



संत लुईस  
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## Easter Message

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Easter is a significant event in Christian life which commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. It is a time of renewal, rebirth, and hope for all Christians. The meaning of Easter can be understood in the following ways:

- 1. Christ's Triumph over Death:** Easter celebrates Jesus' triumph over death, confirming His divinity and validating His teachings. It is an event that demonstrates God's love and power for humanity.
- 2. The Gift of Salvation:** Through the death and resurrection of Christ, Christians believe that forgiveness of sins and salvation are made possible. This is the foundation of Christian faith and the central message of Easter.
- 3. A Message of Hope:** Easter signifies hope, new life, and renewal. Just as Christ rose to new life, we too are called to renew our lives in faith and trust in God.
- 4. Called to a Renewed Life:** Easter invites Christians to leave behind their old way of living and rise to a new life with Christ. This spiritual rebirth is a fundamental aspect of our faith.
- 5. God's Promise Fulfilled in Christ:** Jesus Christ, obedient to the Father, fulfilled God's promises through His word, life, suffering, and death. As followers of Christ, we are also called to remain faithful and live according to His teachings.

May the celebration of Easter inspire us to renew our faith and experience the new life that comes from the fulfillment of God's promises.

We gratefully acknowledge the service of the Parish Council members, especially the coordinators of the communities, for their selfless commitment to the parish. May God bless all of you abundantly. We are also grateful to all the association heads and their members for your generous support in building up our parish community.

*Happy Easter to all.*

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

**प्रिय बंधूनों आणि भगिनींनो,**

ईस्टर हा केवळ एक सण नाही, तर तो आपल्या विश्वासाच्या केंद्रस्थानी असलेला एक गूढ आणि जीवनदायी अनुभव आहे. तो आपल्याला मृत्यूतून जीवनाकडे, अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे आणि निराशेतून आशेकडे घेऊन जाणारा दैवी प्रवास आहे. येशू ख्रिस्ताच्या पुनरुत्थानात आपल्याला देवाच्या अमर्याद प्रेमाचा, कृपेचा आणि तारणाच्या योजनेचा साक्षात्कार होतो. ईस्टरचा आध्यात्मिक अर्थ आपण पुढीलप्रमाणे अनुभवू शकतो:

- १. मृत्यूवर विजय आणि जीवनाचा जयघोष:** पुनरुत्थित ख्रिस्त आपल्याला सांगतो की मृत्यू अंतिम नाही, तर देवाच्या प्रेमात जीवनाला नवा अर्थ आणि नवे गंतव्य मिळते. ख्रिस्ताचा विजय आपल्याला विश्वास देतो की कोणताही अंधार देवाच्या प्रकाशाला मात देऊ शकत नाही.
- २. तारणाची कृपा आणि क्षमेचा झरा:** क्रूसावरील बलिदान आणि पुनरुत्थानाद्वारे ख्रिस्ताने आपल्यासाठी तारणाचे द्वार उघडले आहे. त्याच्या जखमांमधून आपल्याला क्षमा, उपचार आणि नवजीवन प्राप्त होते. ही कृपा आपल्या आत्म्याला शुद्ध करून देवाबरोबर आपले नवे नाते निर्माण करते.

**३. नवजीवनाचा अनुभव:** ईस्टर आपल्याला आपल्या अंतःकरणात बदल घडवण्याचे आमंत्रण देतो. जुन्या पापी

Hallelujah

"You have nothing to worry about. The LORD is taking care of you on this journey" Judges 18-6"

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Halong Bay Cruise  
Hoi An, Da Nang  
2 May 11 Days ₹ 1,40,000

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Hanoi - Halong Bay Cruise  
Da Nang - Hoi An  
4 May 12 Days ₹ 1,50,000

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Phuom Peak - Siem Reap  
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"We place our destiny in the hands of the LORD, not in human hands, because his mercy is as great as his majesty" Sirach 1-3

प्रवृत्ती, भीती आणि निराशा सोडून ख्रिस्तामध्ये नव्या जीवनात चालण्याची ही वेळ आहे. हा आध्यात्मिक पुनर्जन्म आपल्याला खऱ्या स्वातंत्र्याचा अनुभव देतो.

**४. विश्वासात नवचैतन्य:** ख्रिस्ताचे पुनरुत्थान आपल्याला आठवण करून देते की देव नेहमी आपल्या सोबत आहे. प्रत्येक अडचणीत, प्रत्येक दुःखात आणि प्रत्येक संघर्षात तो आपल्याला मार्गदर्शन करतो. त्यामुळे आपण विश्वासात दृढ राहून त्याच्यावर पूर्ण विश्वास ठेवूया.

**५. देवाच्या वचनांची पूर्तता:** येशू ख्रिस्ताने आपल्या जीवनातून, दुःखातून आणि पुनरुत्थानातून देवाच्या वचनांची पूर्तता केली. त्याच्या मार्गावर चालत असताना आपल्याला सुद्धा देवाच्या इच्छेप्रमाणे जीवन जगण्यास, प्रेम, दया आणि सेवेचे साक्षीदार होण्यास बोलावले आहे.

या पवित्र ईस्टरच्या काळात, आपण आपल्या अंतःकरणात प्रभूच्या उपस्थितीचा अनुभव घेऊया, त्याच्या प्रेमात अधिक

खोल जाऊया आणि त्याच्या प्रकाशात आपले जीवन नव्याने घडवूया.

आपल्या धर्मग्रामातील सल्लागार समिती (PPC), विशेषतः सर्व समुदायांच्या प्रमुखांचे, त्यांच्या निःस्वार्थ सेवेबद्दल आम्ही कृतज्ञ आहोत. त्यांच्या समर्पणातून प्रभूचे प्रेम आणि सेवा दिसून येते. तसेच, सर्व संघटनांचे प्रमुख आणि त्यांच्या सदस्यांचेही मनःपूर्वक आभार, ज्यांनी आपला धर्मग्राम उभारण्यासाठी हातभार लावला आहे.

पुनरुत्थित प्रभू तुमच्यावर आणि तुमच्या कुटुंबांवर आपल्या कृपेचा वर्षाव करो, तुमच्या जीवनात शांती, आनंद आणि अढळ आशा नांदो हीच प्रार्थना. आपल्या सर्वांना ईस्टरच्या मंगलमय आणि हार्दिक शुभेच्छा.

**फा. रॉन्सन डिसोजा CSC**  
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## Holy Week 2026 Schedule

### PALM SUNDAY | 29th March 2026

**7:45 AM** Blessing of the Palms  
**8.00 AM** Mass in Marathi followed by singing of Veronica in Marathi  
**9.30 AM** Mass in English followed by singing of Veronica in English  
**4.00 PM** Confession & Special Mass for the sick and homebound at the stilt area  
**6.00 PM** Mass in English (Usual Sunday Evening Mass)  
*(There will be no 7 am Konkani Mass)*

### MAUNDY THURSDAY | 02nd April 2026

**7:00 PM** Service of the Last Supper followed by Adoration

### GOOD FRIDAY | 03rd April 2026

**7:30 AM** Way of the Cross in Konkani  
**8:30 AM** Way of the Cross in Marathi  
**9:30 AM** Live Way of the Cross by the Youth in English  
**5:45 PM** Divine Mercy Novena  
**6:00 PM** Good Friday Service

### HOLY SATURDAY | 04th April 2026

**8.30 AM** Praying with the Mother of Sorrows  
**9:30 PM** Easter Vigil Service

### EASTER SUNDAY | 05th April 2026

**8:00 AM** Mass in Marathi  
**9:30 AM** Mass in English  
*(No Mass in the Evening)*

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May Christ's Resurrection bring you new life, hope, and abundant blessings.  
The Parish Team & Parish Pastoral Council wishes you all a joyful and blessed Easter!

ख्रिस्ताच्या पुनरुत्थानामुळे तुम्हाला नवजीवन,  
अढळ आशा आणि विपुल आशीर्वाद मिळो.  
धर्मग्रामीण सल्लागार समिती आणि  
सर्व धर्मगुरू ह्यांजकडून आपणा सर्वांना  
ईस्टरच्या आनंदमय, कृपामय आणि मंगलमय शुभेच्छा!



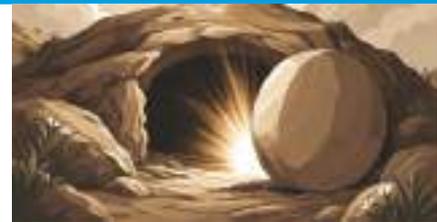
## Parish Vision

Breaking the Word of God in our Families  
and sharing bread with the needy

## धर्मग्राम दृष्टीकोन

करुनी घेऊ कुटुंबी स्पष्टीकरण देव शब्दाचे  
वाटुनी घेऊ भाकरी गरजवंतांशी

The Louisian Samachar Editorial Team wishes you all a Happy Easter.



**Sector-wise Easter Blessing Masses begin on Monday, 06th April 2026 followed by elections for the next Parish Councillor.**  
**Get in touch with your animator for the schedule of the Sector-wise Easter Blessing Mass.**

## अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे: आत्म्याची प्रेरणादायी यात्रा

जीवन केवळ सुख-दुखाचा प्रवास नाही; तर तो आत्म्याच्या उन्नतीचा प्रवास आहे. “अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे” ही संकल्पना आपल्याला आठवण करून देते की प्रत्येक अंधारमय काळ, प्रत्येक संघर्ष आणि प्रत्येक अडचण आपल्याला अधिक मजबूत, जागृत आणि प्रबुद्ध बनवण्यासाठीच येते. अंधार केवळ अडथळे नसून, आत्म्याला स्वच्छ आणि शुद्ध प्रकाशाकडे नेणारा मार्ग आहे.

अंधार हा अंतर्गत आणि बाह्य अनुभवांचे प्रतीक असू शकतो - दुःख, रोग, मानसिक अस्वस्थता, भीती, किंवा अनिश्चिततेची अवस्था. समाजातही अंधार अन्याय, द्वेष किंवा संघर्षाच्या रूपात प्रकट होतो.

परंतु लक्षात ठेवणे गरजेचे आहे कि, अंधार हा कायमचा नसतो. अंधार आपल्याला आपल्या अंतर्गत सामर्थ्याची जाणीव करून देतो, आपले धैर्य, संयम, श्रद्धा तपासतो, आणि आपल्याला आत्मपरिक्षण करण्यास भाग पाडतो. अंधार ही आत्म्याची परीक्षा आहे, ज्यातूनच आपले प्रकाशाचे स्वरूप उगवते.

प्रकाश हे आशा, ज्ञान आणि आत्म्याच्या उन्नतीचे प्रतीक आहे. प्रकाशाकडे वाटचाल ही साधी वाटचाल नसून, ती धीर, श्रद्धा आणि सातत्याची मागणी करते. प्रत्येक छोटा विचार, प्रत्येक सकारात्मक कृती, प्रत्येक प्रेमळ अनुभव हळूहळू अंधार दूर करून मार्ग उजळवते.

जगभरातील धर्म, तत्त्वज्ञान आणि साधना यामध्ये प्रकाश म्हणजे ज्ञान, मोक्ष आणि जागृतीचे प्रतीक मानले गेले आहे. आपला अंतरात्मा जेव्हा अंधारातून बाहेर पडतो, तेव्हा तो नव्या प्रकाशाच्या दिशेने प्रवास करतो अर्थात आत्मविश्वास, शांती आणि प्रेम यांचा प्रकाश पसरवतो.

अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे जाणे हा एक गहन आणि सुंदर अनुभव आहे. जशी पहाट हळूहळू रात्रीच्या अंधाराला मागे टाकते, तसेच आत्मा हळूहळू प्रकाशाकडे झुकतो. हा प्रवास केवळ परिस्थिती बदलतो असे नाही; तो आपल्याला अधिक करुणामय, प्रेमळ, आणि प्रबुद्ध बनवतो.

ज्यांनी जीवनातील अडचणींवर मात केली आहे, ते सांगतात की प्रत्येक संकटानंतर आत्म्याला एक नवे ध्येय, एक नवी उर्जा आणि जीवनाबद्दल अधिक गहन समज प्राप्त होते. त्यांचा प्रकाश हा फक्त अंधाराचा अभाव नाही, तर जीवनाकडे पाहण्याचा नवीन, प्रबुद्ध दृष्टीकोन आहे.

आपण अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे जातो, तेव्हा आपण स्वतःसाठीच नाही, तर इतरांसाठीही दीपस्तंभ बनतो. आपल्या अनुभवातून मिळालेले धैर्य, श्रद्धा आणि आशा हे इतरांना मार्गदर्शन करू शकतात. एकदा आपल्याला प्रकाशाचा अनुभव झाला की तो सर्वत्र पसरतो अर्थात आशा, प्रेम आणि सकारात्मकता निर्माण करतो.

अंधारातून प्रकाशाकडे जाणे ही केवळ एक रूपक नाही; ती आत्म्याच्या उन्नतीची, श्रद्धेची आणि निस्सीम संभाव्यतेची साक्ष आहे. जीवनातील अडचणी आपल्याला खंडित करतात असे नाही; तर त्या आपल्याला नव्या मार्गावर, नव्या प्रकाशाकडे नेणाऱ्या प्रेरणादायी प्रवासावर नेतात.

शेवटी लक्षात ठेवा - जगातील प्रत्येक अंधारातही आपल्यात एक शक्ती आहे, जी आपल्याला प्रकाशाकडे नेते. फक्त धैर्य ठेवा, श्रद्धा ठेवा आणि आत्म्याच्या उन्नतीसाठी प्रत्येक क्षणाचे स्वागत करा. अंधार संपतो तेव्हा आत्मा प्रकाशात न्हालतो, आणि जीवन एक नवा, प्रेरणादायी अर्थ घेतो.

**Rudolph P. D'Silva, Head – Marathi Liturgy**

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES DEC 2025 - MAR 2026

**Newspaper Drive:** A newspaper drive was conducted by the youth within the parish community from 30th November to 6th December, as a fund-raising activity. Thanks to the participation and support of all parishioners, it was a resonant success.



**Advent Sunday skits:** On all the four Sundays of Advent the youth presented short skits in English and Marathi during the masses, reflecting the themes of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. The enactments portrayed key moments leading up to the birth of Christ - the Prophecy of Isaiah, the Annunciation of Angel Gabriel to Mary, Mary's Visit to Elizabeth, and Joseph's dream.

**Christmas Crib & Star:** The parish crib was beautifully prepared by the youth on the theme 'Finding Room at the Inn for the Light of Hope', under the guidance of our Youth Director, Fr. Vamshi. The parish star, prepared by St. Francis Xavier Sector, secured second place in the Borivali Deanery Star & Crib competition.



**Christmas Cake Draw:** A Christmas lucky draw was organized by the youth, with tickets being sold on all four weekends of Advent. Five lucky winners were announced during the Christmas midnight mass.

**Trek to Taru Khind.** On the 24th of January the youth organized a trek to Taru Khind, Kelve, bringing together the group's members for a day of adventure, scenic views and camaraderie. The hike was filled with fun, laughter and memorable moments as the participants bonded while exploring the beautiful trails.



**Medical Camp:** The youth volunteered during the Medical & Health Check-up Camp, organized by the St. Louis Community Welfare Association, on March 1, 2026, ensuring its smooth conduct.



**Orphanage Visit:** The youth visited Sneha Sadan Home for Homeless Children, Andheri, on the 7th of March. They spent quality time there, interacting with the children and playing football together. The visit was supported by generous contributions from the youth, which helped provide essential supplies for the home.

**Chosen to Walk with Jesus Christ:** On the 3rd of March the youth organized a special Lenten evening, titled 'Chosen to Walk with Jesus Christ', featuring praise and worship, scripture readings, and selected scenes from the series The Chosen. The programme included reflective activities where participants anonymously shared and prayed for one another's intentions, as well as an interactive quiz based on the Gospel. Through moments of prayer, reflection, and community participation, the gathering invited parishioners to deepen their faith and walk more closely with Christ during the Lenten season.





**Way Of the Cross at Don Bosco, Karjat:** The youth visited Don Bosco Yuva Centre, Karjat on 15th Mar where they prayerfully participated in the Way of the Cross on the Mount, carrying the Cross and Crown of Thorns, and reflecting through hymns and readings. The day concluded with Holy Mass and a fellowship meal, making it a meaningful and enriching experience for all.



**Youth Lenten Mission:** A special Lenten Mission was organized on 22nd Mar for our parish youth titled “Running Back to God: Second Chances in Lent,” led by Rev. Fr. Leon Cruz, SDB. Fr. Leon took the youth on a walking journey of the Prodigal Son in and around the parish campus, followed by an engaging session of preaching, Holy Eucharist, and fellowship. The mission invited the youth to reflect on God's mercy and to return to Him during this Lenten season.

**Andrea Sebastian  
President, Parish Youth Group**

## A Prayer That Has Never Known To Fail

### A NOVENA PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

O Holy St. Jude, apostle and martyr, great in virtue, rich in miracle, near kinsman to Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoked your special patronage in time of need. To you I have recourse from the depth of my heart, and humbly beg great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and most urgent petition. (Make Your Request). In return I promise to make your name known and cause your name to be invoked. St. Jude, pray for us and all who invoked thy aid. Amen.

*I thank St. Jude for answering my prayers  
– Christine Pinto*

*Pray this 9 times a day for 9 consecutive days. On the eighth day your prayers will be answered for this prayer has never known to fail. Please dont forget St. Jude once your prayer is answered.*



# The Healing Grace of Confession

## What is Confession?

Confession is the spiritual discipline that allows us to enter into the grace and mercy of GOD in such a way that we experience forgiveness and healing for the sins and sorrows of the past.

By talking to God, who is faithful and just, we confess our sins and receive His forgiveness and cleansing, which restores our fellowship with him.

God calls all of us for repentance through prophets.

Jeremiah 3:12-14: "Return, faithless Israel," declares the Lord, "I will no longer look on you with anger, I will heal your faithlessness, for I am faithful."

Joel 2:12-13: "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart with fasting, weeping and mourning. Rend your heart and not your garments."

Jesus calls for genuine repentances, urging people to return to God with their whole heart through fasting and mourning, rather than just outward displays.

Acts 2:38: "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

CCR 1431: Stages of Repentance

- 1) Radical reorientation of our old life (turning away from past sins)
- 2) Conversion
- 3) End of sins
- 4) Turning away from Evil.
- 5) Sorrow for our sins.
- 6) Hatred of sins committed.
- 7) A resolution not to commit sins.

### I) Benefits of Repentance (Coming back to God)

#### Confession

<p>A) Forgiveness of our sins: Repentance Benefits</p> <p>a) Repentance restores our relationship with God.</p> <p>b) We are renewed in our spirit and mind.</p> <p>c) Dwelling in our new self of righteousness wholeness again we shall receive likeness of God. Eph H: 22-24</p>	<p>B) Purification of our old life</p> <p>a) We receive new life by patting off our old self, former sins, corrupt mind.</p> <p>b) If we turn back, the Lord will take us back.</p> <p>c) We will stand before God again in His presence. Jeremiah 15:19</p>
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2) Isaiah 1:18-19: "Come now let us settle the matter," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." If people are willing and obedient why will enjoy the "Good of the land". So, when we repent and turn back, we can expect good things in our life.

3) When we repent God will accept us and hear our prayers.

4) Daniel 10-12: "Do not fear, Daniel, from the first day you made up your mind and humbled yourself before God, your prayer was heard."

Daniel humbled himself by confessing his sins and God heard his prayer.

5) If we come back to God, we shall regain all those things what we lost in sins.

Luke 11:18-20: "I will get up and go to my father and say, father, I have sinned against God and against you. I am no longer fit to be called your son, treat me as one of your hired workers, so he got up and started back to his father."

PRAYER: Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb of God. You take away the sins of the world. Help us to find our sins and confess before you. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit renew, restore and make us a "new creation". Cleanse us from every stain of sin in the blood you shed for us. Unite us with your father and raise us again to new life for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Joanna Alleluia, St. Joseph Sector



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## कोरेजमः जेजूस आणि आपले चालीस दिस

### वाळवंटामनी झायलेली परीक्षा

जेजूसनी वाळवंटामनी चालीस दिस घालविले, य इवानजेलमनी सगलेन भक्कम प्रसंगापैकी एक हाय. बॅटीस्टा संजाव नी जेजूसचं बावतीस केल्याचे मंग, आत्म्यानी जेजूसला वाळवंटान नेलं. तयं, धोडे आणि रेतीमनी एकटं रेऊन, जेजूसनी चालीस दिस आणि चालीस राती उपास केला. वाळवंट परीक्षा, शांती, भूक आणि आध्यात्मिक संघर्षाचं ठिकाण होतं.

मत्तय, मार्क आणि लूक यांचे इवानजेलमनी आपु वचिताव के त्या कालामनी सैतानानी जेजूसची परीक्षा घेतली त्याला मोहामनी पारावसाठी खूप मेहनत केली. चालीस दिस अन्नाशिवाय रेऊन जेजूसची कुर थकली होती, पुन तो आत्म्यामनी खूप मजबूत होता. सैतानानी त्याला तीन वाय-वायली हमीषं दावरीली: धोडे रोटीमनी बदलावा सांगितली, परमेसोर त्याचं राखन करील यो पुरावा म्हणून डोंगरावरशी उरी मारवला सांगितली, आणि अख्खे दुनिची सत्ता मिलवासाठी सैतानाचे पाया परावला सांगितलं.

एक-एक हमीषं जेजूसचे मानवी कमजोरीवरती वार करीत होतं - भूक, गरव आणि सत्तेची इच्छा यावरती वार करीत होतं. पुन जेजूसनी एक एक हमीषं मोरून टाकिलं. त्यान रागाशी नय, ते परमेसरचे आणि शास्तराचे वचनाशी सैतानाला जबाब दिला. वाळवंटामनी त्याचा विजय आपल्याला दावरीते के परमेसराचे आज्ञेमनी रेणारे माणसावं कानचस हमीषं भारी नसते.

बायबलमनी 'चालीस' या आकड्याला खूप मान हाय. इस्रायली लोक चालीस वरसं वाळवंटान भटकली. मोशेन सीनाय डोंगरावरती चालीस दिस उपास केला. एलियानी होरेबपरेन चालीस दिसाचा प्रवास केला. 'चालीस' यो आकडा तयारी, शुद्धीकरण आणि बदल करावची निशाणी हाय. जेजूसचे चालीस दिस त्याचे मिशनकार्यासाठी तयारीचे दिस होते.

### आपले उपासाचे चालीस दिस

दरवरसा आपू ख्रिस्ताव लोकं 'कोरेजमं' (Lent) पालीतान. चालीस दिस आपु जेजू ख्रिस्ताचे वाळवंटामनचे काळाची आठवण करताव. आपू उपास करताव, लजार करताव, दान देताव, कोसार होताव आनी नवी हयात सोधीताव. आपू

वळवंटान उभे रेत नसलू, तरी आपू एके आध्यात्मिक वाळवंटामनी जेजूसचे संगती प्रवेश करताव.

आपलेसाठी, कोरेजमं आव्हान करणारं आणि आपले जीवनाला अर्थ देणारं हाय. आपू आपल्याला जे आवडते ते सोरिताव, त्याचा त्याग करताव. कोरेजमं आपल्याला याद करून देते के माणूस रोटीवरती जगे नय ते परमेसराचे सबदावरती जगतय. भूक आपल्याला परमेसरावरती, त्याचे दयेवरती जगावला शिकवीते. आपू शांत रेटाव तवं परमेसराचा आवाज आपले कालजान आपल्याला बऱ्याशी आयकावला येते.

आपलं कोरेजमं नुसतं खानं-पिनं सोरावचं नसून, आपलं कोरेजमं मोहाचा सामना करावचं आसलं पायजे. जेजूस सारखच, आपले हयातीन मोहाचा सामना करावचा वकत येते पुन आपू धीर धरीत नय, मिजगीन होवाचे बदली आपू मोठपण गाजिताव, आणि इसवास ठेवाचा ते अविश्वासी होताव. कोरेजमं एक आयसा आरसा हाय, जो आपल्याला आपली कमजोरी दावरिते, आनी आपल्याला परमेसरचे कुरपेचे दरी घेती जाते.

जेजूस परमन आपू हामेस सैतानाचा सामना करू शकत नय य खरं हाय. पुन कोरेजमं आपल्याला याद करून देते के, ख्रिस्तानी सैतानावरती विजय मिलवीलेला हाय. त्याची ताकद आपली आशा बनते आनी वळवंटांचे त्याचे चालीस दिस आपलेसाठी एक निशाणी बनते.

### संजीवपनापोर वाटचाल

वाळवंट जेजूसचे वाटचालीचा शेवट नोता. चालीस दिसांचे मंग त्यान आपले मिशनकार्याला सुरुवात केली. एक अयशी सेवा जी कुरसापरेन आणि सरतेशेवटी संजीवपनापरेन गेली. त्याचपरमन, कोरेजमं आपल्याला पासकाचे जवल घेती जाते. कोरेजमं आपलेसाठी दंड नय ते आपले आत्म्याचे तयारीचा काल बनते.

जेजूसचे चालीस दिसांचा ईचार करताना आपल्याला हिम्मत, शिस्त आनी परमेसरावरचा इसवास दिसते. आपले उपासाचे चालीस दिसांचा आपू ईचार केलं ते, आपल्याला वाढ, संघर्ष आणि हळूहळू होणारे बदल दिसतान. ईदोनी एक सारखी नय -

ख्रिस्ताचं बलिदान परिपूर्ण हाय - पण ते एकमेकांशी जोडलेलं हाय. आपलं लजार आनी आपला उपास आपल्याना त्याचे जवळ नेते.

वाळवंट आपल्याला शिकविते के, आध्यात्मिक वाढ शांत ठिकाणी होते. कोरेजमं आपल्याला शिकविते के नूतनीकरण समर्पण केल्यावरती येते. दोन्ही प्रवासामनी निरोप सरल हाय - इसवास सुखामनी नय, ते परीक्षेचे कालामनी मजबूत होते.

जयसा जेजूस इस्पिरीत संतांचे सामर्थ्याशी वाळवंटांशी बाहेर आयला, तयसच आपू भी कोरेजमाचे मकशी नवे ईचारांशी बाहेर पडावची आशा करूया. निष्ठेशी जगुया, मया करूया आणि परमेश्वरावरती इसवास ठेऊया.

**Rudolph P. D'Silva**  
**Christi Samaj Community**

### उपवासकाळ - प्रायश्चित्त व परिवर्तनाचा काळ

उपवासकाळ हा आध्यात्मिक जीवनाचा वसंतऋतू मानला जातो. 'उप' म्हणजे जवळ आणि 'वास' म्हणजे निवास म्हणजेच परमेश्वराच्या अधिक जवळ राहण्याचा हा विशेष काळ होय. या काळात आपल्याला प्रार्थना, उपवास आणि दानधर्म करण्यासाठी आमंत्रित केले जाते.

मतयच्या शुभवर्तमानातील (१: ६, १६, १८) वचनांनुसार, कूसाच्या वाटेची भक्ती, तीर्थयात्रा, तपसाधना, आत्मत्याग आणि परोपकार यांना विशेष महत्त्व दिले जाते. बायबल आणि इतर पवित्र ग्रंथांचे वाचन करून आपण आत्मिक बळ मिळवतो. उपवासकाळाचे मुख्य ध्येय म्हणजे 'परिवर्तन'. हा बदल केवळ विचारांत नव्हे, तर आपल्या कृतीत आणि आचरणातही दिसून यायला हवा.

“कूसाशिवाय पुनरुत्थान नाही, मेहनतीशिवाय फळ नाही, त्यागाशिवाय प्रेम नाही, आणि क्षमेशिवाय शांती नाही” या शाश्वत सत्यांवर चिंतन करण्याचा हा काळ आहे. आपल्याला आत्मनाशाच्या मार्गावर जाण्यापूर्वीच पश्चात्तापाची आणि

सुधारण्याची संधी मिळते, हे आपले भाग्यच समजावे.

या प्रायश्चित्ताच्या काळात आपण ख्रिस्तासोबत येरुशलेमकडे, कूसाच्या वाटेने चालत आहोत. आपल्या डोळ्यांसमोर ख्रिस्ताच्या पुनरुत्थानाचे ध्येय आहे. देवपित्यापासून दूर गेलेला उधळा पुत्र पश्चात्तापाने पुन्हा त्याच्याकडे परत येतो—“जो मेला होता तो जिवंत झाला, जो हरवला होता तो सापडला.” हाच खरा पुनरुत्थानाचा अनुभव आहे.

उपवासकाळ हा पास्काच्या रहस्यांच्या तयारीचा काळ आहे. तो केवळ त्यागाचा काळ नसून आशेचा काळ आहे. हा काळ आपल्याला प्रार्थनेत दृढ बनवतो, दानधर्म आचरणात आणण्यास प्रेरित करतो, न्यायाला प्रोत्साहन देतो आणि एकता वाढवतो. यामुळे श्रद्धावंत त्यांच्या समुदायात शांततेची साधने बनू शकतात.

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## A Spirit of Love, Sharing and Prayer

**Secret Santa:** The St. Francis Xavier Sector celebrated the Secret Santa initiative in December 2025, marking a joyful and meaningful new activity for the community.

As part of the celebration, members exchanged names and thoughtfully brought gifts for the person allotted to them, fostering a beautiful spirit of love, sharing, and prayer.

Though the gifts were simple, they brought immense happiness, excitement, and a deep sense of togetherness. Members were also encouraged to pray for the families whose names they received, remembering them in their prayers for well-being, a blessed conclusion to 2025, and a grace-filled beginning to 2026.

The Secret Santa celebration was truly a memorable experience, strengthening unity, fellowship, and Christian love within the SFX Sector.

## Star Competition – A Star of Hope and Victory:

With His grace and the collective efforts of our members, our star proudly secured first place in the parish competition for the fifth consecutive year.

This remarkable achievement continues to inspire us to serve with greater enthusiasm and faith in the years ahead.

**Esther Michael Antony  
Councillor, St. Francis Xavier Sector**



## St. Carlo Acutis Relic expected at St. Louis Church, Dahisar

On the morning of Thursday, February 26, I had the good fortune to travel by train to Assisi from Rome to receive the First-Class relic of Saint Carlo Acutis, the youthful saint of our millennium. **The initiative and arrangements for the procurement of the relic was done by St Louis, Dahisar, parishioner E L Sebastian, with support from parish priest Fr Ronson D'Souza and blessings of His Lordship Bishop Dominic Savio Fernandes.**

I was only requested to collect the relic and reach it to St. Louis Parish. Hopefully, it will reach Dahisar this month when someone is expected to travel to Mumbai from Assisi/Rome.

It was a graceful moment for me when I arrived at the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, in Assisi. This is the church where the mortal remains of St. Carlo is preserved for veneration. There were many pilgrims in the church, and many were there because of the devotion they have to the first millennial saint. I was also privileged to venerate the mortal remains of St. Francis of Assisi before reaching St. Carlo Acutis, as it has been exposed for veneration at the basilica in Assisi.

I had already contacted Rev. Fr. Julius Rodrigues, OFM (Capuchin), who served at the shrine of St. Carlo Acutis and requested him to keep ready the relic so that I can collect it and take the train back to Rome in the evening. Fr. Julius, who has his roots in Vasai, was so cooperative and helpful that he had the relic ready when I arrived at Assisi. I prayed at the tomb of St. Carlo Acutis for all the parishioners and the people of Mumbai and India before I officially received the relic from Fr. Julius.

It was a great moment of grace for me to behold the First-Class relic of St. Carlo in my hands. I felt unworthy to hold in my hand the holy relic and prayed that the sanctity and grace that this millennial saint radiated may fill me too. I pray that those who venerate this relic of this youthful

saint may be inspired by his life of holiness, especially his devotion to the Holy Eucharist and Blessed Sacrament. I also requested Monsignor Antonio Figueiredo, in-charge of the relics of St Carlo at the Shrine, to share a message for our parishioners on this joyous occasion. I believe that this message has been uploaded on the St Louis parish website.

Like St. Carlo, let us also make the Holy Eucharist our “highway to heaven”.

*Special gratitude to Fr Boniface Lopes OFM (Capuchin), Fr Osborne Furtado, SDB and Ms Annamaria Samelli (Shrine of St Carlo, Assisi).*

**Dr. Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC,  
First Asst. General and Vicar,  
Congregation of Holy Cross, Rome.**



## World Day of the Sick

All of us have people with some illness or the other around us. Though they are ailing they seem to have sadly been forgotten. It was long overdue that they would be fondly remembered and honoured worldwide. Rightly and justly so, Pope John Paul II established the World Day of the Sick on the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th, 1992, offering healing and hope in association with Saint Bernadette.

The World Day of the Sick is now celebrated annually. It is an honour to celebrate the occasion because we are able to remember and pray for all those ailing, especially those neglected and not looked after.

This special day reminds us that we must respectfully remember them not only on February 11th, but also every day of our lives. As this act is one of the corporal works of mercy, we need to visit the ones who are feeble, helpless, suffering and dying. Our Christ-like visit will certainly lessen the tremendous burden of the helpless and bed-ridden. We must continually pray for them, visit them and help them surrender their struggles into the hands of our crucified Lord, who helps them with the Almighty's grace and Mother Mary's intercession.

It would surely be a wonderful experience to celebrate this World Day of the Sick at our parish level. Let us come together and bring them happiness and smiles, and free them from sadness and depression.

**Walter Mendonca  
Our Lady of Lourdes Sector**



## **'Reaching out to all our fellow-beggars' Testimony of Pope John Paul's Humility**

'During the later years of Pope John Paul II's papacy, an American priest attended a conference in Rome. On the last day he went to a church at midday to pray. As he walked, he saw the ever-present beggars in front. He stopped, thought he recognised one of them, but dismissed the notion and walked inside. Still, he couldn't help thinking about that beggar, so on his way out he approached the man.

'Excuse me,' he said. 'Do I know you?'

The man looked away, but answered, 'Yes, we went to seminary together and were ordained in Rome.'

The beggar priest then told the American about how horrific life choices and bad mistakes had poisoned and destroyed his vocation. The priest was devastated, but didn't know what to say and hurried back to the Vatican.

That afternoon, there was an audience with the pope for all the attendees of the conference. The priest could not resist the temptation. As he approached John Paul, he said, 'Holy Father, you have to pray for this priest I just saw.' And he told him the story.

After the audience, the American went back to that parish looking for the homeless priest. When he found him, he said: 'The Pope is praying for you.'

The beggar just stared at him with a look that said, 'Well that's great ... whatever good that'll do.'

But the priest continued. 'That's not all. The Pope and his secretary, Bishop Dziwisz, invited the two of us for dinner tonight.'

The man protested. He was dirty. He had no decent clothes, but the priest persuaded him with an offer of a shower and the loan of one of his own suits. So, they went.

Bishop Dziwisz greeted them and led them into the dining room where the Pope was already at table. Everyone exchanged greetings and the first course was served. At the end of the main course the pope began moving his hand in a motion to Bishop Dziwisz, who then got up and said to the American, 'Please come with me for a moment.'

The two left and waited outside. Finally, the bishop seemed to know it was time to go back in. They sat down just in time for dessert. At the end of the evening, farewells and blessings were exchanged and the two priests walked back down the marble stairs to St Peter's Square. The American priest, however, was dying of curiosity, so as soon as they came out into the open he turned and asked: 'What went on in there?'

The beggar said, 'You wouldn't believe it, even if I told you.'

'You have to tell me. Try me!' was the American's response.

'Well, as soon as you left the room, John Paul turned to me and said, 'Father, would you please hear my confession?'

I said, 'Holy Father, I'm not a priest, I'm a beggar.' And the Pope responded, 'So am I; I am just a beggar. You are a priest. Once a priest, always a priest.'

'But Holy Father,' I told him, 'I'm not in right standing with the church!'

'As the Bishop of Rome, I can reinstate you here and now,' was his reply. 'All you have to do is give me consent.'

'How could I withhold consent from the bishop of Rome?' the beggar concluded.

After hearing the story, the American priest said, 'But we were out there for more than 10 minutes. It couldn't have taken that long for him to confess his sins?'

'No,' the beggar agreed. 'It was over in a couple of minutes. That's when I dropped to my knees and begged him to hear my confession. And he did. Right before you came back in, he asked me where you found me, and upon my telling him he asked me to report to the pastor there tomorrow. I'll be assigned to that church, and my mission will be reaching out to all our fellow-beggars in that neighbourhood, because that's what all of us are.'

**Excerpt from the book  
'The Pope and the CEO', by Andreas Widmer**

**Shared by E. L. Sebastian  
Mother Theresa Sector**

## Power Protection for every Catholic

We often come across homes where peace is missing. The day begins with a quarrel, prompting us to ask: 'Why no peace in this house?' Jesus is peace; we need to bring Him into our homes. But how?

**Solution:** Hear mass daily, either offline or online. When we participate in the Eucharistic celebration we welcome Jesus into our homes. Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus into his home and there was a change. When Jesus enters, the evil one exits.

**Holy Water:** We take it for granted and bless our homes only after Easter. Then, that urn of water lies in a corner of the house. We must bless our food, drinking water and all that we consume by adding holy water. Say: 'Jesus, bless this curry, drinking water, and all that we consume; take away the evil from my home through this holy water that has been mixed in it.'

Pray for your enemies and those who persecute you. It is not easy to forgive or pray for them, as they are the troublemakers in your life. Have you realised that they are under the power of the evil one and are actually asking for your prayers? Pray for them through the Rosary. Each decade, name them. Also say a mercy prayer for yourself and your family.

Praying the Rosary by kneeling and adding an intention is quite powerful. When we allow Mother Mary to pray for us, each Hail Mary is a slap on the evil one. By kneeling and saying it meaningfully, we are honouring Mother Mary, and she smiles back at us.

**Read the Bible:** Jesus speaks through His word. All answers to our questions are inside the Bible. Take the Bible, kiss it and say: 'Jesus speak to me; what you wish, tell me.' Surely, Jesus will speak through His word and guide your footsteps.

**Unite your grief with the suffering of Jesus on the Cross:** We often grumble and do not offer our

suffering to Jesus. Instead, we burden ourselves and talk about it to the whole world.

**The Sign of the Cross:** Some of us don't understand or value the Sign of the Cross. Before leaving the house, we must sign ourselves for protection and tell Jesus, 'Lord, please take care of me.'

The crucifix is a sign of defeat before the evil one. It reminds us that Jesus defeated evil by dying on the cross.

**Visit the Blessed Sacrament:** When we speak to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, He hears us.

Pray for deceased family members: When we pray for our loved ones' souls, we are sure that they are resting in peace. When our turn comes, our children will pray for us.

**Confession:** We Catholics are the most privileged. We can go for confession and be saved from the fire of hell. After death we cannot go for confession, so make the best of it while we live.

Bless yourself and your children each time you get an opportunity. It will protect them from negative words. Use your tongue to bless, as we receive Communion. There are angels who receive your word; someday what you pray for could happen.

### Anonymous Our Lady of Fatima Sector



## Called to Sing Praises, Called to Proclaim

*“So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing from the word of Christ.”* **Romans 10:17**

With this truth in mind, the St. Louis Parish Liturgy Group gathered on 22 February 2026 for a training session focussed on the role of lectors, cantors, and choristers in proclaiming God's Word at the Eucharist. The success of any training program depends greatly on the one who leads it, and we were blessed to have one of the best: Fr. Savio Rodrigues, currently the Director of the Minor Seminary of the Archdiocese of Mumbai, who is known for his knowledge of and passion for liturgy. He has been the Executive Secretary of the Commission for Liturgy of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India and has also served at the Liturgy Centre at Bandra.

Drawing on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, Fr. Savio first explained the meaning and place of liturgy in the life of the Church:

- Liturgy is the participation of the people of God in the work of God (CCC 1069).
- It is in essence the work of the Holy Trinity. The Father is the source and goal of our worship; the saving work of Christ is celebrated through the liturgy; and the Holy Spirit gathers and prepares us to enter into this Paschal mystery.
- When we understand this, we see that all liturgy is prayer and that liturgy thus lies at the heart of our worship as a Church community.

Lectors, cantors, and choirs, therefore, are not simply playing a role or performing a task; they are serving in an essential ministry that helps the Church pray together as one. This is why it is prudent for those in this ministry to prepare and pray before serving at the Eucharist.

Fr. Savio then offered practical and detailed guidelines on proclaiming the Word and selecting music that is appropriate to the readings of the day. He highlighted the importance of following the liturgical principles listed in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. We were encouraged to ask questions throughout the session. This interaction helped us clear our doubts and understand the finer details of the liturgy.

Throughout the session, the guiding principle that Fr. Savio emphasised was simple but essential: When we participate in the ministry of the liturgy, our aim should be to foster a spirit of reverence that helps the entire congregation enter deeper into prayer and worship. As the session drew to a close, we came away with a

deeper understanding of the beauty, meaning, and responsibility of the liturgical ministry, and a renewed enthusiasm for serving the Church as best as we can.

We are grateful to Fr. Savio Rodrigues for his formation and to Fr. Ronson D'Souza and Fr. Roque D'Costa for organising this enriching session for the Liturgy Group. We hope to have more learning opportunities like this, which will enable us to serve the Church and our Lord more faithfully.

**Velany Rodrigues, Holy Family Sector**

## Medical Camp at St. Louis Parish

St. Louis Community Welfare Association in collaboration with Suburban Diagnostics conducted a Medical camp on 1st March 2026. 144 Parishioners underwent a range of tests. The SLCWA thanks the Parish team, the Parish Pastoral Council & the Youth Group for their support.

**Cleston D'Costa  
Treasurer, SLCWA**



## May Peace return to the Middle East

In the old Maharashtra secondary school syllabus, Std XI was considered the SSC class. Right up to the 10th there was a separate Prose and Poetry book for the English subject. I remember a poem titled 'Ring Out Wild Bells'. It welcomed the New Year and displayed the weakness of the passing year.

The poet, Alfred, Lord Tennyson, portrays a rosy picture of the New Year, expecting it to bring good things in life. He wanted all bad things to be washed away and not smear the year ahead.

The New Year had to bring in good things which would make a nice place for people to dwell. It wanted intolerance to be wiped out. There was to be no violence and the bells would ring out all that was not wanted. The New Year would bring in peace and happiness. Violence, in the form of wars, was done away with. Lord Tennyson urged for peace. He wanted brotherhood and love for one another to prevail. This poem had a deep impact on the minds of young people.

Amidst the Middle East tension following the escalating US/Israel-Iran conflict that we are witnessing today 'Ring Out Wild Bells' comes as a clarion of hope. We must pray and ask Jesus, our Lord, to open avenues for dialogue so that hatred turns to love, fear to trust, and peace and happiness prevails.

**Freddy Miranda**  
**St. Louis Sector**

## Reflection on the Dignity and Role of Women in Vatican Teaching

### Questions for discussion:

#### 1. What part of the paper challenged your thinking the most?

Ans: The Church views the struggle for women's rights as part of the broader defence of human dignity. The statement reflects how the Catholic Church frames women's rights not as a separate or oppositional movement, but as a part of its wider moral vision centered on human dignity. First of all, the gender discrimination- should be erased from our mind. Catholic teaching begins with the idea that every human being is created in the image of God, (Book of Genesis) not granted by society, but innate.

Men and women are equal in dignity but may have different roles or vocations. Women's equality is grounded in Universal human worth. Justice for women is inseparable from justice for all people.

#### 2. How does the Church's teaching on women influence your understanding of justice and equality?

Ans: The Church emphasises equal worth rather than identical roles, especially in areas like priesthood, which are reserved for men. Here justice means recognising the inherent dignity of women, supporting their rights, which often emphasise equal access to all portions. This can reinforce a broader understanding of justice that includes care for the vulnerable and opposition to gender based violence, depending on how one defines equality, strict sameness of opportunity, or equal work expresses in different ways.

#### 3. How did Jesus' treatment of women challenge the social norms of His time?

Ans: Jesus treated women with dignity and respect. Jesus spoke to them directly and respectfully in public. An example is His conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) someone Jews typically avoided. Jesus included women among His followers-Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Susanna are mentioned as active supporters (Luke 8:1-3). Jesus treated women with mercy rather than judgement. A Woman caught in adultery (John 8) is spared from punishment, challenges those without sin to cast the first stone!

#### 4. In what ways can we help promote the dignity and rights of women in our communities?

Ans: Prompting dignity and rights of women in our communities requires both everyday actions and broader systematic change. Changing mindset at home, school and work is a powerful first step. Speak up against sexism and discriminatory behaviour. Encourage skill building opportunities, promote economic independence and entrepreneurship. Ensure safety and zero tolerance for violence. Encourage equal participation in decision making both community groups, workplace or politics promote equality in household roles. When caregiving and chores are shared, it frees women to pursue education, careers and leadership roles. Teach children - boys and girls alike about respect, equality and consent from an early age.

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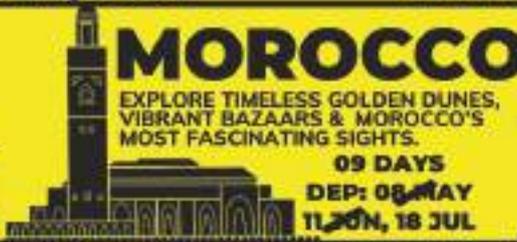
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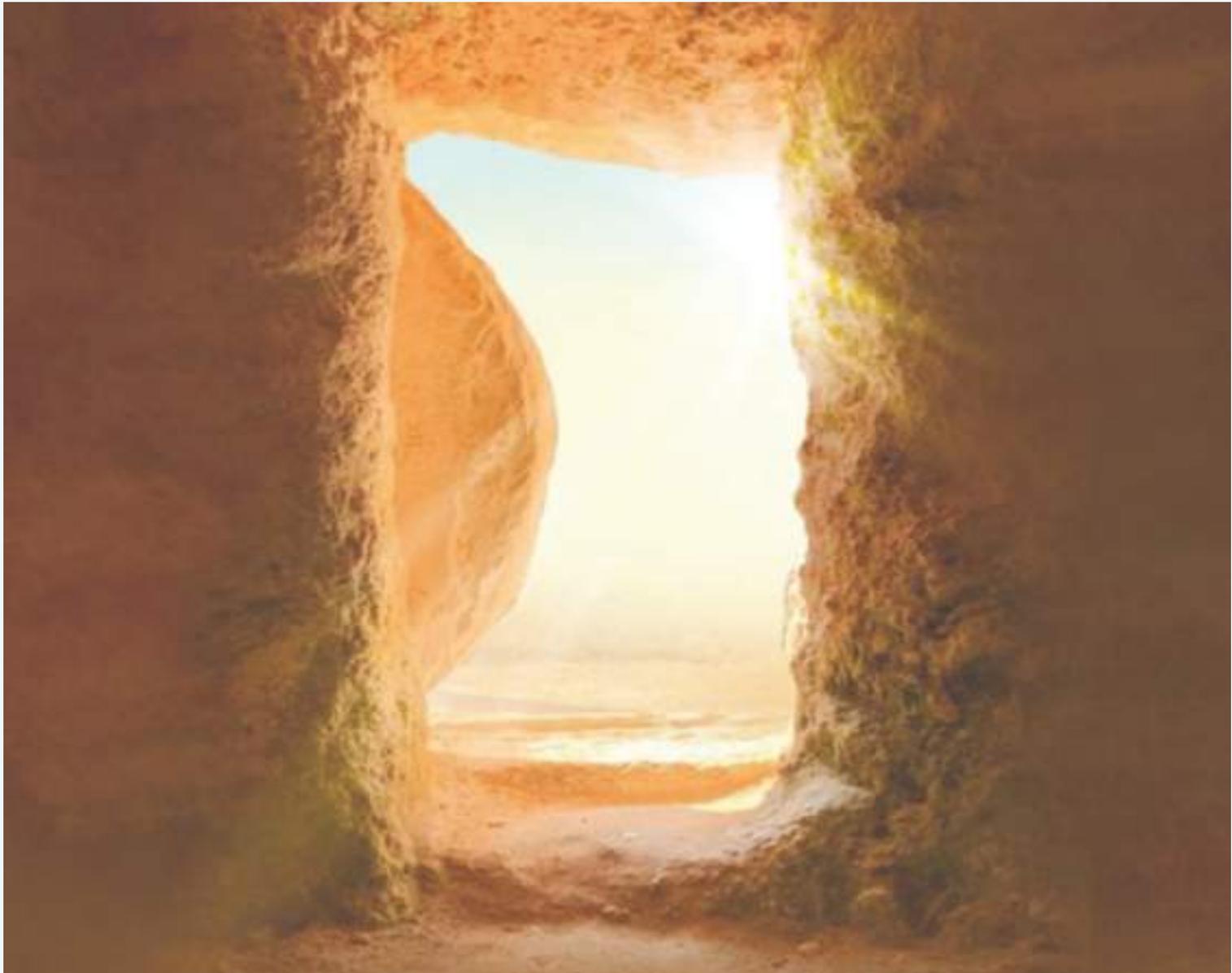
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