mass Centre
(Masses at 7.00 am and 6.00 pm cancelled)



The Parish Fathers Wish all the Parishioners Merry Christmas and Happy New Year - 2015

CHRISTMAS BIBLE QUIZ FOR CHILDREN

1. What guided the three wise men to the infant Jesus?
2. In which direction did the three wise men locate the celestial body?
3. To whom the three wise men were looking for?
4. To which country Herod was the king?
5. Where did Herod send the three wise men?
6. Why did Herod want to know the whereabouts of Jesus?
7. What reason did Herod give to the Three Wise Men to know about the birth of Jesus?
8. What was the name of the Roman Emperor who sent out a decree that all the world should be taxed?
9. What was the name of Joseph's city?
10. What is the other name for the city of David?
11. Why was Jesus laid in a manger?
12. In which Mary wrapped the baby Jesus in?
13. What were the shepherds doing in the fields?
14. Who gave the shepherds good tidings of great joy?
15. Who did the angel refer to when he spoke to the shepherds - (Clue: For unto you is born this day...)?
16. Who else appeared to the shepherds with the angel?
17. Where did the angels go, after they gave the news?
18. What gifts were given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men?
19. Where did Joseph and Mary go to flee from Herod?
20. How old were the infants that were slain under the orders of Herod?

This quiz is meant only for children who are studying in class 4th to 10th Std.

Write your name, Parents name, Class, School Name, Sector name along with your mobile no.

If there is more than one correct entry, the winners will be decided by lots.

You need to submit the correct answers by the 27th of December to Fr. Ronson D'Souza CSC in a separate sheet of paper. The prizes will be given on New Year Eve Mass.

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