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St. Louis Pray for us

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**Let us transform St. Louis
into a Model Parish.
Happy Feast!**

Dear parishioners, as we commemorate the feast of our parish, let us be overawed with gratitude and adoration for the blessings God has bestowed upon us through our patron, St. Louis. May we bask in the kindness of God, confident that He will continue to be gracious to us. I take this opportunity to express gratitude and remembrance to all who have made significant contributions and established a solid foundation for this Christian community. May the Lord grant you bountiful reward, and eternal rest to the departed.

For the present generation, let us maintain the flame, demonstrate affection for our church and one another, and transform St. Louis into a model parish. We should endeavour to emulate the affection and compassion of our Heavenly Father by becoming a church. We are a diverse community of individuals, united by the blood of Jesus Christ. Let us commemorate the unity that God has established within our church, acknowledging that this unity is exclusively derived from the Gospel.

We are invited to not only celebrate, but also walk, witness and live the hope that originates from our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we advance in this Jubilee Year 2025, themed 'Pilgrims of Hope'. We are not alone in this sacred pilgrimage of life and faith; we follow in the footsteps of St. Louis, a man of profound prayer, unwavering faith, humility and holiness. We are also summoned to lead by example as pilgrims of hope; not from a throne, but from the heart.

Hope is not a luxury; it is a source of light in a world that is frequently shrouded in dread, doubt and division. In the presence of illness, hope is the collective prayer of a family. Hope is achieved when a parish community forgives, rebuilds, and continues to walk together. St. Louis instructs us that hope is manifested through prayer, service, justice and charity.

Let our parish become a location where optimism is not only expressed, but also demonstrated. We become pilgrims of hope in every Eucharist we celebrate, in every infant we catechise, in every sick person we visit, and in every poor person we reach.

May we continue to develop as a parish that is guided by love and admonished by faith through the intercession of St. Louis.

I assure you, my beloved Louisians, my undying prayers and assistance. May God bless you; have a joyous feast.

**Fr. Ronson R. D'Souza, CSC
Parish Priest**

**चला आपण संत लुईसला एका
आदर्श धर्मग्रामात रूपांतरित करूया.
सणाच्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा!**

प्रिय धर्मग्रामस्थानो,

आपल्या धर्मग्रामाच्या सणाची तयारी करत असताना, देवाने आपले आश्रयदाते संत लुईसद्वारे आपल्याला दिलेल्या आशीर्वादांबद्दल कृतज्ञता व्यक्त करूया आणि भक्तीने भारावून जाऊया. आपण देवाच्या दयाळूपणात राहू या, तो आपल्यावर कृपा करत राहील असा आत्मविश्वास बाळगूया. या ख्रिस्ती समजासाठी महत्त्वपूर्ण योगदान देणाऱ्या आणि एक भक्कम पाया स्थापन करणाऱ्या सर्वांचे आभार व्यक्त करण्याची ही संधी मी घेत आहे. प्रभू तुम्हाला उदंड प्रतिफल आणि मृत व्यक्तींना चिरंतन विश्रांती देवो.

सध्याच्या पिढीसाठी, आपण ही ज्योत कायम पेटती ठेवूया, आपले चर्च आणि एकमेकांबद्दल आपुलकी दाखवूया आणि संत लुईसला एका आदर्श धर्मग्रामात रूपांतरित करूया. आपण चर्च बनून आपल्या स्वर्गीय पित्याच्या प्रेमाचे आणि करुणेचे अनुकरण करण्याचा प्रयत्न करायला हवा. आपण येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या रक्ताने एकत्रित झालेल्या व्यक्तींचा एक वैविध्यपूर्ण समुदाय आहोत. देवाने आपल्या चर्चमध्ये स्थापित केलेल्या ऐक्याचे आपण स्मरण करूया आणि ही एकता केवळ शुभवर्तमानातून प्राप्त झाली आहे हे मान्य करूया.

या जुबिली वर्ष २०२५ मध्ये, 'आशेचे तीर्थप्रवासी' या विषयावर चिंतन करत असताना, केवळ साजरे करण्यासाठीच नव्हे तर आपल्या प्रभु येशू ख्रिस्ताकडून आलेल्या आशेचे साक्षीदार होण्यासाठी आणि जगण्यासाठी आपल्याला आमंत्रित केले आहे. जीवनाच्या आणि श्रद्धेच्या या पवित्र प्रवासात आपण एकटे नाही; आपण संत लुईसच्या पावलावर पाऊल ठेवतो, जो गूढ प्रार्थना, अढळ विश्वास, नम्रता आणि पवित्रतेने भरलेली व्यक्ति आहे. आपल्याला सिंहासनातून नव्हे तर हृदयातून आशेचे तीर्थप्रवासी म्हणून उदाहरणाद्वारे नेतृत्व करण्यासाठी देखील बोलावले आहे.

आशा म्हणजे ऐशो आराम नाही; अशा जगात प्रकाशाचा स्रोत आहे जी वारंवार भीती, शंका आणि विभाजनाने व्यापलेली असते. आजारपणात, आशा ही कुटुंबाची सामूहिक प्रार्थना आहे. जेव्हा धर्मग्रामीण समुदाय क्षमा करतो, पुनर्बांधणीचे कार्य करतो आणि एकत्र चालत राहतो तेव्हा आशा साध्य होते. संत लुईस आपल्याला सूचित करतात की प्रार्थना, सेवा, न्याय आणि दानाद्वारे आशा प्रकट होते.

आपला धर्मग्राम एक असे स्थान बनवूया जिथे आशावाद केवळ व्यक्त केला जात नाही तर प्रदर्शित देखील केला जातो. आपण साजरे केलेल्या प्रत्येक ख्रिस्तयागामध्ये, प्रत्येक

अर्भकामध्ये, आपण भेट देत असलेल्या प्रत्येक आजारी व्यक्तीमध्ये आणि प्रत्येक गरीब व्यक्तीमध्ये आपण आशेचे तीर्थप्रवासी बनतो.

संत लुईसच्या मध्यस्थीने प्रेमाने मार्गदर्शित आणि श्रद्धेने उपदेशित रहिवासी म्हणून आपण विकसित होऊ या. माझ्या प्रिय संत लुईसवासीयांनो, मी तुम्हाला माझ्या प्रार्थनेचे आणि सहकार्याचे वचन देतो. देव तुम्हाला आशीर्वाद देवो; संत लुईसच्या सणाच्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा.

फादर रॉन्सन आर. डिसोझा, सी.एस.सी
प्रमुख धर्मगुरू

आईची माया

आज लाखो करोडोचं घर घेऊ शकतो पण, त्यात आईने प्रेमाने सावरलेल्या घराचं समाधान मिलेल का?

आज थांगार वातानुकूलित घरात झोपू शकतो पण, आईने शिवलेल्या गोधडी सारखी शांत झोप लागेल का?

महागड्या रेस्टोरंट मध्ये काहीही खाऊ शकतो पण, आईने चुळीवर भाजलेल्या भाकरी सारखं ते चवदार लागेल का?

छोट्या मोठ्या चुका आजही होत रहातात तेव्हा आई मारायची, आज तसं कोण मारेल का?

आज आई सारखं प्रेम मिळत नाही, तसं प्रेम कोण करेल का? आई सारखी माया, पुन्हा कोणी करेल का?

आई हरवली की काळजाचा एक भाग पोकळ होतो, कितीही लोकं असली तरी ती जागा कधीच भरत नाही.

प्रीती डॅनी वैती
विभागीय सल्लागार, वेलांकणी माता विभाग

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SCHEDULE OF NOVENA & FEAST IN HONOUR OF ST. LOUIS, OUR PATRON

14th August | Thursday

The Flag of our Patron, St. Louis, will be hoisted at 6:45 pm between the Marathi and the English Mass

Day 1 | 15th August | Friday [Feast of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary]

Theme - Hope: Road to Liberation | आशा: मुक्तीचा मार्ग

9:00 AM Mass & Novena in English

10:15 AM East Indian Marathi Mass & Cultural Program
(No Masses in the Evening)

Day 2 | 16th August | Saturday

Theme - Hope: Essence of Life | आशा: जीवनाचे सार

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

Day 3 | 17th August | Sunday

Theme - Hope: Foundation of Restoration | आशा: पुनर्संचयनाचा पाया

8:00 AM Mass & Novena in Marathi

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in English

(There is no change in the 7 AM Konkani Mass, 9:15 AM English Mass and 10:15 AM English Mass will be celebrated as per regular schedule)

Day 4 | 18th August | Monday

Theme - Hope: Beginning Of New Life | आशा: नवीन जीवनाची

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

Day 5 | 19th August | Tuesday

Theme - Hope: Companion In Our Suffering | आशा: आपल्या दुःखात

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

Day 6 | 20th August | Wednesday

Theme - Hope: Instrument Of Justice | आशा: न्यायाचे साधन

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

Day 7 | 21st August | Thursday

Theme - Hope: Victory over Slavery | आशा: गुलामगिरीवर विजय

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

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SCHEDULE OF NOVENA & FEAST IN HONOUR OF ST. LOUIS, OUR PATRON

Day 8 | 22nd August | Friday

Theme - Hope: Way to the Kingdom | आशा: देवराज्याकडे जाण्याचा मार्ग

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass & Novena in English

Day 9 | 23rd August | Saturday

Theme - Hope: Community based on God's Commandments

आशा: देवराज्याकडे जाण्याचा मार्ग

6:00 PM Mass & Novena in Marathi

7:15 PM Mass in English

SOLEMN FEAST MASS

24th August 2025 | Sunday | 9:30 AM

Theme - St. Louis, our Patron leading as Witnesses of Hope

सेंट लुईस, आशेचे साक्षीदार म्हणून नेतृत्व करणारा आपला आश्रयदाता.

Celebrant: Rev. Fr. Lawrence D'Almeida CSC

The Parish team & the Parish Pastoral Council cordially invite you to a Cultural Program and Fellowship Meal which will take place immediately following the Feast Mass. Parishioners are kindly requested to collect their meal coupons from their respective Community Councillors. There will be no Mass in the Evening.



The Parish team and the Parish Pastoral Council wish Parishioners & Well-Wishers a Happy Feast. May our Patron St. Louis bless you and your families.

धर्मग्रामीण सल्लागार समिति आणि सर्व याजक वर्ग
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St. Louis Parish Community Warmly Welcomes



Fr. Ronson R. D'Souza CSC
Parish Priest

Date of Birth: 26th October 1980

Date of Ordination: 09th December 2011

Hometown: Udupi, Karnataka



Fr. Roque D'Costa CSC
Asst. Parish Priest

Date of Birth: 04th October 1959

Date of Ordination: 20th October 1987

Hometown: Margao, Goa



Fr. Eedara Vamshi CSC
Asst. Parish Priest

Date of Birth: 04th May 1997

Date of Ordination: 15th February 2025

Hometown: Hyderabad, Telangana



Br. Blesson V. Varghese
Date of Birth: 29th April 2001
Hometown: Kottayam, Kerala

St. Louis Parish Community bids Farewell to



Fr. Ronald Fernandes CSC



Fr. Nibin K. Cyriac CSC



Fr. Praveen Raj Bandula CSC

Fr. Ronson R. D'Souza CSC

In-charge of Communities: Christi Samaj, Our Lady of Lourdes, Velankanni Mata, Infant Jesus

In-charge of Cells and Associations: Parish Pastoral Council, Community Welfare Fund, Finance Committee, SCC Committee, Pre-Baptism, RCIA, Bible Cell, Sunday School, Ladies Sodality.

Fr. Roque D'Costa CSC

In-charge of Communities: St. Louis, Holy Trinity, Mother Teresa

In-charge of Cells and Associations: Parish Pastoral Council, Community Welfare Fund, SVP, Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Committee

Fr. Bijumon Thomas CSC

In-charge of Communities: Our Lady of Fatima, St. Peter

In-charge of Cells and Associations: Women's Cell, Alcoholics Anonymous, Family Cell, Senior Citizens

Fr. Eedara Vamshi CSC

In-charge of Communities: St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, Holy Family, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour

In-charge of Cells and Associations: Youth, Charismatic Prayer Groups, Altar Servers, Sacristy, Sound System

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BAPTISED IN CHRIST

Ewan Alex D'Souza Fernandes
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Ethel Correa
Mary Michael D'Silva
Stanley Xavier

As on 12th August 2025



Meet Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV was elected on 8th May, 2025, succeeding Pope Francis. Here's some interesting information about our reigning Pope.

- His name is Robert Francis Prevost. Prevost's regnal name was chosen in honor of Pope Leo XIII whose encyclical *Rerum novarum* established modern Catholic social teaching and promoted labour rights.
- Pope Leo XIV was born on 14th September 1955 in Chicago, USA and raised in the nearby suburb of Dolton, Illinois
- He is the first pope to have been born in the United States and North America, the first to hold American and Peruvian citizenships.
- His father is Louis Marius Prevost and mother is Mildred Agnes Prevost (née Martínez) who were both practicing Catholics & were very involved in the parish.
- In addition to his native language of English, Leo speaks Spanish, Italian, French, and Portuguese, along with some German. He can also read Latin.
- Educational background: B.S. in Mathematics, Villanova University (1977), Master's Degree in Divinity, Catholic Theological Union (1982) and Doctorate in Canon Law, Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (1987).
- On September 1, 1977, Prevost joined the Order of Saint Augustine as a novice in the Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel.
- Prevost was ordained a priest in Rome, at the Chapel of Saint Monica of the Augustinians by Archbishop Jean Jadot on June 19, 1982
- On September 30, 2023, Late Pope Francis created Prevost a cardinal with the rank of Cardinal-Deacon and on February 6, 2025, Prevost was elevated to Cardinal Bishop.
- Based on St. Augustine's concept, Prevost sees authority as a service. He says that service means "listening to what the Spirit is saying in His people so that His projects can be carried out freely and willingly. The Prior then is called to listen, so that together they can discern and implement what the Spirit inspires."
- The new pope's first message emphasized the greeting of peace of the risen Jesus "who gave his life for God's flock", giving "an unarmed and disarming peace".



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A Call to Rest and Rejoice

'Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.' Matthew 11:28

On July 19, 2025, the parish youth came together for an evening of praise, prayer, and powerful worship. Voices rose, hearts opened, and spirits were stirred as we experienced God's presence in a deeply moving atmosphere.

A heartfelt thank you to Fr. Vamshi, for leading us in a solemn and spirit-filled time of adoration. We are also deeply grateful to Alisha and Evita, from the English prayer group, who, along with our melodious youth choir, led us in praise and worship, filling the evening with hymns that lifted our souls and brought us closer to God.

A big thanks to everyone who joined us. Let's continue to keep the fire of faith burning bright.

Andrea Sebastian
President - Parish Youth Group



Walking with Christ: Youth Lenten Retreat at Karjat

On 5th April 2025, the youth of St. Louis Church, Dahisar, made a heartfelt trip to the Don Bosco Yuva Centre at Karjat. After a two-hour journey by bus, where we sang jolly songs and prayed the Rosary enroute, we arrived at the Yuva centre and were welcomed with by Fr. Kiran's warm wishes, hot tea and biscuits.

Once we were all charged up for a fresh retreat day, Fr. Kiran instructed us on how to pray the Way of the Cross on the Mount. We were introduced to an innovative and deeply personal way of praying that day. It invited us to physically carry a wooden cross, wear a barbed wire Crown of Thorns, and hold life-sized nails. Carrying these three elements we began our journey of the Way of the Cross.

Each of us took turns bearing the Cross and wearing the crown, singing hymns on the way and reading reflections. After a wholesome and prayerful journey, we enjoyed the scrumptious lunch prepared by the Centre. This was followed by Holy Mass, joined by parishes from the Pune diocese, Vasai deanery and our parish youth group. Contemplating over the period of Lent and in preparation for Easter, we had confessions organized for us. We returned from Don Bosco's Yuva Centre with renewed hearts and touched by the Word of God.

Nicole Murzello
Creative Head - Parish Youth Group



A Letter from Sr. Michelle of Karuna Hospital

"I slept and dreamt that life was joy. I woke and found that life was service. I acted and behold, service was joy."
— Ellen Sturgis Hooper

It gives me great pleasure to pen these few lines on the occasion of the feast of St. Louis Church, Dahisar.

The Mission Sisters of Ajmer at Borivli have had a great association with the Holy Cross Fathers over the years. We witnessed the step-by-step efforts made to raise St. Louis Church and School, working selflessly to achieve this goal. They served generously in the Pastoral Ministry and in the field of Education.

We at Karuna Hospital, Borivli have also grown over the years, keeping pace with the latest technology. Besides our clinical services; Surgical procedures/services above all Diagnostic Services with the exception of PET Scan we have everything under one roof.

One of the hospital's long-cherished aspirations was the installation of an **MRI Unit**, a vital advancement in diagnostic excellence. This dream was fulfilled through the generous support of our donors — **GIC Re (General Insurance Corporation)**.

In conjunction with this development, we also undertook the **renovation and facelift of the Diagnostic Center "C" Wing**, ensuring enhanced infrastructure for precision diagnostics.

After several collaborative meetings with technical experts, and with the grace of God and the support of the MSA Sisters, the newly renovated Diagnostic Center — featuring the **New Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Mammography, and Bone Mineral Densitometer Unit** — was inaugurated on **24th May 2025**. This occasion was graced by **Mr. Ramaswamy Narayanan**, Chairman & Managing Director of GIC Re, along with the esteemed team from GIC Re. A plaque was installed at the entrance of the "C" Wing thanking GIC Re for their graciousness and generosity. We thank you, dear Fathers and Parishioners, for your generous contributions and help over the years.

God bless you all.

Sr. Michelle Pereira
Karuna Hospital



A Happy Priest, After All, Makes for a Happy Parish.

On this Vianney Sunday, as we lift up our prayers for our priests, we should remember how deeply their lives intertwine with our own. They are there from the cradle to the grave: at baptisms, First Communion, weddings, funerals. They are friends, counsellors, teachers, advisors, and, at times, the reluctant recipients of our frustrations. They serve with a smile, planting and uprooting themselves, as the Church sends them from mission to mission, often at a moment's notice. Like rare celestial visitors, they enter our lives, leave their mark upon our hearts, and then move on, carrying their quiet sacrifices with them.

May St. John Marie Vianney, the humble Curé of Ars, intercede for our priests. And may we, their spiritual family, remember not only to honour them with words, but to care for them with the same love and dedication they so tirelessly offer us.

By. Fr Joshan Rodrigues (The Examiner August 02, 2025)
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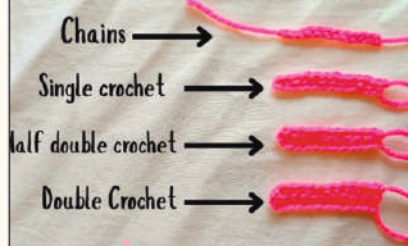
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Training Session at St. Louis Church

The office of the Lay Collaboration in Ministry (OLCM) together with the Parish Team and Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) of St. Louis Church conducted a training session on 27th July 2025 for our Council Members, Heads of Cells and Associations, Link persons/Animators and the next line of identified leaders.

The topic of the training session was 'Making Meetings Matter' which dealt with an understanding on common meeting derailers like digressing from the agenda and conducting effective meetings with having a well-chalked out agenda, keeping a time-limit to meetings etc. The meeting was conducted by Mr. Adrian Rosario (Member, National Laity Council Member of Diocesan Office for Lay Collaboration in Ministry, Member of Archdiocesan Resource Team for SCCs) and Ms. Lelith Vedanayagam (Member of Diocesan Office for Lay Collaboration in Ministry and Banker by profession).



Honouring the Shepherds: Celebrating our Priests on Vianney Sunday

St. John Vianney – Patron of Parish Priests St. John Mary Vianney, also known as the Curé of Ars, was a humble and holy French priest renowned for his dedication to the confessional and his deep pastoral care. He spent hours each day hearing confessions and guiding souls back to God. His simplicity, prayerful life, and tireless service made him a model for priests around the world. He was declared the patron saint of parish priests for his unwavering commitment to his vocation.

Vianney Sunday at St. Louis Parish - Vianney Sunday was joyfully celebrated at St. Louis Parish to honour the dedicated priests serving the community. The priests were felicitated with bouquets at all the masses expressing gratitude for their tireless ministry. In the evening, a small celebration was held with a cake-cutting ceremony and fellowship over snacks. The event was lovingly organized by the Parish Pastoral Council.



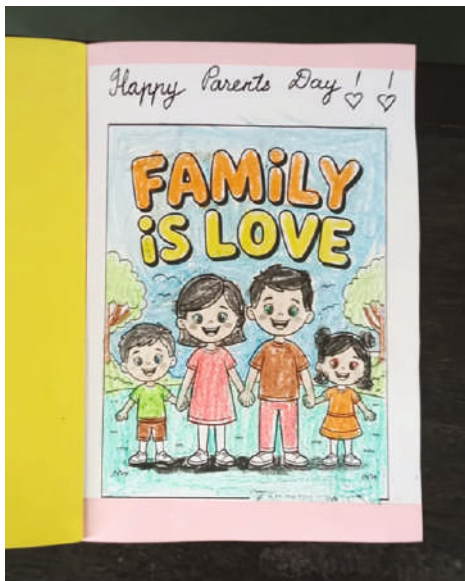
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