

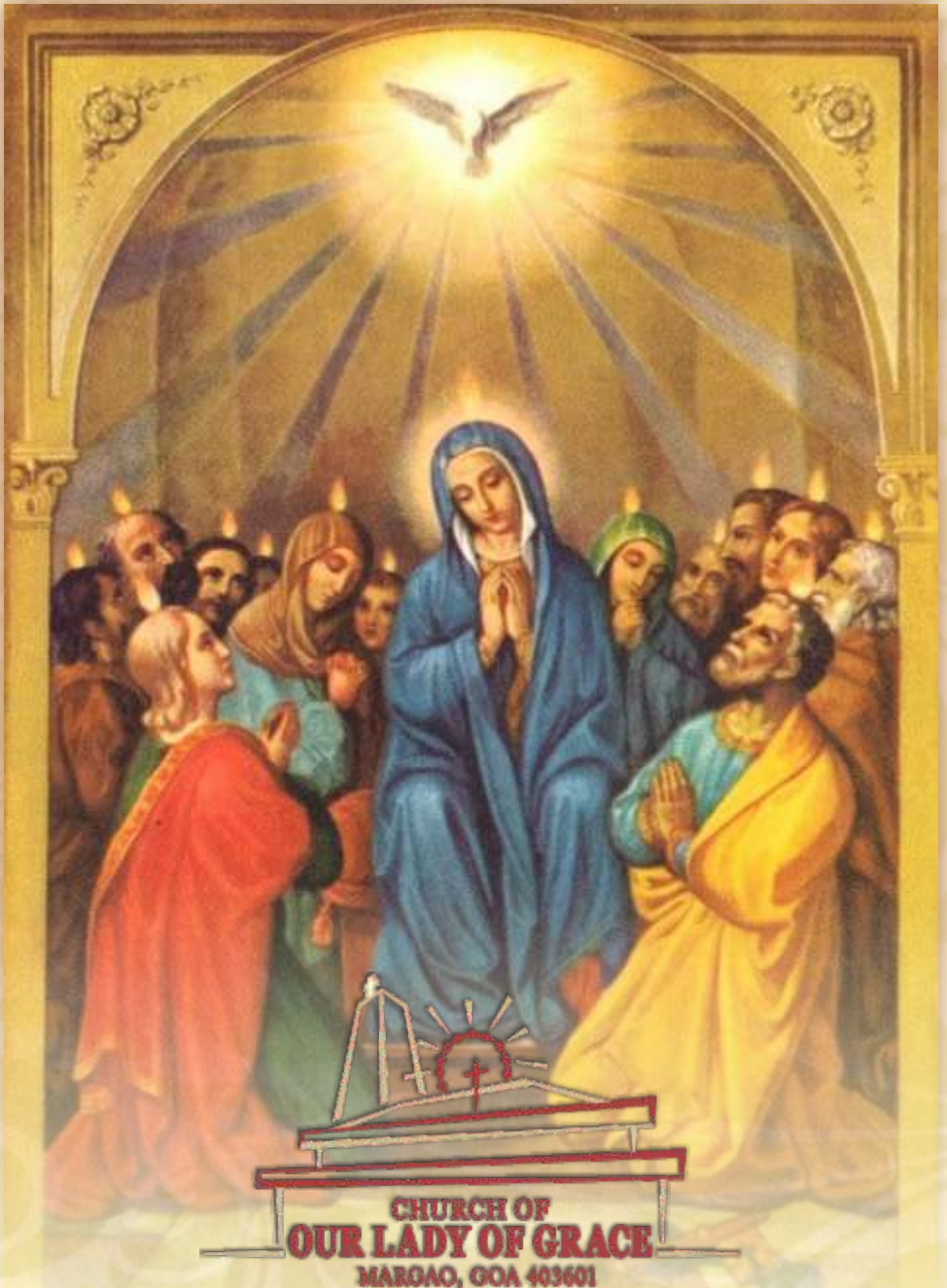
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Masses on Sundays

Mornings:

6.30, 8.00, 9.30am

11.00 am (English)

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5.30 pm

Masses on Weekdays

Morning: 7.00, 8.30 am

Evening: 6.00 pm

Administration of Sacraments

BAPTISM: The parents and godparents (sponsors) should attend the Baptismal Instructions on the previous Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Baptisms will be administered on 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

MARRIAGE: The Parish Office should be informed at least three (3) months in advance for marriage instructions (4 sessions on Fridays at 6:30pm.) The paper work (formalities) can be done only on a Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SICK CALLS: We are available at any time. But, it would be better to inform the Parish Office/Priest if you know anyone is sick at home/hospital scheduled for surgery or elderly.

REGISTRATION: Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our Parish Community. If you Are not registered in the parish, step in or call at the parish office and put yourselves on our Parish Record.



Editorial

SIX WAYS TO TUNE IN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Imagine that you want to listen to a particular radio station and the radio waves from the radio station are already present in the air loud and clear. In addition to a functioning radio set with a reliable source of power, you must know the number of the radio station and you must be able to tune into the station if you are going to listen to the desired station without interference from other stations.



This is an analogy of the Spirit in our lives. In a similar way.....

God's Spirit is with us from the moment of baptism with the same power that we see in the Pentecost event. But why aren't we transformed like the disciples on Pentecost? Why aren't we on fire with the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is with us but we cannot experience His power until we learn how to dispose ourselves properly and tune-in to His frequency.

The first way of tuning-in to the Spirit is by constant prayer. The disciples gathered to pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Though the gift of the Holy Spirit was promised to them, prayer remains necessary. Prayer opens our hearts to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus even promised that the Holy Spirit is the guaranteed answer to every prayer: "How much more will my Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask?" We must pray always and everywhere in the ways that we find helpful like the Holy Rosary, pray with the scriptures, pray at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, etc. We close ourselves to the Spirit the moment we give up prayer.

But prayer alone is not enough! The second way of tuning-in is to live in peace, unity and love with others as best as we can. The disciples "were all in one place together" despite their previous conflicts with each other and their diverse experiences during the passion of Christ. Here there was no more bickering as they used to do before about who was the greatest among them or who was following Jesus or not. The Holy Spirit descended on hearts that had resolved to live together in peace and unity. We invite the Holy Spirit into our hearts when we too strive to live in peace and unity with others.

A third way of being disposed to the Holy Spirit is to be open, willing, and ready to be transformed and used as the

Holy Spirit's instrument of salvation to others. The Holy Spirit is a spirit of transformation and action and He wants to make us instruments of His action in the world. To invite the Holy Spirit in our hearts we must face the need for deeper personal repentance and readiness to share the gifts He bestows on us. The disciples were ready and willing to be used to proclaim to Jews from all around the world the "mighty acts of God"

A fourth way is to maintain contact with the living body of Christ in the sacraments. In the words of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "...Sacraments are powers that come forth from the Body of Christ, which is ever-living and life-giving. They are actions of the Holy Spirit at work in His Body, the Church." (CCC#1115-6) *The sacraments connect us to the risen Christ in His humanity and bestow on us the Holy Spirit. This is evident in St. John's Gospel where he depicts the sending of the Holy Spirit as Jesus "breathing on them" and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." It is through the now glorified humanity of Christ that the Spirit is bestowed.*

A fifth way, Perseverance in fidelity to Christ is tuning-in to the Spirit. The recipients of the Holy Spirit are those who went through the failure of Gethsemane, witnessed the death of Jesus from a distance, were slow to believing and now are gathered in fear behind locked doors even after Christ's Resurrection. Please note that Judas alone missed out on Pentecost!! The other disciples persevered and never gave up despite their failures. Perseverance in the Christian life, more than our successes, draws the Holy Spirit to our souls. The spirit is given in fullness to those that obey, and obey to the very end.

Lastly, a devotion to Mother Mary is crucial in experiencing this transformation of the Spirit. Mary is not just one other means of getting tuned into the Holy Spirit. Because she is the irresistible bride of the Spirit, she is perfectly tuned in to Him and she embodies all that is required to be properly disposed to the action of the Spirit. In the first place, she first opened herself to the Spirit when she pronounced her fiat to the Angel Gabriel at the Annunciation and produced the God-Man, Jesus Christ. She is the perfect model of prayer who prayed with the disciples for the coming of the Spirit. St. Luke sums it up in these words: "All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the Mother of Jesus."

Fr. Joe A. Rodrigues

BAP, PUT ANI POVITR ATMO: EK MOGACHO SOMUDAI

Dev kann? Dev Teg zonnanchi Somudai (Community of three persons). Teg zonn: Bap, Put ani Povitr Atmo: Ek mogacho Somudai. Teg Zonn, punn Ek Dev.

◆ Dev Somudai dekhun amcho dhôr êk ghorabo-i somudai zaunk favo. Avoi, bapui ani bhurgim ekcharan ani mogan jieunk ani vaddunk chodd gorjechem.

Nazareth ganvant Povitr Ghorabo mogan jielo: Jezu, Maria ani Zuze êk mogacho

ghorabo aslo. Tanchem jivit sogllen ch ekvottan ani mogan bhorlelem jivit. Ek khoro ani niz mogacho somudai to. Povitr Ghorabeachi dêkh gheun soglle amche ghorabe mogan bhorlele ghorabe, mogache somudai zaunk favo!

◆ Soglle lagxille ghorabe ekthaim jieun êk vaddo ghoddun ieta. Ek-êk vaddo mogacho somudai zaunk amcho vhoddlo husko. Lhan Kristi Somudai mhollear ek mogacho vaddo, ek mogacho vibhag. Vaddeant ani Sectorant ekvottan, mogan, bhavponnan jieunk ani somudai ghoddunk Dev amkam bogor-bogor apoita. Oslo somudai poileam Kristanvam modhem ami polletanv: "Bhavarteancho zomo eka kallzacho ani eka monacho aslo" (D.I.4:32). Tim sogllim, Jezun dilolo mogacho updes, samballtalim: "Hanvem tumcho môg kela, tosoch tum-i eka-mekacho môg korat" (Jn 15:12).

"Môg mhollear sosnikai ani doya, môg vosta thoi natkai nam, boddai nam ani gorv nam, môg rag dhorinam..môg sogllem sosunk toyar asa" (1 Kor 13).

◆ Ekê firgojent oslem sobit jivit jieunk ani ak'ki firgoz ek mogacho somudai korunk Dev amkam disandis apoita.

◆ Rag, dusmankai, zogddim, vaitt utram, uloinastanam ravop-hem sogllem amkam sobonam. Oslim dusmankaiechim durgam ami moddun uddoum-ia.

◆ Ekvottache, mogache ani bhavponnache pul sodanch bhandum-ia.

◆ Dev Somudai dekhun amche kuttumb, amche vadde ani amche ak'ke ganv, Jezuchea adharan, mogache somudai korunk vaurum-ia.



Fr. Joseph da Silva

Confirmation: Enlivened by the Holy Spirit

Once, a Bishop casually said that often he received letters from Confirmation candidates in which they shared with him their reasons for wanting to receive this special sacrament.

Some of the candidates focus right away on the gift of receiving the Holy Spirit. One writes: *"I want to be enlivened by the power of the Holy Spirit and I want to be an adult, a full member of the Catholic Church, the Body of Christ."* Another writes: *"I want to become a confirmed Catholic and I want the Holy Spirit in me to help me be a better person and guide me and help me through this life and I want to be closer to God and to Jesus."* Still another writes: *"I'd like to have the Holy Spirit enter me so my life may be filled with more love and understanding for others."*

Each of these reasons points to different gifts and effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation. For example, the Catechism underlines that with Confirmation, the baptized ***"are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed."*** (No. 1285) Moreover, Confirmation ***"unites us more firmly to Christ; it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us."*** (No. 1303)

The Holy Spirit becomes a helper and guide to the confirm and, specifically through the *"seven gifts of the Holy Spirit."* During Confirmation, the bishop prays: *"Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence. Fill them with the spirit of wonder and awe in your presence."* (Order of Confirmation, No. 25)

Some Confirmation candidates write of their understanding that Confirmation means spiritual adulthood or fuller initiation into the faith community. One says: *"I am already a part of the Catholic community and I want to become more fully a part of it."* Another writes: *"I believe strongly in the Catholic faith and I want to be a stronger part of my Catholic community."* A third underlines: *"I want to be confirmed so I can be a soldier of Christ and be more responsible like an adult."*

In Confirmation, one **"receives the 'mark,'** the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's." (No. 1295) The Catechism explains further: **"This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial."** (No. 1296)

As many as forty young people will receive Confirmation in a short period of time, we pray that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation may empower them to live the Christian life ever more faithfully. Together, may all of us witness to each other and to our world by holy lives and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Come, Holy Spirit

Every Sunday during the Profession of Faith, we stand and profess that “we believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.” These are what our tradition calls the Four Marks of the Church, the four defining characteristics of the Church.

.....**The Church is one** because the Holy Spirit unites us. Just as the Spirit is the eternal love that unites the eternal Father with the eternal Son in the eternal Godhead, so does the Holy Spirit unite all the members of the Church to each other. We receive Him at our Baptism; and those baptismal graces come to fulfillment at our Confirmation, where we become full, adult members of the Christian community and receive the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

.....**The Church is holy** because her founder, Jesus Christ, is holy and because her soul is the Holy Spirit. In other words, she is holy because she is divine. The Church is not merely a human institution. She is a divine institution, comprised of sinners, to be sure, but ultimately guided by the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Blessed Trinity. It's because of this divine nature that we have faith in her. It's because of this divine nature that she has the authority to teach in matters of faith and morals

.....**The Church is catholic**, meaning universal, because Christ wants everyone to belong to His Church. He wants everyone to become a saint. This is the missionary work of the Church, to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the entire world. Between the Resurrection and Pentecost, the Apostles were afraid to evangelize. They hid in their houses because they had not yet received the Holy Spirit. But, immediately after the Holy Spirit came upon them, they began to preach to every nation in every tongue. That's the gift and the duty that Confirmation imparts to each one of us.

.....**The Church is apostolic** because she was founded upon the Apostles. It was to the Apostles that Christ gave the authority to forgive sins, as we heard in today's gospel: “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained” It was to the Apostles that Christ gave the charism of infallibility, that they might faithfully hand on the teachings of Christ, what we call the deposit of faith. That's what tradition is, from the Latin “*traditio*” meaning “handing over.” We have a *Sacra Traditio*, a Sacred Tradition in the Church. That's not just human traditions. It's not just fallible men passing on their prejudices. It's sacred because it was commissioned by our Lord and Savior; and it's sacred because it was promised the guidance of the Holy Spirit; and that promise was passed down from the Apostles to their successors, our present day bishops who are in union with the bishop of Rome, the Vicar of Christ.

(jr)

Read n reflect, very seriously, Long discourse but very important to go through...

During this pandemic, we fear CORONA so much and respect it with SOPs given by humans, but during our everyday life as we live, do we fear GOD so much and respect Him with His Word (SOPs) given by Him???

Let's see.....

His Word which we utter every day in: "OUR FATHER Prayer"

⊕ **"OUR FATHER, WHO IS IN HEAVEN"**

Can we say this when we don't obey His SOPs? But our eyes are first on the Father, Who is on Earth, and we love and obey him faithfully and yes we can say our biological father-father coz we obey him. Why can't we obey The Father Who is above our Biological Father??

⊕ **"HOLY BE YOUR NAME"**

When we do things of God or if we give something for God's Work or His Temple, Whose name we proclaim and glorify and make holy? Ours, our Spouse, our biological father and mother, our family, our ward, our village, etc... So how we can prayer: "Holy be Your Name"

⊕ **"YOUR KINGDOM COME"**

Is our mind on the Kingdom of God or our family Kingdom or caste kingdom?? In the church structure or in the cementry or on church things we can see whose kingdom we r working for.

And we say with lying tongue literally everyday "YOUR KINGDOM COME".

⊕ **"YOUR WILL BE DONE"**

Do we really do the Will of God in our family n outside our family? We can stay without talking to our own blood brother or sister or close neighbour or friend for years but we can go in the CHURCH to offer ourselves as a gift and participate in the SACRAMENTS especially HOLY MASS and receive JESUS on our hands n tongue n we call ourselves Catholic Christians?? Great!!!

But our hands will not join to ask FORGIVENESS nor our tongue will say "I FORGIVE YOU" .. We can receive Jesus's body in the HOLY COMMUION but we can't be in communion with the Body of Christ (Followers)

Can we say "YOUR WILL BE DONE" with our deceiving tongue??

Sometimes for us Church Leaders teachings are more important than Christ teachings!

⊕ **"GIVE US OUR DAILY BREAD "**

Do we thank God for the daily bread? We think that what we earn n what we cook is our only Daily bread?? Yes It's for Body. But what we don't think of or don't earn is the first Daily bread from our God, our Creator.

That is : LIGHT and DARKNESS, WATER, AIR, SAND, NATURE.

Are we grateful to GOD for the first Daily break every day? And the Utmost Daily Bread is The Word of God for our Spirit which gives life, life in fullness.

Do we eat it means read n remember it n digests it means practice it?

⊕ **"FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US "**

Do we forgive others before uttering this Words? Or it's become a useless habit for us to say it as if you say human words??

Let's ask ourselves, if I don't forgive others, will God our Father will forgive us??

"Christianity without FORGIVENESS is the Christianity from the world and not from the WORD (Jesus Christ)"

⊕ **"AND HELP ME NOT TO BE LED BY THE TEMPTATIONS BUT DELIVER ME FROM EVIL"**

Jesus says "Pray for yourself, so that you may not fall into temptation "

Do we pray for ourselves in our PERSONAL PRAYER (1/10 of the day) or do we only ask others to pray for us??

Do we give 1/10 of the day i.e 2 hours 40 minutes n is it our lifelong habit as we had made a lifelong habit of giving 1/10 of our earnings to God's Temple (Church) and His Work?

Do we tell others to Pray for us???

We play dirty with ourselves and others day and night i.e by thinking evil and accusing and blaming, etc?

What do I fear? To die or to be ready die every day by doing good like our Master and Lord Who went on doing good till His last breath?"

Let the power of our Lord's Resurrection makes us His True and faithful followers.

Amen .

Can Christians Influence Public Morals?

Although we Christians are a minuscule minority in this vast nation, we are distributed in such a way that we can make a difference all over. In areas like the North-East, Kerala and Goa, our numbers are fairly large and the possibility to influence greater.

A Christian anywhere should beneficially 'infect' those around. In his Pastoral Letter 2020-21, our Archbishop says, 'Every Christian is called to be an enthusiastic witness to Our Lord Jesus Christ at all times... when we carry out our responsibilities with discipline, honesty, without taking bribes... our radiant witness to Christ becomes visible.'

There are certain areas in which Christians have indeed stood splendid witness to the Lord. In the armed forces they are in higher proportion than in the general population and they often stand out as role models. Many Christians in the teaching vocation are gratefully remembered by their students for the rest of their lives for the formative impact they have had on them. 'Show yourself in all respects a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, gravity, and sound speech...' (Titus 2:7-8).

Christian businessmen and entrepreneurs, fewer as compared to other communities, are generally known for their ethical dealings. As doctors, lawyers, chartered accountants, architects and engineers they have for the most part rendered a good account of themselves. Christians working in the private sector are usually well regarded by their employers for their committed service. In government departments, we see a mix. Some Christians stand out for their integrity; others seem to see their jobs as nothing but a cushion of personal benefit and security. 'Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that... they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God' (1 Pet 2:12).

The most public of all roles with the highest opportunity of bearing witness is politics. This, sadly, is where the rot runs deep. Elected on a certain party's ticket, Christians often betray their electors and switch sides and ideology, perhaps out of greed for power and profit. They seem happy to use their position for illegal gratification. While they are justified in showing respect for all religions, they needlessly cross the line sometimes and perform puja to deities of other faiths. Is this not a scandal and sinful example to those of their own faith? Equally dismaying is the tacit acceptance by many of us of such behaviour. 'Be sure of this, that no... one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.... Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them' (Eph 5:5, 11).

Comparable to the unfaithfulness of politicians is unfaithfulness in

marriage, a manifestation of our compromises with evil in all spheres of life. It may often be the case that the non-Christian has a better moral profile than the Christian! Surely it is time to stir ourselves to serious introspection and a change of course.

'What good is it... if you say you have faith but do not have works?' (Jas 2:14). We need to live principled Christian lives and not be content with ritual observances. "Those who desire life and desire to see good days... let them turn away from evil and do good" (1 Pet 3:10-11).

Eurico Noronha

HOME AS A PLACE FOR MUSIC DURING THE PANDEMIC

Message from Pope Francis:

I do not consider this as ISOLATION/Lockdown having to stay at home with whom we love.

Isolation is what the seriously ill are experiencing in hospital.

Stop saying that you are bored, upset that you can't leave the house; while everyone in the hospital wants to go home.

So, thank God if you have to stay at home, because despite everything, with money or without money, with a job or without a job, you are in the best place you could be, at home, surrounded by who loves you!

Perhaps it is time to transform your house into a wonderful place to stay, a place of peace and not of war, of embrace and not of distance.

Anyway, look with different eyes at the situation you are experiencing!!

Make your house a party: Listen to music, sing, dance.....

Make your house a place of worship Pray, pray, meditate, ask, thank, praise, plead...

Make your home a school: Read, write, draw, paint, study, learn, teach...

Make your house a store: Clean, order, organize, decorate, label, move, sell, donate...

Make your house a restaurant: cook, eat, try, create recipes, grow spices, plant a garden...

Exercise and be fit as it is said in the Bible 1 Corinthians 6-19: your body is a temple. Take care of yourself

Anyway....make your house, your family, a place of love."

Make the best possible use of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

The Other not so-well-known Our Ladys

Most of us are familiar with the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima, Lourdes, (over the last century , there have been many in France) and in Mexico, dating back to the 16th century. But did you know that Mary also appeared in Rwanda, and even in South Korea?

As in the case of Fatima, where Mary appeared to three African children between the years 1981 and 1989. In 2011, the Vatican approved the apparition now known as Our lady of Kibeho. Her feast is November 28, which must surely be a day of great celebration for African Catholics.

When the apparitions took place in Rwanda, Kibeho was an ordinary town. The visitations took place 13 years before the civil war in which a million people died. The messages from Our Lady to the three young visionaries included a forewarning of Rwanda's bloody civil war. However, her messages were not only for the residents of Kibeho. Our Lady apparently stated, "If I am coming here it does not mean that my message is only for Rwanda, nor just Africa, but for the entire world."

While the apparition at Fatima, the most famous perhaps, took place in 1917 during the First World War, the first was in Mexico in 1531. It is said that Mary appeared to an Aztec youngster, Juan Diego, a recent convert to Catholicism, during which Mary asked that a church be built at the spot of the apparition. The local bishop did not believe his story. In response, during another appearance to Diego three days later, after also appearing to Diego's sick uncle Bernandino, Mary imprinted an image of herself on Juan Diego's cloak. That cloak can be viewed to this day at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico city.

Mary has appeared in Ireland, Argentina, Poland, Japan and Ecuador and even in Wisconsin, USA. And it is believed she appeared at Velankanni in South India too. As we commemorate Our lady of Fatima this month, it's good to remember that Pope John Paul II, had an attempt on his life in the Vatican square made on that very day. He said he survived due to the intervention of Mary.

Brian De Souza

Our Lady of Naju

Naju is a small town at the southwestern tip of the Korean peninsula. Julia Kim, a Korean lady and mother of four, who ran a beauty salon had a statue of Our Lady. On June 30, 1985, the statue began weeping tears, and over a year later, on October 19, 1986 it began weeping blood. Until January 14, 1992, the statue wept for a total of 700 days. The tears were tested and



found to be human. Now the statue secretes fragrant oil. So, Julia is surrounded by the sweet fragrance of roses. Also, when she kisses a rosary or simply holds it in her hands, it becomes fragrant.

Together with my wife, Fiona and son, Jude, I was fortunate to meet Julia in May 2010 and experience the fragrance. Our Lady gave several messages and signs to Julia Kim.

Julia often undergoes severe pains for the conversion of others, and in reparation for sins. She has also received the Stigmata during the way of the cross. I saw this with my own eyes. At our home at Market ward, we have a statue of Our Lady of Naju brought from South Korea.



Many people, including priests witnessed that the Sacred Host she received turning light brown first and then covered with blood. On 31st October, 1995, the late Pope, now St. John Paul II at Mass in the Vatican saw the Eucharist received by Julia turn into flesh and blood in her mouth. Also, on 28th February, 2010 Archbishop Giovanni Bulaitis saw this take place when Julia received communion.

The Blessed Mother's messages at Naju were to awaken us from our spiritual complacency and insensitiveness so that we may truly practice the Gospel's teachings. Mary urges us to begin living a life of prayer, humility and love so that the devil's grip may be broken and a new era of peace and love under the reign of Christ may begin. She is asking us to become her children, completely consecrated to her Immaculate Heart. She has invited everyone to offer fervent prayers (especially the Rosary) and sacrifices and to pray for and support the Holy Father, Bishops and priests. Our Lady also urged the devotion of the combined love of the Sacred heart of Jesus and to her Immaculate Heart.

By Niall Fernandes

Pap Saibacho Son'kolp

MAI 2021 - SAMANIA

Poixeanchi zobabdari asloleamni, poixeanchi vevostha sarke toren cholounk serkara sangata vaurunk ani he toren nagrikank soglle bhirantintli suttka mellunk

Aiz-kal poixeanchi vevostha korpi soglli tantric vidya ghetat ani mon'xancher tacho porinam koso poddta tem pollenastanam odik-odik poixe korunk vapurtat oxem dista. Sonvsarachi chal odik-odik faido kaddunk zalea. Goribancher porinam koslo zatolo - hem konn pollenam. Khorem mhonnlear he nove-nove kaide kortanam, goribanchem konn chintinam. Aiz-kal odik bore toren vostu korpa vixim konn mon lainam, sonvsarantli girestkai odik bore toren vanttunk ani poriavoronn samballunk konn chintinam; fuddle pillgek ami kitem dovortoleanv, hem konn monant ghenam. Osli vagnuk odik poixe korpachi axea dakholl korta. Khorem mhonnlear, sogleanchea boreponna khatir rajkaronn ani poixeam vevostha bore toren cholunk favo: zaite banks aiz-kal buddat ani tern dublleank vaittak poddta. 2007 - 2008 vorsa akhea sonvsarachi arthik vevostha sokla poddli (ani atam Covid-19 Virus-ak lagon). Factories bond zaleo, lokanchim kamam gelint, bekarponn vaddlem ani hacho porinam chodd goribancher poddlo.

POVITR SOBHECHEM JIVIT

BAUTIZMA VORVIM DEIVIK JIVIT MEVLAM:

- 04-04-2021 - Sophia Alice Viegas: Sahwn Francis Viegas ani Penny Anisha Fernandes (Marketward)
- Princewell Chrysler Pereira: Cliff Savio Pereira ani Prifa Muriel Barreto (Sirvodem)
- Elora Andrea Colaco: Ian Francis Colaco ani Evelyn Antonio Do Rosario Carvalho (Sector 1)



LOGNAN EKTHAIM ZALEAT:

- 07-04-2021 - Sidney Crasto (Malbhat) ani Regina Carvalho (Dicarpale)
- 10-04-2021 - Sharan D'Souza (Calcondem) ani Jovita Vaz (Shiroda)
- 18-04-2021 - Alister Savio Gracias (Comba) ani Annaliza Maria Jesus Pinto (Pedda-Margao)



MORNNÄ VORVIM SASNNIK JIVIT SURU ZALAM:

- 15-04-2021 - Robert Xavier Sierer (Comba-Alto)
- 15-04-2021 - Antoneta Fernandes (Malbhat)
- 20-04-2021 - Antonio Clemente Fernandes (Comba-Alto)
- 21-04-2021 - Lennox Romualdo Antao (Sirvodem)
- 24-04-2021 - Silvestre Pereira (Sector 1, Alto Monte)
- 25-04-2021 - Vincy Mathew Fernandes (Pedda-Margao)



Did You Know?

1. Your shoes are the first thing people subconsciously notice about you.
Wear nice shoes.
2. If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years
3. There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.
4. Sleeping without a pillow reduces back pain and keeps your spine stronger.
5. A person's height is determined by their father, and their weight is determined by their mother.
6. If a part of your body "falls asleep", you can almost always "wake it up" by shaking your head.
7. There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing - Food, attractive people and danger
8. Right-handed people tend to chew food on their right side
9. Putting dry tea bags in gym bags or smelly shoes will absorb the unpleasant odour.
10. According to Albert Einstein, if honey bees were to disappear from earth, humans would be dead within 4 years.
11. There are so many kind of apples, that if you ate a new one everyday, it would take over 20 years to try them all.
12. You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.
13. People who laugh a lot are healthier than those who don't.
14. Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.
15. A human brain has a capacity to store 5 times as much information as Wikipedia
16. Our brain uses same amount power as 10-watt light bulb!!
17. Our body gives enough heat in 30 mins to boil 1.5 litres of water!!
18. The Ovum egg is the largest cell and the sperm is the smallest cell !!
19. Stomach acid (conc. HCl) is strong enough to dissolve razor blades!!
20. Take a 10-30 minute walk every day. & while you walk, SMILE. It is the ultimate antidepressant.

21. Sit in silence for at least 10 minutes each day.
22. When you wake up in the morning, Pray to ask God's guidance for your purpose, today.
23. Eat more foods that grow on trees and plants and eat less food that is manufactured in plants.
24. Drink green tea and plenty of water. Eat blueberries, broccoli, and almonds.
25. Try to make at least three people smile each day.
26. Don't waste your precious energy on gossip, energy vampires, issues of the past, negative thoughts or things you cannot control. Instead invest your energy in the positive present moment.
27. Eat breakfast like a king, lunch like a prince and dinner like a college kid with a maxed out charge card.
28. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
29. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone. Forgive them for everything !
30. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
31. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
32. Make peace with your past so it won't spoil the present.
33. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
34. No one is in charge of your happiness except you.
35. Frame every so-called disaster with these words: 'In five years, will this matter?'
36. Help the needy, Be generous ! Be a 'Giver' not a 'Taker'
37. What other people think of you is none of your business.
38. Time heals everything.
39. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
40. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends will.
Stay in touch.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. Each night before you go to bed, Pray to God and Be thankful for what you'll accomplish, today !
43. Remember that you are too blessed to be stressed.

QUESTIONS CHILDREN ASK ABOUT THE BIBLE

Children love to ask questions. Most parents could spend hours telling about the continual streams of questions that flow from their children's mouths, especially the persistent, "Why?" When a child asks a question, he or she needs to be heard seriously. This is especially true in the spiritual area. It would be a grave mistake for a parent to leave a child's question unanswered. Keeping this in mind we have started this children's page to do the needful.

Fr. Joe A. Rodrigues

49) Why did Solomon want to cut the Baby in Half?

After David died, his son Solomon became king. God told Solomon that he could have anything he asked for. Solomon asked for wisdom. One day two women came to King Solomon arguing over who was the real mother of a baby, and Solomon suggested that he cut the baby in half and give one half to each mother. Solomon didn't want to kill the baby. He just suggested that they cut the baby in half in order to find out who was the baby's real mother. Solomon knew that the real mother would never let such a thing happen to her baby. Solomon's trick worked, and the baby was given to his real mother. This story is in the Bible to show how wise Solomon was, in answer to his prayer. God made him the wisest man who ever lived. (Read 1 Kings 3:3-28)

50) Why Did Elijah Go up to Heaven so Early?

Elijah was a famous prophet who spent most of his life telling others about God. He is one of only two people mentioned in the Bible who didn't die before going to heaven (Enoch is the other one—see Genesis 5:21-24). Instead, God took them. God used a chariot of fire and a whirlwind to take Elijah to heaven. The whirlwind and fire didn't kill Elijah or burn him; rather, the chariot and horses separated Elijah from his good friend and student, Elisha. Then the whirlwind carried Elijah to heaven. This showed that God approved of Elijah and that Elijah was a good man who loved God. And God took Elijah to heaven at just the right time, not early. We don't know how old Elijah was when God took him; he may have been an old man. (Read 2 Kings 2:1-12)

51) Why did God send the Jews to Babylon?

The people of Judah (the Jews) didn't listen to the prophets. They turned away from God, worshiped idols, and mistreated the poor. So God allowed a wicked nation, Babylon, and a wicked king, Nebuchadnezzar, to capture their cities and take many of the people to Babylon. The Babylonians often did this to the people they conquered; they removed the best young people from their own country and trained them in Babylonian ways. Prophets like Jeremiah predicted that this would happen, and they were very sad about it. The Jews spent seventy years in Babylon, just as God said they would. God's warnings are for our good. When we ignore them again and again, we end up being hurt, just like the people of Judah did. (Read 2 Kings 20:17; 24:1-25)

Keep On Praying

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 18:1-8 (NIV).



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BIG MAMMA'S CORNER!

It's already the fifth month of the year, and things are still not looking up!! When will all this end???

Yes, my dear friends...these are the thoughts that are preoccupying not just mine, but several of our minds. When we thought that the worst was over in 2020, and that 2021 would be "normal", new variants of the covid-19 virus have, yet again, turned our worlds upside down. Earlier, it seemed to be a case of survival of the fittest – hence, the older and weaker ones were being called to a 'higher place'; but now, we see several young and fit ones too, even children, who are being taken away from us. We don't know who is safe, who isn't; where to go, where not to; someone here today is suddenly gone tomorrow – that is our reality now...

Like 'doubting Thomas', I often find myself still questioning His great will – questioning my reality – questioning my future – a whole lot of 'whys'! And then, amidst my million and one doubts, I am reminded of The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge - Luke 18: 1 – 8.

In this parable, Jesus tells us about the need to pray and not to lose heart. There is a widow who keeps pestering a judge for justice. He couldn't care less initially, but, on second thoughts, realises that if he doesn't grant this widow justice, she will keep on troubling him for the same, and so, gives in. Won't our Heavenly Father then listen to all our pleas and cries for help?

We learn several lessons from this parable:

1) (Luke 18:1) - "that at all times people ought to pray and not lose heart". God is most high, yet he is merciful and kind. He will listen to our prayers and our pleadings, and answer them. So we should keep on praying and never give up on God.

2) (Luke 18:2-7) - illustrate that even an unrighteous judge will hear the pleas of one who persists in asking. He may have done so out of annoyance or cunning, and not out of



kindness, yet he answered the repeated request. But our God is perfectly just, and he has a regard for man (because he is our creator and Father). So, if an unjust judge answered a widow's plea, surely God will answer the prayers of his chosen ones, won't he? And God is not going to be reluctant to answer, though His response may not be to our liking. Also, it may seem to us that God is not answering quickly. So, our faith weakens—but it shouldn't.

In these difficult times, it is prayer that will keep us going. Talk to Him – fight with Him if you have to like you would with a close friend – after all, just like a

true friend will always be there for you, as you are, so also, our true and compassionate God will be there for us.

Once again, I would like to remind you that His response may not be what you like or what you want to hear – it may involve heartache or death or illness or some loss – but even at this time, He will be there, having given you only as much as you can handle. Seems difficult to believe I know, especially when one is going through tough times, but keep up your hope – and pray. We have God's assurance in Isaiah 49: v. 15 – 16:

“I will never forget you my people,
I have carved you on the palm of my hand.
I will never forget you, I will not leave you orphaned,
I will never forget my own.”

*With you in prayer,
Big Mamma.*

COVID-19 Kednam Somptolem?

.....Covid-19 ak'khea sonv-sarak posorlear dedd voros zalem. Amche modem paulear ek voros odik zalem. Khup lok eke vatten koxttouta, tras bhogta, morta, zalear dusre vatten khup lok dis-rat prarthanam ani magnnim korun, Covid-19 pidida nopoit zaunk Devak vinonti kortat. Hi pidida az vetoli, faleam vetoli, gormi poddttoch nopoit zatoli, ticho kail bhorthoch somptoli mhonn chintun lok aple dis dukhant sarta.

Ponn hi pidida nopoit zaunche bodlek disan'dis marekar zata. Piddevontancho ankddo vaddta. Hem sogllem zanna zaun jiv niraxi zata, jiyeupachi hurba virun veta, hat-paim tutton poddtat. Oslea vellar ami kitem korchem? Niraxi zaun hat-paim-jiv soddcho? Devak xinn korcho vo Deva lagim prarthanam korit ravchem? Kainch somzona, khoincech vatten ughto rosto disona.

.....Amcho Goycho sorkar dodd zal'lo zalear, ani lokan, hi pidida nopoit korpache upai fikirin ghetole zalear, ti khup kall adim nopoit zaupachi. Sorkaran apli bezobabdari korun bhonvta, odik korun bhailim bhonvddekaram piddechi matui porva korinastana hanga yetat. Amchea sorkarak zai fokt duddu. Duddu zai mhonn ami zannonv. Duddu nastana sorkar cholona. Hem khorem.

Dusrim rajyam kitem kortat?

.....Bharotachim dus-rim rajyam aplea loka-chi suroksa, bolaiki samballunk aplea rajyanchim daram bond kortat, lockdown kortat. Tankam poile suvater aple porjechem ani uprant dhondeachem ani duddvanchem podd-lolem asa. Amchea Goyant portem. Goyant dhondo, business, economy poilem, uprant lok. He baptint sorkaran Goychim sogllim daram ugtim dovorleant. Sonvsarantlo, ier rajyancho kochro Goyant ieta ani amcho jiv sonkoxttant ghal'a.

.....Titlench nhoi, az Goychea tourizmacho prochar Eropant korun tankam Goyant apoitat, amchem mas ani haddam khaunk? Sorkarak amchem matui poddlolem na. Sorkarak zai fokt duddu. Te koxei toren zaum, te kollxanche zaum, te minachie chorieche zaum, te kuddi dhondeache zaum, te Cassinoche zaum, kitem-i cholta,

drugs, khun, chorponnam. Soglleank Goyant yevkar asa. Hem amcher ail'lem durdoiv ani odruxtt.

Sorkarak duddu zai. Borem asa. Upai nant? Asat. Borea economistani lagim budh gheunchi ani duddu diunk litanam ektthaunche.

Koxe duddu ektthaunche?

.....Sorkari noukar lakhannim pogar ghetat. Tankam sanglem zalear hea vorsa ami ekach mhoineacho pogar tancho unno kortam mhonn sanglear, te kobul zaunche nant? Jerul zatolet. Sorkari noukar lakhannim pogar ghetat, hea vorsa pogara bhair ier sovoloti (benefits) heach vorsa unneo kortam mhollear te mandun gheunche nant? Jerul ghetolet. Montri amdar naka mhunnosor, mouzank, khospayank poixe moddtat. Hea vorsa *austerity measures* vaprunk maglear toyar zaunche nant? Jerul zatolet.

Oso ektthail'lo mezunk zait?

He toren ektthaim kel'lo duddu sorkara lagim mezunk zait? Oxem kelear amkam anik bhonvdekkaram vo tourists zai? Mhunn-toch bore ecomnomists, osle zaite upai suchoitolet, hanvem sanglam tanche poros odik bore. Goykarancho jiv riskar ghalun, duddu ektaim korpacho rosto Goychea sorkaran soddun diun-cho mhonn amchi sorkarak vinnounni. Hi vinnounni sorkar mandun ghetolo kai? Sangunk zaina.

Covidachea 90 piddestank borim kelim

Dr. Kiran Shenvi Kerkar-an Covid-19 zal'lea 90 piddevontank borim kelim. Koxim?

1. Bhirant poisav-pachi (Don't panic)
2. Sarkem bed rest.
3. Bhaji-palleachem jevonn (vegetarian), disak ek ukoddlolem tantim, donparam/sanje "pez" hem chodd bore.
4. Jivachie ghotta-yek frutam ani godd khaunchem.
5. Ek kulerin olldicho pitto ghaiun gorom' udok piyeunchem.
6. Svas gheun adar mellunk bazloli losun vaporchi.
7. Piyau daddavun ros piyeuncho ani zhor yeta zalear to piyeau toklek ani hordd'deak kaddcho.

8. 'Deep fried' vo 'shallow fried' kel'lem khaunchem nhoi.

9. koslench vo-khod gheunchem nhoi. Ekach utran Covid-19 hache voir zhuzunk ani zoitivont zaunk mhotvacho upai mhollear kuddintli '**immunity**' vaddounk ani '**immunity**' mozbut korunk zaitech upai asat. Ami hanga thoddech suchoitany, tevui korunk ekdom sompe: Amche bhitor zaitim vikhallim (**toxins**) asat. Tim bhair uddounk ani '**immune system**' ghoth korpak amche bhitor 'lymphatic system' asa taka kamak launk zai (**to activate lymphatic system**) Zaithe videos asat te **physical exercise** korunk xikoitat. Hache xivai alem, losunn, limbu, ollod (**turmeric**) jivo piau (**raw onion**) miriam, kalafuram hancho kodd (kuzument) bhorpur faideacho.

* Gorjechi vost mhollear bhonvdi vo cholop (**evening/morning walk**), ravun-ravun gorom' udkacho baf ghevop (**deep breathing, inhaling**), thonddi (**cold**) nakant tosoch hordeant poddonk dina zalear immunity bhorpur vaddta.

* **Celony (tonic with vitamin D), Complan, Ensure, Horlicks**, immunity vaddounk ani regular **Celin** ghetlear odik bore

Tujea hatant asa tem kor urlolem Devachea hatant sodd. To kortolo tuji ani mhoji rakhonn.

**MISAM ANI INTESANVAM
MAIACHEA MHOINEANT - 2021**

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1ler Sonv	7:00	Valanka Vaz - bolaike khatir
		Deodita Pereira - bolaike khatir
	8:30 6:00	Da Costa famil - dhinvasnechem
2rer Aitar	7:00	Hellen D'Silva - zolm dis
3rer Som	7:00	Angel D'Silva - dhinvasnechem
		Edberg D'Souza - zolm dis
	8:30 4:00	Rosa Piedade Sequeira - 60vo zolm dis & Cliflon Maxino Gonsalves - zolm dis Tiravnne Sonvskarachem Mis
4ver Mung	7:00	Clevino Barretto - zolm dis
		Joaquim Gonsalves - kherit intesanv
	8:30 6:00	Wilfred ani Melicya Barreto - bolaike khatit
5ver Budh	7:00	Rolando Martins - bolaike khatir
	8:30	Mary Pereira - tisrea vorsacho ugddas
	6:00	Aruna Patricia Colaco - dhinvasnechem
6ver Bres	7:00	Sr. Anita D'Silva - zolm dis
	8:30	
	6:00	Claudio & Jovan Pinto - bolaike khatir
7ver Sukh	7:00	Joao Antonio Laurente - bolaike khatir
	8:30	Sedwin Inacio P. D'Costa - dhinvasnechem
	6:00	
8ver Sonv	7:00	Johan & Melissa D'Silva - kazarachea vorsachem Mis
		Fatimo Cruz & Reina Colaco - dhinvasnechem
	8:30	Lanfredo Da Costa - Poilea vorsacho ugddas
9ver Aitar	8:00	Timothy & Annette Texeira - kazarachea vorsachem Mis
10ver Som	7:00	Jordal ani Yvette Pereira - bolaike khatir
	8:30	Mario D'Costa - dhinvasnechem
	6:00	Americo Anthony Gomes - kherit intesanv
11ver Mung	7:00	Savio ani Pamla Coutinho - kazarachea vorsachem Mis
	8:30	Circuncisao Menino de Jesus Caeiro - poilea vorsacho ugddas
	6:00	Flavia Gonsalves - kherit intesanv
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	8:30	Analina Gomes - zolm dis
	6:00	

13ver Bres	7:00 8:30 6:00	Fatima Saibinnichi Porob (WAF)
14ver Sukh	7:00 8:30 6:00	Tyson ani Drizzle Da Costa - kazarachea vorsachem Mis Johan Fernandes - zolm dis Carmen Rebello - zolm dis
15ver Sonv	7:00 8:30	Lea Barretto - zolm dis Rosario Xavier Sierer - mhoineacho ugddas
16ver Aitar	6:30 9:00	Stanford D'Silva - zolm dis Jasmine Coutinho - zolm dis
17ver Som	7:00 8:30 6:00	Christie ani Suzanne Gomes - kazarachea vorsachem Mis ani Suzanne Gomes - zolm dis
18ver Mung	7:00 8:30 6:00	Christopher ani Stella Fernandes - kazarachea vorsachem Mis Epifanio Fernandes - dhinvasnechem
19ver Budh	7:00 8:30 6:00	Milagres ani Carma Pontes - kazarachea vorsachem Mis Minguel ani Sandra D'Silva - kazarachea vorsachem Mis
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22ver Sonv	7:00 8:30	Yean Cardozo - dhinvasnechem Joaquim Gomes - bolaike khatir
23ver Aitar	9:30	Marilyn Santimano - zolm dis
24ver Som	7:00 8:30 6:00	Agnelo ani Syvona Rebello - kazarachea vorsachem Mis Maria Felicia Fernandes - dusrea vorsacho ugddas
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26ver Budh	7:00 8:30	Jude Felix Fernandes - poilea vorsacho ugddas

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28ver Sukh	7:00 8:30 6:00	Ashley D'Costa - zolm dis Wilfred ani Malicya Baretto - kherit intesanv
29ver Sonv	7:00 8:30	Martin D'Silva - tisrea vorsacho ugddas Antonio Antao - dusrea vorsacho ugddas
30ver Aitar	6:30 9:30	Mr & Mrs. Vaz - kazarachea vorsachem Mis Savio Coutinho - zolm dis
31ver Som	7:00 8:30 6:00	Hansel D'Souza - zolm dis Anna Lisa Colaco - zolm dis Rachel Menezes - zolm dis
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2rer Budh	7:00 8:30 6:00	Amalina Norton - dhinvasnechem Flavia Rebello - dhinvasnechem
3rer Bres	7:00 8:30 6:00	Catherine Rodrigues - dhinvasnechem
4ter Sukh	7:00 8:30 6:00	Filomena Cabral - dusrea vorsacho ugddas Fernando Nunes - zolm dis
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No time to say good-bye
you were gone before we knew it
And only God knows why
Our hearts still ache in sadness
And secret tears still flow
What it meant to lose you
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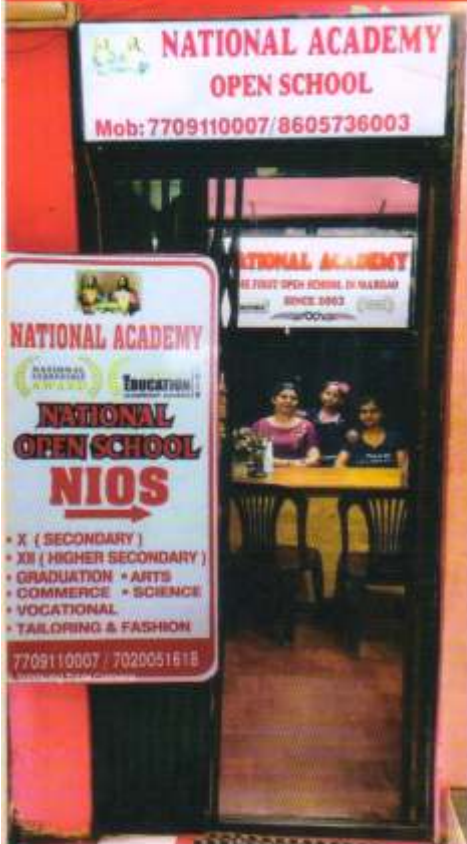
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2021

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ST. DYMPHNA
15th May

for help with depression
ST. DYMPHNA

for help with mental illnesses
ST. DYMPHNA

to honor the
Blessed Trinity-
Father, Son
and Holy Spirit
HOLY TRINITY
30th May

for farmers
ST. ISIDORE
THE FARMER
15th May

for those
who suffer
from back pain
ST. GEMMA GALGANI
16th May

for difficult marriages
ST. RITA OF CASCIA
22nd May

for impossible causes
ST. RITA OF CASCIA

for those who suffer from
loneliness and despair
ST. RITA OF CASCIA

for healing of families
ST. RITA OF CASCIA

for healing of infidelity
ST. RITA OF CASCIA

for the gift of humility
ST. PHILIP NERI
26th May

for joy
ST. PHILIP NERI

for healing
of families
ST. EUGENE
DE MAZENOD
27th May

for those that are being
baptized or confirmed
HOLY SPIRIT
23rd May

for guidance or wisdom
in decision making
HOLY SPIRIT

for the Gifts
of the Holy Spirit
HOLY SPIRIT

for the conversion
of sinners
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
13th May

to prepare for the
Feast of the Ascension
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
16th May

for the courage and strength
to follow the will of God
ST. JOAN OF ARC
30th May

for healing of those with HIV
ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER
10th May

for those with leprosy
ST. DAMIEN DE VEUSTER

to celebrate Jesus
present in the
Most Holy Eucharist
CORPUS CHRISTI
6th June