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Grace News



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Daily: Morning: 9.00am - 12.30pm

Office is closed on Saturday evening and Sunday

Masses on Sundays

Mornings:
6.30, 8.00, 9.30am
11.00 am (English)

Evening:
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.



SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE: FRUITFUL INFERTILITY



Although they are known for being the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus, Sts. Joachim and Anne spent the vast majority of their lives as a couple facing infertility. Pious tradition tells us that they were quite old when Mary was conceived, and then they entrusted her to the care of the Temple when she was weaned. They spent most of their life together as a childless couple. Yet, their love was immensely fertile.

Although they are never mentioned in the Scriptures, pious tradition has handed down the identities of these crucial figures in salvation history.

As the story goes, Joachim and Anne were a pious couple who had been hoping and praying for a child all of their marriage. Though criticized by their neighbours, they placed their trust in God. They knew that he would give them a child if he willed it, and in the meantime, they focused on growing in holiness as a couple.

Finally, St. Joachim decided to go into the wilderness to pray for a time, and St. Anne stayed behind, doing the same.

While they were apart, St. Gabriel visited each of them, and told them that they would conceive a daughter. This detail, too, is significant. In stories of infertile couples in Scripture, either God does not send an angel to either parent (such as in the story of Hannah), or he only sends the angel to one (Elizabeth and Zachariah). The only exception to this rule is Mary and Joseph, but even in this case, Joseph receives a message from the angel after Mary does. Also, at least one spouse is usually doubtful in these cases. Zachariah doubts and loses the power of speech (even though he was the one to see the angel), while Elizabeth believes that God will give them a child. Abraham believes, but Sarah laughs.

But in the case of Anne and Joachim, God not only sent the angel Gabriel to both of them but he also did it simultaneously. And both spouses responded with joy and faith. Joachim raced home to Anne, and Anne met and embraced him at the city gate.

That loving embrace is actually meant to symbolize the intimate, marital embrace by which Mary was conceived. The beauty of the Immaculate Conception is that it occurred by means of an ordinary conjugal act, made holy by God's grace at work in that marriage. Anne and Joachim really had no reason – other than faith – to believe that this embrace would result in a child. They came together only because of the message of the angel.

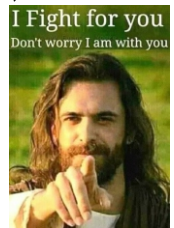
This faith of theirs, lived out in the context of ordinary marital love, is what is really remarkable about them. God didn't choose just any couple to be the parents of Mary. He chose a couple who was already living out a devout life together, trusting in God's plan. He knew that Mary would need an example of that heroic, faithful trust in her life. After decades of hoping, praying, and trying, Anne and Joachim were finally granted a child.

FR. JOE A. RODRIGUES
PARISH PRIEST

Konn amkam khori khuxalkai dita?

Hea sonvsarant aplem gonvllik kam' kortanam Jezun sodanch dusream sovem aplem doyall kalliz dakhoilem.

- ★ Eka randd bailek ekloch put aslo ani to melolo. Taka purunk vortale. Ti sarkich niraxi zaleli. Jezu tika mhonnta “Roddum naka”. Tea uprant, melelea tornatteak Jezu mhonnta “Hanv tuka sangtam, utth”. Jezu taka Jivont korta. (Lk 7:11-15). Jezu tika doya dakoita ani **khuxal korta**.
- ★ Pordvarant sampoddlê bailek Jezu-xim haddtat. Jezu tichi kaklut korta. Tika Jezu mhonnta: “Hanv-ui tujer khastichem formonn marina, voch ani fuddem anik patok korum nakat.(Jn. 8:1-11).Jezu tika doya dakoita ani **khuxal korta**.
- ★ Koddan bhorlolo êk monis Jezu lagim magta: “ Saiba, Tuka khoxi asot zalear, Tujean mhaka nitoll korunk zata”. Jezu mhonnta : “ Hoi mhaka khoxi asa, tum nitoll za” ; tech goddier tachem kodd nanch zalem (Lk 5: 12-13). Jezu taka doya dakoita and **khuxal korta**.
- ★ Bartimev mhonelelea kurddeak Jezu vicharta : Hanvem tuka kitem kêl'lem zai? “Guruji mhaka novean nodor ieam-xi kor”.Jezun taka nodor dili ani to Jezu bori cholun ghelo (Mk 10: 46-52). Jezu taka doya dakhoita ani **khuxal korta**.
- ★ Hê porim aplea jivitan Jezu sodanch doyall aslo ani bhov korun piddestank, patkeank doya dakoitalo ani **khuxalkai ditalo**. Atam porian Jezu doya amkam dakoita ani **khori khuxalkai amkam dita**.
- ★ Aiz Jezu amkam sangta: “Mhoje- xim ieiata.” (Mt 11: 28). Jezu-xim ami ietanv tednam:
 - * Jezuchi buzvonn ani gottai amkam mellta.
 - * Jezucho mog ami chaktanv. Ami-i mogall zatantv.
 - * Jezucher amcho visvas vadtta. Taka ulo martantv.
 - * Jezuk ani dusreankui khoro man ami ditantv.
 - * Jezuk chiktun ravtantv. Dusreankui pavtantv.
 - * Jezu amkam khori khuxalkai dita.
- ★ Teach porim, Jezu aiz amkam mhonnta “Mhoje lagim xikat kiteak hanv xant ani lhan'vik kallzacho” (Mt 11:29). Jezucher nodor marun ani Tachi xikvonn gheun, Jezu bhaxen zaum-ia. Ek hindu bhav mhonntalo: “Jezu bhaxen aschem hanvem uloitana, vavurtana”. Hench git Gaionanchea Jheleacher amkam mellta ani zaitech pautti tem ami gaitantv. Jezu bhaxen zaunk Devan amkam vichun kaddleant. Bhagevont zaunk, khottavinn zaunk, mogan bhorlelim zaunk, Jezu bhaxen zaunk ani **khuxal zaunk** Dev amkam disandis apoita. “Kôr mhojem kalliz tujea kallza sarkem” him utram zaitech pavtti ami mhonnum-ia ani Jezu bhaxen zaunk Tachoch adhar magum-ia. Kallzantan magnnem korun, mogan jieun ani ekamekak kallzantan bhogsun, dusreank pavun ani adhar diun, borim utram uloun, mogall ani doyall kornnêo adharun, Jezu bhaxen zaun, ami **khuxal zaum-ia**.



Fr. Joseph da Silva

THE BROWN SCAPULAR: GARMENT OF OUR LADY

The Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel every year on the 16th of July. During the apparitions at Fatima in the year 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary normally wore a white habit with gold trim and a gold belt at her waist. But during her apparition to the children when the miracle of the sun occurred, she appeared wearing the Carmelite brown habit representing the glorious mysteries of the Rosary. Before that, Mary had appeared to Bernadette Soubirous at Lourdes around 18 times (from February to July 1858). On 16th of July (commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel), Bernadette went for the last time to the Grotto and reported, *“I have never seen her so beautiful before.”*

The Commemoration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, instituted around 1374, was originally a celebration of profound thanksgiving for all the graciousness that Mary had shown to the Carmelite Order, helping it through many tempests and crises. Two centuries later, when the scapular devotion had taken the Catholic world by storm, the celebration on 16th July became a Scapular feast, not only of the Carmelites but of the universal Church. The scapular devotion has worked wonders in the lives of many people. But do we really know its deep spiritual significance? Let us try to understand this sign of Mary's protection, better.

Origin:

The English word “*scapular*” is derived from the Latin, “*scapulae*”, which means “*shoulders*.” Originally, scapulars were somewhat like aprons, worn by Benedictine monks and nuns. The *Rule of St. Benedict* in the sixth or seventh century, required that the monks used their religious habits most of the time, and even at night. On the other hand, the *Rule* emphasized the importance of manual labour, in the monastery itself, or in the garden, or, even in the fields. To protect the habit from getting soiled, aprons were introduced in the course of time. These aprons were called “*scapulars*.” In the course of more time, the scapulars became part of the monastic habit, and continued to be adapted to the different forms of life-style associated with the Benedictine Rule: Cluniacs, Carthusians, Cistercians, Camaldolese, Trappists; and later passed on to the new forms of religious life, like the mendicants, among whom were the Franciscans, Dominicans and Carmelites.

The Carmelite Tradition:

The Carmelites have a very special tradition regarding the scapular. In 1251 the General of the Order, St. Simon Stock, implored the help of the Virgin chanting "*Flos Carmeli*" bountiful life, splendour of heaven, Virgin singular mother, protect your Carmelite sons. In the same year, it is traditionally reported that on 16th of July the Virgin appeared to him and gave him the holy scapular with these words: "*receive my son this habit of the Order, which will be for you and for all the Carmelites the privilege of my love. Who dies with this will not suffer the fire of hell.*"

Arnold Bostius is one of the most eloquent fifteenth century spokesmen of this Carmelite tradition. This mariologist eulogizes the merits of the scapular, considering the scapular, a sacramental to which the Church attaches indulgences and other spiritual effects. Bostius calls it a sign of unity and a bond of charity. He reminds the scapular wearer of his/her commitment to Mary: "*to invoke her in necessities, to contemplate her life and virtues, to live in dependence on her.*" Bostius also informs us of the custom of some lay folk who wished to join the confraternity of Our Lady, and secretly wore this garment and armour of the Order during their life-time, and wished to die wearing the scapular.

Biblical Connection:

Today, instead of emphasizing on the scapular vision, we are invited to give more biblical and theological reasons for this practise which has been approved in the Church and promoted by many Popes. What is said in the Bible about the significance and symbolism of clothing, can be summarized in the words of Henry Cardinal Vaughan in a Pastoral Letter he wrote to the faithful: "*The Holy Scriptures themselves show us that from the earliest times the bestowal of a garment has been used as an indication of love and favour. The Patriarch Jacob gave his favourite son Joseph, a many-coloured tunic as a sign of special love; Jonathan stripped himself of the coat with which he was clothed and gave it to David because he loved him as his soul. Elias ascending to heaven bestowed his cloak upon Eliseus as a sign of the descent upon him of his own prophetic spirit.*"

We learn of how Mary wrapped her Son with love and affection in swaddling clothes. Later, in his parables, Jesus speaks of the wedding garment required to take part in a *wedding banquet* (cfr. Mt 22:11). Further in the New

Testament, Paul urges believers “to put on Christ.” Finally, in the letter to the Ephesians, we read: “Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the enemy's treachery” (6:11).

In the proto-history of the Carmelite Order, the scapular has a Christological significance, referring to the “yoke of Christ,” rather than a Marian significance. Whether we consider the scapular as symbolizing the “armour of God” or the “mantle of Mary,” the essential requirement is that we retain the garment of grace without which we shall not be admitted to the Heavenly Banquet. The interior armour of God are the sterling virtues of our Queen and Mother, Mary and the scapular is a standing invitation to imitate her faith, love, humility and fortitude. Scapular wearers should cooperate with Mary who tells them what she told the servants when the wine failed at the wedding-feast of Cana: “Do whatever He tells you” (Jn 2:5).

Ecclesiastical Approval:

No wonder that Popes and church documents have repeatedly recommended the use of the Carmelite scapular, as they have recommended the rosary.

Pius XII writes: ... Whoever wears “the scapular professes to be like the knight of the thirteenth century --- the era to which the scapular traces its origin --- who was inspired to bravery and confidence in combat under the eyes of his lady.”

Pope St John Paul II addressed a message to the Carmelite Family in 2001 (the 750th anniversary of the bestowal of the scapular) and ended it with these words: “I too have worn the scapular of Carmel over my heart for a long time!”

A person can be enrolled in the scapular only once. Traditionally it is done on the day of the First Holy Communion. The scapular can be replaced with a medal, which has on one side the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and on the other, the image of Mary. There is a special rite of blessing and enrolling, which should preferably take place within a community celebration. All priests and deacons have the faculties to conduct this rite and bless scapulars.

- Fr. Silvestre D'Souza OCD

(Superior, Carmelite Monastery, Aquem, Margao, Goa)

XEPAI - XEMAIMCHO U'GDDAS

Chear-ui Xubhvortomananim Jezuchea xepai-xemainchi vo saibin maiechea avoi-bapaichi khoboruch mellonam punn Jacobachea Proto-Gospal zo dusrea xekddeachea moddinch boroilolo, to tanchi nanva Anna vo Hannah mhunnge kurpa ani Joaquim mhunnge Dev soddolta mhunn amkam kollit korta. Tanka, bhurgim nasli, punn tanchea thambonastana kel'lea magnneank Dev tankam eke cholliecho zolm favo korta. Hea bhurgeachem nanv zaun asa Maria. Mariek Devache podven Jezu zolmota ani hea khatir Sant Joaquim ani Anna Jezuchi xepai-xemai zaunk pavta. Tancho ugdass Povitr Sobhent Julai-ache 26ver manddun haddla amkam kitem xikunk, vo kiteak lagun... hea karanan khatir...



- a. Tannim Mariek zolmank haddli ani Devak zai te porim vaddoilim, Devachea mogan ani kurpen tika tannim samball'li.
- b. Tannim Mariek Devachea soddvonnechea vavrak toyar keli. Izrael porza soddvonnarak rautali. To ieun porjek suttka melltoli mhunn ti axetali. Osle poristhitin aple dhuvek, Devan koslem-i tori karia toyar kalam astolem mhunn somzun, tannim tika soddvonnechea vavrak toyar keli.
- c. Tannim Ankvar Mariek Devachi avoi zaunk toyar keli. Joaquim ani Anna Devachea utrak ani khuxen sodanch ugtti asli. Devak zai tem korunk, mon'xanchi loz legit bhogunk tim toyar aslim. Him tanchi vagnunk tannim aple dhuvek dili ani Devachea utrak ani khuxek sodanch ugtti asunk tannim tika toyar keli.

Tor tanchim Porob somorombhtana tanchi chal ani gunn appnauk vaurum-ia.

NOAH'S ARK

Early this year 2021 the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in India, and said:

Once again the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me.

Build another Ark and save 2 of every living thing long with a few good humans.

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying:

You have 6 months to build the Ark before I will start the unending rain for 40 days and 40 nights.

Six months later, now in June, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard – but no Ark.

Noah! He roared, I'm about to start the rain!

Where is the Ark ?

Forgive me, Lord, begged Noah, but things have changed.

I needed a building permit. I've been arguing with the inspector about the urgent need for the permit. But he needs a huge bribe.

Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the animals – but they also need a huge fee to allow that!

When I started gathering the animals, an animal rights group sued me. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will.

Then the court ruled that I couldn't build the Ark until the government conducted an environmental impact study on your proposed flood.

Then there is a government regulation on compulsory employing minorities, backward classes, schedule classes for building the ship.

The trade unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers .

To make matters worse, the government have seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 20 years for me to finish this Ark.

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a

 rainbow stretched across the sky.

Noah looked up in wonder and asked “You mean you're not going to destroy the world?”

“No,” said the Lord. “The Government already has ...”

SOME LAWS THAT WE DIDN'T LEARN AT SCHOOL

1. **LORENZ'S LAW OF MECHANICAL REPAIR:** Once your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.
2. **ANTHONY'S LAW OF THE WORKSHOP:** Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. **KOVAC'S CONUNDRUM:** When you dial a wrong number, you never get an engaged tone.
4. **CANNON'S KARMIC LAW:** If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tyre, the next morning you will have a flat tyre.
5. **O'BRIEN'S VARIATION LAW:** If you change queues, the one you have left will start to move faster than the one you are in now.
6. **BELL'S THEOREM:** When the body is immersed in water, the telephone rings.
7. **RUBY'S PRINCIPLE OF CLOSE ENCOUNTERS:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
8. **WILLOUGHBY'S LAW:** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
9. **ZADRA'S LAW OF BIOMECHANICS:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
10. **BREDA'S RULE:** At any event, the people whose seats are farthest from the aisle arrive last.
11. **OWEN'S LAW:** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee gets cold...

Please keenly observe such actions in your daily life and you may surprisingly find it's true. Cheers!!!!!!

BEAUTIFUL 10 LINES

Someone has written these 10 beautiful lines. Read and try to understand the deeper meaning of them.

- 1) Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "STEERING WHEEL" that direct the right path throughout life.
- 2) Why is a car's windshield so large & the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
- 3) Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
- 4) All things in life are temporary. If they are going well, enjoy them, they will not last forever. If they are going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.

- 5) Old friends are gold! New friends are diamonds! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! To hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
- 6) Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart; it's just a bend, not the end!"
- 7) When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in his abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems, he has faith in your abilities.
- 8) A blind person asked GOD: "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision!"
- 9) When you pray for others, GOD listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
- 10) Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

If you enjoyed this, please copy it and pass it to others. it may brighten someone else's day, too...

Monsoon Laff

Manager asked Pedru at an interview.

Can you spell a word that has more letters in it?

Pedru : P-O-S-T-B-O-X.

After returning back from a foreign trip, Pedru asked his wife,
Do I look like a foreigner?

Wife: No! Why?

Pedru : In London a lady asked me Are you a foreigner?

Lecturer: write a note on Gandhi Jayanthi

Pedru writes, "Gandhi was a great man, but I don't know who is Jayanthi.

Interviewer: just imagine you are on the 3rd floor, it caught fire and how will you escape?

Pedru: its simple. I will stop my imagination!!!

Pedru : My mobile bill how much?

Call centre girl: sir, just dial 123 to know your current bill status

Pedru: Stupid, not CURRENT BILL my MOBILE BILL.

Friend: I got a brand new Ford IKON for my wife!

Pedru: Wow!!! That's an unbelievable exchange offer!!!

Teacher: "What is common between JESUS, KRISHNA , RAM, GANDHI and BUDHA?"

Pedru: "All are born on government holidays...!!!

Sir: What is difference between Orange and Apple?

Pedru : Color of Orange is ORANGE, but color of Apple is not APPLE.

OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM

In 1061, a lady of the manor of little Walsingham in Norfolk a widow named Richeldis prayed to our lady asking how she could honour her in some special way. In answer to this prayer Mary led Richeldis in spirit to Nazareth and showed her the house in which she had first received the Angels message. Mary told Richeldis to take the measurements of this house and build another one just like this in Walsingham. It would be a place where people could come and honour her son remembering specially the mystery of the Annunciation and Mary's joyful yes to conceiving the Savior.



The shrine was destroyed at the time of the reformation and only rebuilt in the beginning of the twentieth century, mainly due to the inspired leadership of the angelic vicar of Walsingham, Fr. Hope Pattern, and formed the statue of Mary sitting and her son on her lap with the book of gospels.

The Queen of heaven and earth brings us all that we request. Our spiritual mother Mary the mother of God with the power of the holy spirit brought The word made flesh to our world and our lives that we can have a mother to nurture us when we are suffering and to join us when we are jubilant. She is the one that we can send our mourning and cries and our joy. I believe that she visit those who are sick in heart, mind and soul. To them she brings reason and new life back to their soul. We all are blessed in a special way.

**Adson Fernandes
IX Pedda**

POVITR SOBHECHEM JIVIT

BAUTIZMA VORVIM DEIVIK JIVIT MEVLAM:

20-06-2021 - Alver Nate Redkar: Gopal ramesh Redkar
ani Alria Crasto (Pedda-Margao)

27-06-2021 - Melbon Fernandes: Joepelly Fernandes
ani Marina Fernandes (Chinchal-Margao)

- Raizy D'Souza: James Joseph D'Souza
ani Reena Carvalho (Marketward)



MORNNÄ VORVIM SASNNIK JIVIT SURU ZALAM:

30-05-2021 - Mariquinha Platecina Fernandes (Malbhat)

04-06-2021 - Eusebio Mascarenhas (Pedda-Margao)

16-06-2021 - Josefato Gonsalves (Comba-Baixo)

27-06-2021 - Domingo Salazar Dias (Chinchall)



"AMCHEXIM RAV JEZU"

Jezu Krist aiz, kal ani sodankal jivo asa. Jezuchea mornna uprant, Tachea xisank Emmaus ek novo bhorvamxeachi ani bhavartachi vatt zali. Niraxiponnan, bhirantin, dhuki ani guspagondollak sampoddlole astana, Cleopas ani tache baroborche Xis Emmaus vattek asle, thoim Tannim jivont zal'lea Jezuk bhettun, aplea jivitachi vatt bodol'li ani novo havev ghevun portole.

Aplea potik Parkinson zalam mhonn, ek voros bhor tiche potinin, taka pekovnni mellunk zaitea retirant, brotheramxim vhele, punn khainch zaunk nam, akhrekh tika, kerela thaun portun yetana, eka dorxonant awaz zalo. "Polle, tujea potichi pidda hanvem daddlea, maka zai, tannem ani tunvem sosunk, hea vorvim, zaite tanelole purgotintle otme, sorgar pavounk, maka zai hea koxttam vorvim tumchea kuttumbant xanti sovostkai ailoli." Hea dorxonanchea uzvaddan, tannim hi pidda mogan swikarli, ani bhorvomxean dha vorsam, hech pidden jielo ani xantin somplo. Punn dispottim, misant vantto ghevun, aplo ani dusreancho bhavart, okhondd kelo. Devachea utrachea sfurten, Jezuchem dorxan amkam, soglleank dipkai, ani amchem kalliz ani mon bhuloita. Amchea jivitachea godditank, ani kariavollink orth dita. Dev khorenych amchea barobor cholta, ani amkam dhor ghoddiamnim, Povitr pustokachi xikvonn dita, ani povitr mister amkam somzaita, ani niyallunk adar dita.

Jezun, ratchem jevnank ravpachem amontronn, aplea xisamchem mandun ghetlem, ani tanchea TV sangata ravlo. Bhag.Luke amkam sangta, "To jevnar astana, Tannem Unddo ghetlo, bapak dinvaslo ani moddlo, ani tankam dilo"(Lk 22: 19). Hich khornni polleun, tanche dolle ugoddle, ani tankam ugddas ailo, kiteak hich khunna, Tannem nimannea jevnar vapuddloli.

Hi Xisamchi, Emmaus vattechi yatra tem Jeruzaleachea mondirant, zaun asa amchi-i yatra, Povitr Sobhechi yatra. Hi yatra amkam kallokant tem uzvaddant pavoita, niraxiponnnna tem bhorvomso zagoita, asotak tem sotak pavoita, vaittak tem boreak pavoita, dukhak tem sukhak vhorta. Khorenych hi yatra, novsornnechi, jivit bodolpachi ani kristi jivit jieunchi folladik yatra. Hea yatrechem magnnem, xisamni kel'lem sobit magnnem, "Amchexim rav".

Jezu sodanch, amchem hem magnnem aikota. Sodankal, amchea sangata asa ani cholta. Jezu povitr pustok, amkam xikoita ani povitr misachea bolidanant hajir zata, ani amche sangata, sodankal astolo hachi, khol khatri amkam dita. Magum-ia, hea Corona pest piddechea disamni, teach jivont Jezu lagim, sodanch amchea sangata cholunk, ani amchem mon ani kalliz, Bapacha utran ani atmeache sfurten bhorunk. Tannem kel'lea vismitancho ugddas korun, amcho bhavart niraxi ani holu zavun halona zaunk, amchem-i magnnem "amchexim rav Jezu."

▲ SHORT REFLECTION

Society insists on proper training before even a driving licence is issued but no training is required to get married and have children. However, since Christian marriage is a sacrament, the Church wants engaged couples to be well prepared. After all, marriage is perhaps the biggest step they will ever take to fulfil Jesus' command of love...

Ready for Life Beyond the Wedding?

Isn't it strange how most people put in so much effort to prepare for a journey, invest in a financial plan or find a job, and yet when it comes to marriage – something which will completely transform their lives – they spend so little time preparing for it and learning new skills? Society insists on proper training before a driving licence is issued but no training is required to get married and have children!

Not that we don't prepare. We often spend hours discussing the finer details of the wedding day with no effort or expense spared. But hardly any time is devoted to discussing and planning the future which will last a lifetime. Is it any wonder that so many marriages face problems in quick time? And the troubles frequently get worse rather than better because we just don't have the tools to handle conflict or disagreements. That is why the Holy Father's Prayer Intention for June is: 'Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage...'

Most young people (including myself 20 years ago) view the marriage preparation requirements of the Church as an irksome burden. After all, "We just want to get married!" Yet studies have shown that such preparation programmes not only significantly reduce the risk of divorce, but that most couples find them a valuable experience. My wife and I did too.

Since Christian marriage is a sacrament, the Church wants engaged couples to be well prepared. It urges couples to spend their time preparing for a strong, lifelong marriage, and the responsibilities and challenges that come with it. Dioceses and parishes offer marriage preparation courses to help couples develop a better understanding of the sacrament, to evaluate and deepen their readiness to enter into married life, and to gain insights into themselves as persons and as a couple. Such courses help engaged couples realise that love cannot be turned in on itself. Instead, they must be open to the self-sacrificial, life-giving love of God.

Apart from the formal course, the couple need to discern if and why they truly want to get married. Are they God's choice for each other? Do they treat each other with respect – verbally, spiritually and physically? Are they open-minded and flexible rather than unyielding and dogmatic, insisting on doing things their way? Many forget that marriage is not just about two people in love but about two families. That is why it is important to talk about in-laws, family

traditions, children, aspirations for life, and other sensitive topics before marriage. And spending time speaking to God together not only fosters bonding but also attracts the gifts of the Spirit.

Marriage is perhaps the biggest step a couple will ever take to fulfil Jesus' command of love (Mt 22:37-40). An idea a friend shared was to frame and keep a copy of the nuptial vows in a place where they'll be a continual reminder of what we promised each other before God on our wedding day.

If the wedding day can be compared to Jesus' Transfiguration, before too long we will encounter a cross which we will have to pick up and carry rather than flee from. Thus only by dying to selfishness and fear will we be able to rise again and become more Christ-like towards each other. And for that we need to plead in advance for the Father's mercy, Jesus' loving presence, and the Holy Spirit's gifts.

- **Karl Pinto de Sousa**

Pap Saibacho Son'kolp

JULAI 2021 - SAMANIA

Somajik, arthik ani rajkaronnik vegllochiar asa thoim khor kallzachea umalleamni ami su-sonvad ani ixhtagot bandun haddpi zaunk magum-ia

Sonvsarant uprastat teo dusmankayeo hea tin karonnank lagon choddxeo uprastat: somajik, arthik ani rajkornnik. Heo dusmankayeo pois korunk hea mhoineachea intensanvan Papa Fransis upai dita ani te mhonnlear ixhtagot ani su-sonvad. Ixhtagott bandun eka-mekachea boreponna pasot amchean vaurunk zata. Raxttram dusmankayen nopoit zatat. Dusmankayen sonvsar nopoit zata. Ani sogllean von vhoddlo dusman zaun asa zhuz. Aiz ami polletanv sonvsar zhuzank lagon kobar zata. Zhuzam vattaunk



boreantlo boro upai su-sonvad. Dogam modem upraslolo tontto suddavo korunk su-sonvad korun ulounk zai. Aplench khorem korchem soddun, amchea sadea ani kednam-kednam-i koththin proitnam udexim, dusmankai asa thoim, ekvott bandtoleanv, pul bandtoleanv, soglleanv xanti ximpddaitooleanv, tednam ami veg-vegglea sonvsrutayancho mellavo kortooleanv. Ani su-sonvad folladik zatolo to khor kallzachea umalleamni zalo zalear ani nhoi voilea-voir.

BIG MAMMA'S CORNER!

Hello my lovelies,

The rains are here again, and things around are showing an improvement. Another 6 months for 2022 to begin! Yet I cannot help, but wonder, what will it bring???? After all, the past 1 and a half years have seen and brought about drastic changes in all our lifestyles – thanks to the coronavirus. So, will there be further mutations of the virus?? Will there be a third wave?? Or will it all suddenly fade away just as silently as it arrived??

So many questions and never enough answers. And this is what I was thinking off as I was penning down my message to you for this month. However, it being time for our daily online tv mass, I took a break, planning on getting back later. As I was hearing the Gospel (Matthew 6: 25 – 34), God sent me the answer to all the questions I seemed to have penned down earlier. And I couldn't help but smile at the way in which He chose to remind me of something simple, yet small – as small as a mustard seed (Matthew 17:20) – FAITH!

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your Heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?



I originally hail from the parish of ‘the doubting Thomas’ – and hence, perhaps, worrying/doubting seems ingrained (no pun intended). Hence, I need to often either remind myself, or be reminded (as in the day's Gospel reading), of what is in store for me – I only need to believe!!

Yet, human that I am, I still struggle. And, perhaps there are some others like me – hence I am talking about this yet again, as a reassurance to me, and to you.... Faith....Belief.... Hope.... Trust....

I lost my mother at 4 years and was brought up, single-handedly, by my father (of course, with help from my grand-parents when he was at work). Things could have been so different for me if he wasn't the way he was. Post my mum's death, he could have resorted to drinking (or other vices) – but his vice was God. He might have immersed himself with work, but he didn't, and always made time for me. I remember, he personally accompanied me to all the competitions I participated in, and post that, we'd always go for a masala dosa (whether I won or lost). He had, and still has,

tremendous trust and faith in Him. Throughout his life, even when things were tough, he learnt to ‘surrender’ to His will, believing that He knows best!! Till date, whenever I have any doubts, or worries, he constantly reminds me: “Have faith baby. TRUST IN GOD”! (Yes, he still calls me baby even though I am no longer one!!)

So for our parable for the month, we will look at the parable of the mustard seed (Matthew 13: 31 – 32). In this parable, Jesus tells of a man who took a mustard seed and planted it in his field. Jesus points out that the mustard seed is one of the smallest of seeds, but when it grows, it becomes a huge tree. With its hugeness and strength, it can sustain and assist the lives of other creatures. So also, if we plant this small seed of faith in our lives, it would grow big enough to benefit others as well as ourselves. Faith is our greatest investment – it will see us through.



***Keep the faith!!
Big Mamma.***

ACTIVITY

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words which are based on the parable of the mustard seed.

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85TH BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE OF ABDONIA D'SA e VAS



Born on
31/07/1936

Died on
26/05/2021

*We miss you immensely but know that you are somewhere better.
Happy Birthday in heaven, Mom.*

*Fondly remembered by loving Children
Vincente & Joycelyne and family
Pedda - Margao*

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

❖ What is Apologetics?

"In the beginning ... God." The first words of the Bible (see Gn 1:1) affirm an essential teaching of the Christian faith: **Before all else, God is.** It's a reality that seems obvious to most Christians, yet many people doubt or deny it.

Challenges are often issued to other articles the Christian faith as well, such as the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and to specifically Catholic beliefs, such as the unique authority of the pope. For this reason, Christians - and Catholic Christians in particular - often find themselves defending their beliefs in conversations with non-believers.

The Greek word for "defense" is **apologia**. Our English word "apology" is derived from it. In its classical definition, "apology" did not mean an admission of wrong, as the modern English word suggests. Rather, an apology was a defense or justification of a belief. For example, students of philosophy or the classics are familiar with Plato's **Apology**: an account of Socrates' defense of his teaching.

In the present context, then, "apologetics" refers to *the reasonable defense of the Christian faith*. It is one aspect of what our Lord Jesus talked about when he urged us to love God with all our mind (see Lk 10:27). Faith is not opposed to reason; in fact, reason, rightly understood, is a support to faith.

The foundations of Christian apologetics were laid by our Lord himself when he presented "many proofs" of his resurrection (see Acts 1:3), including his appearance to skeptical, hard-nosed, "doubting" Thomas and the other apostles (see Jn 20:24-29). The resulting apostolic proclamation of the gospel included eyewitness (legal or scientific) testimony as a central feature (see, e.g., Lk 1:1-4; Acts 2:32).

St. Paul likewise engaged in apologetics, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks of the truth of Christianity. His reasoned style of evangelization is demonstrated in his sermon on the Areopagus, Mars Hill, in philosophy-dominated Athens (see Acts 17:22-34) and in his determination to "become all things to all, to save at least some" (1 Cor 9:22). The apostle's approach to sharing and defending his faith should encourage Catholics today to follow his example.



"Stay with us..."

(Lk.24, 29)

"Amche-xim rav..."

(Lk.24, 29)

BRID-ACHI OLLOKH GHEUM-IA

*(Hea Brid-antlean Bispache Chittichi thoddi-bhov mahiti diunk kolakar-acho proitn zala
The Logo is the pictorial description of the essential elements of the Pastoral Letter).*

'Amche-xim rav' (Lk. 24: 29)
Aplim kallzam bhorle-bhor
ulpon aslolea tea don
xisamcho ho ek ulo,
apnnank thavem
zainastana tanchea vangdda
choltolea ani tanchim
kallzam ulpaitolea jivont
Jezuk.

Jivont Jezuchem chitr hea
brid-acho maz, toxench
mornnavoir
Jivontponnachea zoitachi,
tech porim he srixttint ani
amam ek-ekleachea
jivitache yatrent Jezuchea
asnneachi khunna.

Sat monxeanchim rupam (don
Emmausache vatter
aslolea xisam khatir
ani urlolim sonvsarachea
panch-ui khonddanchea
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khuxalkayen Devak chikttun ravun
(Evangelii Gaudium) bhav-
bhoinnimchi seva (Fratelli Tutti)
ani Srixtticho samball korun
(Laudato Si) jiyeunk
proitn kortat tim bhavarti
khunnaitat.

Hem vhold kam'
dispott'te Misache
Bhetteche sokten, Tachea
utranche sfurten ani
Tachea jevnachea bollan
fuddem veta.

The theme, 'Stay With Us' (Lk 24.
29) is from the Easter narrative of
the Risen Lord joining the
two disciples on the road
to Emmaus but still
feeling lost because of what had
happened that Good
Friday.

The most prominent
figure of the logo is the
Risen Lord - a symbol of
victory of Easter over
Good Friday, of Life over
death and of His abiding
presence in the Universe
and in our own life-
journeys today.

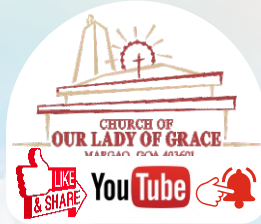
The seven human figures - two for
the disciples on the way to
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representing humankind
on the five continents -
are expressions of the faithful
today who, joyfully remaining with
the Lord (Evangelii Gaudium),
strive to move out in the service of
the brothers and sisters (Fratelli
Tutti), caring also for the
nature (Laudato Si).
This entire action moves
forward through the
power of the daily
Eucharist, motivated by
His words and
strengthened by His meal.





Eucharistic Miracles

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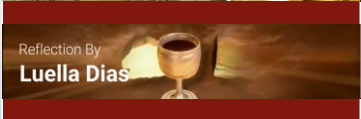
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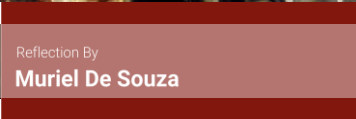


Eucharistic Miracle of Saint Clare of Assisi

Italy 1240



Reflection By
Luella Dias



Reflection By
Muriel De Souza



Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano

ITALY, 1300 A.D.



Eucharistic Miracle in Buenos Aires

ARGENTINA



Eucharistic Miracle in Legnica

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