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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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This week's gospel message:

Humility is truth

William Carey, the great missionary of India, was a very humble man despite his great linguistic skills and botanical achievements. He had translated the Bible into several Indian languages. The intellectuals and men of high positions in Calcutta recognized him. On one occasion the Governor General of India invited him to a party. As they sat around the table, one of the invitees asked another whether this was the Carey who was once a shoemaker. Carey overheard this comment and turned to the person and said, in all humility, "No, Sir, I was only a cobbler."

--John Rose in 'John's Sunday Homilies'

The central theme of today's first reading and the Gospel is HUMILITY. Humility is a quality of being courteously respectful of others. It is the opposite of aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness and pride. Rather than saying "Me First", humility allows us to say "No, you first, my friend". Humility is the quality that let's us go out of our way to meet the needs and demands of others.

We often misunderstand the virtue of humility. We think that humility is self-depreciating and we associate it with humiliation. In reality humility means placing our trust in God alone, before our mental power, muscle power, our personality and so on. We believe that God sits at the head of our table and directs our life. Qualities such as courtesy, patience, humility have a prominent place in our human society than anger, resentment, prejudice, malicious gossip, greed and arrogance etc. It is because friendship is dissolved over angry words, resentments divide families, prejudice separates race from race, malicious gossip destroys reputations, greed puts enmity between the rich and the poor. To live in peace and harmony with all persons we need to cultivate the virtue of humility. Humility dissipates anger, resentments, prejudices etc. It allows us to see the dignity and worth of all God's people.

One type of humility is self-effacement – the habit of doing good deeds, or indeed just daily work, secretly and anonymously, without expecting thanks. A good example of that is a teacher, who in preparation for Thanksgiving Day asked her class of first graders to draw a picture of something for which they were thankful. She thought of how little these children from their poor neighbourhood had. She imagined that most of them would draw pictures of turkeys or tables of food. But the teacher was taken aback with the picture little Douglas handed in -a childishly drawn hand. The teacher showed it to the class to decide whose hand it was. "I think it must be the hand of God that brings us food," said one child. "A farmer," said another, "because he grows the turkeys." When the others were at work, the teacher bent over Douglas' desk and asked whose hand it was. "It is your hand, teacher," he mumbled. It was only then that she recalled that frequently at recess she had taken Douglas, a scrubby forlorn child by the hand. She often did that with the children; it had obviously meant a lot to Douglas. For herself, she was grateful for the chance, in whatever small way, to give self-effacedly to others.

-Harold Buetow in 'God Still Speaks: Listen!'

HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY TO ALL OUR DEAR TEACHERS!

Mass Schedule:

Sunday: 6,7,8,9,15 a.m. & 5.30 , 6.30p.m

At Kopri: Every Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

Weekday: 6 & 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.

and at 6.30 a.m. in Holy Cross Convent

Mass in Marathi: 3rd Sunday at 7. a.m

Mass in Konkani: 4th Sunday at 7. a.m.

Mass in Hindi: 5th Sunday at 7.00 a.m.

Tamil Mass: 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am

Confessions: Saturday: 6 to 7 p.m.

Baptisms: Sunday: 10.15 a.m.

Marriages: Weekday at 5.15 p.m.

Sunday: 5.30 p.m. & 6.30 pm

Funerals: Any day: 10 to 11.45 a.m. &

4 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

Sacrament of the sick: on request.

House Blessing: With prior arrangement.

Novenas: St. Anthony's: Tuesday 7.30pm

Perpetual Succour Novena:

After 7 p.m. Mass on Wednesday.

Charismatic Prayer Service [English]

On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion: On Fridays at 6.00

p.m. except on 1st Friday

Sunday School: after 8.00 a.m. Mass

Night Adoration: at 8.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m

on last Saturday

Office Timings: 9.00 a.m. to 12.30

5.00 p.m. to 07.00

Sunday: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

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***This week's announcements
September 02, 2007.***

1. On Sunday, 2nd September there will be Mass at 10.00 a.m. at Our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal. A bus will leave the school premises for Ghormal at 9.00 a.m.
2. *Novena in preparation of the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady continues. The novena Mass in our church at 7.00 p.m. and at Kopri will be at 7.15 p.m. Parents will please encourage their children to attend the novena daily at 7.00 p.m. Mass. Novena details are given below.*
3. *During the Novena of Our Lady of the Mount from 30th August to 8th September parishioners are requested to keep the front Six row empty for the Children during the mass*
4. Hope & Life will be putting up their annual snack stall during the 9days of Novena and the Feast Day of the Nativity of Our Lady from 30th Aug '07 to 8th Sept.'07 from 5.30p.m. Onward, and on Sunday from 7.30 a.m. in the school Auditorium .Parishioners kindly patronize
5. Sunday School children's Mass will be held in the church at 8.00 a.m. from September 2nd.
6. There will be an Osteoporosis awareness detection camp on Sunday 2nd Sept., 07 from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. in the pavilion
7. Saturday 8th September is celebrated as Day of the Girl Child.
8. Saturday 8th September is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast Mass, specially for the children will be at **5.30 p.m.**
9. **Sunday 9th September parish council meeting will be at 10.30 a.m.**
10. *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.24,660.00*
11. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs.2205..00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

3/Mon S. Gregory the Great, Pp dr - mem 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 95:1&3,4- 5,11-13ab,13cd; Lk 4:16-30
 4/Tue 1 Thes 5:1-6,9-11; Ps 26:1,4,13-14; Lk 4:31-37
 5/Wed Col 1:1-8; Ps 51:10,11; Lk 4:38-44
 6/Thu Col 1:9-14; Ps 97:2-3ab,3cd,4,5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 7/Fri Col 1:15-20; Ps 99:1-2,3-4,5; Lk 5:33-39
 8/Sat THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Fst Mi 5:1-4a or Rm 8:28 30; Ps 12:6ab,6cd; Mt 1:1-16,18-23 (or 1:18-23)
9/Sun Wis 9:13-18;Phlm 9b-17;Lk 14:25-33.

Attention- Ladies & Gents
St. John the Baptist Polytechnic College
 St.John The Baptist Special School 2nd Floor.
 T. 64109529

In Association with
USHA International Ltd (USHA ShriRam Group) Manufactures of Usha Sewing & Embroidery Machines
Announces
DEPLOMA/CERTIFICATE COURSES
 in Sewing & Designs
 Duration = 6 Months
 Fees = Rs.6000/- for full course
 Days - Alternate days – 4 hours daily
 Program Commences On 1st Sept.'07
Admissions still open
Course open to all – ladies and gents
 For registration - Contact Ms. Yogita Kashyap, USHA rep M.9869719773

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

Aaron was very much upset when he came to know that Pharaoh had broken his promise to Moses for the second time to release the children of Israel from bondage. In desperation he said to his wife, "The Pharaoh is a bastard."

"Aaron, you mustn't talk like that," reproved his wife. "We are children of God. After all, every living person is descended from Adam and Eve. We're all one family - even Pharaoh." "That I know," said Aaron, "I suppose, Pharaoh hails from YOUR side of the family!"

Curate: So you really think you would have run through all your money had it not been for your wife?

Young Man: Sure of it.

Curate: And, my good man, how did she stop your spending it all?

Young Man: She spent it first.

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 " **God has two thrones, one in the highest heaven, the other in the lowliest heart** "
 --D. L. Moody. ==

PARISH VISITATION

No parish visitation by parish fathers this wee on account of novena of Our Lady of the Mount..

**NOVENA OF VALANKANI
AT OUR LADY OF VELANKANI,
KOPRI
NOVENA MASS AT 7.15 P.M DAILY**

DAY	DATE	CELEBRANT
WEDNESDAY	29-08-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
THURSDAY	30-08-07	FR.JOE BORGES
FRIDAY	31-08-07	FR.JOE BORGES
SATURDAY	01-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
SUNDAY	02-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
MONDAY	03-09-07	FR.VICTOR DALMET
TUESDAY	04-09-07	FR.BAPTIST LOPES
WEDNESDAY	05-09-07	FR.EDWARD JACINTO
THURSDAY	06-09-07	FR.EDWARD JACINTO
FRIDAY	07-09-07	FR.BAPTIST LOPES
SATURDAY FEAST	08-09-07	FR.JOE PEREIRA

**NOVENA SCHEDULES
AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH**
*Children are asked to attend the Novena Mass daily
at 7.00 p.m. and on Sunday at 8.00 a.m. in the church
You are welcome to offer Mother Mary your gifts in
Kind as suggested below in place of flowers.*

DATES	Liturgy by CLASS	CHILDREN'S OFFERING
30.8.07	CONFMN	Rice
31.8.07	IX&X	Wheat
1.9.07	VIII	Sugar
2.9.07	VII	Dal
3.9.07	VI	Tea/Coffee
4.9.07	V	Soap
5.9.07	IV	Stationery-pen,pencil, note book etc
6.9.07	CONFMN.	Coconut oil
7.9.07	IX&X	Tooth paste / Tooth brush
8.9.07	VIII	CASH

PRE-BAPTISM CATECHESIS SESSIONS

Pre Baptism Catechesis Sessions will be held on 23rd September and 30th September 2007 at 5.p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room. All parents to be of their first child must compulsorily attend these Sessions. The Sessions on 30th September will have to be attended by Parents along with the God-parents of the new-born baby. Registrations will be accepted in the Parish Office latest by 20th September 2007.

A certified copy of the Marriage Certificate will have to be attached to the Registration Form.
Fr.John Rumao (Sp.Dir.)

STOP SPEEDING SLOW DOWN!

Have you joined the mad rat-race,
Speeding for wealth,
Speeding for power,
Speeding for more than you can hold
With scarcely time to breathe?
Remember life is too precious to easily lose,
So STOP SPEEDING –SLOW DOWN!

Life has more to offer than anxiety and tension,
Stop apeing another
And never ending your needs.
The richest blessings
Joy, Peace, love and Health
Have been stored for you
By the Saviour above
Just reach for them.

God never meant that you be stressed
And shatter to pieces
Heading straightway for an I.C.U. bed.
That's your own doing
Not the Lord's
To destroy the life in you.
LIVE WISELY –STOP SPEEDING –SLOW
DOWN!
Ella

Parish Team:
Fr. John Rumao.
Fr. John Lopes
Fr. Gerry Fernandes
Fr.Victor Dalmet.
Bro. Oniel Rodrigues – week-end ministry
Srs Amala & Joan – Pastoral Work
V-President PPC: Mr. Francis Fernandes
P' SCC Coordinator: Mr. Eustace de Cunha
APC Representative: Mr. Kirk Gonsalves
PPC Secretary: Mr. Anthony Alphonso
CWF Secretary: Mrs. Jessie Sequeira
In-charge: Sunday School: Sr. Ancy
RCIA/School Catechism: Ms. Ida D'Silva



SENIOR COLLEGE IN THANE!

[letters to the editor]

21/08/2007

To,
Rev. Fr. John Rumao,
Dear Rev. Father,



As a past student of your esteemed institution, I am happy to learn about the proposed St John The Baptist College of Commerce.

I must put on record that our institution had some role to play in making me what I am today, and I wish to express my gratitude for this.

Starting a new College is a herculean task that I am confident that with the Management's experience of over a hundred years in education, you will be successful in this venture.

All the best.

Yours Truly

Bharat M Sachdev,
Sachdev & Associates Chartered Accountants
Thane.

Near Shankar Mandir,
Pattkar Chawl, MUMBRA

21st August, 2007.

Dear Fr. Rurnao,



Mumbra has a chapel but no secondary school. Hence we put our daughter to St John The Baptist High School. This made us attend all church services at St John's, a practice we still continue. We have become "associate parishioners" - if we may use this term - of your parish.

The college that is being talked about is a very good development as it will help the people of Mumbra as much as it will do the people of Thane.

March on. Go ahead and may the people of Thane and those around reap the fruit of this great effort.

Best wishes
Yours truly,

K.P.SIMON

Humility is not depreciation of ourselves but appreciation of God.

GARLAND OF ROSES TO MOTHER MARY

My dear friends on the occasion of our dear mother's birthday would you like to present her a gift?. So lets all meet on the 8th of September at our allotted Zonal timings for the Scriptural Rosary .This will be the greatest gift you can give her.

TIME	ZONE
07 - 08 a.m.	Cherai North /Horta Mahageri
08 - 09 a.m.	Naupada I
09 - 10 a.m	K'villa
10 - 11 a.m.	Brindavan
11 - 12 p.m	Utalsar / Kopri
12- 01 p.m	Naupada II / Lewis wadi
01- 02 p.m	Khopat
02- 03p.m.	Kolbad
03- 04p.m.	Cherai South
04- 05p.m	Shreerang / Satguru / Anand park
05 - 06 a.m	Bahadi / Children

CIRCULAR

August 27,2007

To: The Parish Priests / Priests in Charge of Quasi Parishes / Units in the Archdiocese

Dear Fathers,

The feast of Blessed Theresa of Kolkata is being celebrated on Wednesday, September 05, 2007, commemorating her death anniversary. In our Archdiocese the main celebrations will be held at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Vile Parle West, with the Holy Eucharist at 17.00 hrs followed by a short film on Blessed Theresa of Kolkata and an exhibition, to which all are invited.

Further, on suitable days and time Holy Eucharist followed by the film on Blessed Theresa of Kolkata and an exhibition will be held at Gloria Church, Byculla; Sacred Heart Church, Santa Cruz; and St. Theresa's Church, Airoli within whose jurisdiction the Missionaries of Charity have their institutions.

Percival Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay
In charge of Religious in the Archdiocese

**PART EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR
2006-07**

Expenditure	Total
Bank charges	76038
Books & periodicals	12203
Computer software	30764
Contribution to Charity Commissioner	150192
Contribution To PF	44558
Contributions to zones	83210
Medical assistance	503669
Education	61060
Electricity bills	264220
Electronic equipment	20772
Functions/festivals	460435
ground/Garden maintenance	9590
Hardware exp	39410
Household exp	12509
Laundry	1799
Leave allowance	4500
Legal fees	28000
Mass Stipend	87570
Miscellaneous exp	30176
Postage	6973
Printing	195289
Professional tax	10680
Provident fund	37738
Religious exp	184510
Repairs & Maint.(Electrical)	32863
Repairs & Maint.Furniture	10920
Salaries –employees	733228
Service charges	7450
Stationary	16293
Sunday school exp	55402
Taxes Property	10866
Telephone bills	55649
Water tax	2040
Total	3280576

N.B. The above list of expenditure is incomplete. Most of the items are of ordinary overall yearly maintenance

**PARISHIONERS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO
INCOME & EXPENDITURE OF THE
YEAR 2006-2007.**

Income	Total
Book Stall Receipts	24638
Box collections	579546
Certificates receipts	5750
1% tithing CWF by Cash	577767
1% tithing CWF by Cheque	570944
Donations received	140144
Funeral receipts	95500
Locust & Honey Ads Inc	97300
Marriage/baptism receipts	20550
Masses Collections	268000
Miscellaneous inc.	1300
Sunday & feasts days collections	598039
Total	2979478

The 1st and 2nd Sunday collections at Sunday Masses are directed to the Archdiocese and hence not reflected here.

The generosity of our parishioners is quite commendable. On behalf of the parish community, parish team and the church, I thank each one of you for your care and concern for the parish church.

--Parish Priest.

Couples for Christ: - Feedback

During the orientation talk of "**Christian Life Programme**" (CLP) there was a good response. The couple participants who attended the talk were vibrant and participative. The immediate response was that "**this programme is really the need of hour**" and we should reach out to many more couples to attend our next talk on 2nd September after 5.30 PM mass in the pavilion

Humility is the mother, root, nurse, foundation and center of all other virtues.

SENIOR COLLEGE IN THANE!

[letters to the editor]

....continued.

Mr. Rakesh L. Rohira
1601, Tivoli Bldg., Hiranandani Gardens,
Powai, Mumbai - 400 076
August 28, 2007

The Manager,
St. John The Baptist School & Junior College Jambli
Naka.,
Dear Sir,

You may wonder what interest I have in the city of Thane, being a resident of distant Mumbai~ Well, as I spend the better part of the day in Thane, the development of Thane is of interest to me.

There has been a good deal of development in Thane in the past decade or so in forms of civil works. But there has hardly been any development on the educational front. Hence the news of the Proposed College of Commerce by your institutions should bring cheers to the people of Thane.

These days students opt for B.com in large numbers and this college will ease to a great extent the woes of admission process that the parents as well as the students have to endure.

I extend my best wishes to the success of this project.

Yours faithfully,
(Rakesh Rohira)



Sevaram Udasi
5th Floor, Flat No. 501, Kishenleela Society,
Kopri Colony, Thane (East) - 63
August 25, 2007
Dear Rev Father,

Starting a college is no child's play. It needs funds, planning, ability to overcome red tapism and perseverance to name but a few of the problems that one has to encounter in implementing a project of this magnitude.

As the news of a senior college being set up by a trust that has adequate experience in running educational institution, I am of the opinion that the above mentioned factors have been considered.

A humble beginning with a commerce college is definitely appreciated. We encourage and support this endeavour and wish you the very best.

Yours faithfully

(Sevaram Udasi) ...'

From: Mr. Kamal Bulani
A / 9, 3rd Floor, Shiv Society,
Kopri Colony, Thane (East) - 400 603
August 25, 2007
The Trustee
St. John The Baptist School & Junior College Jambli
Naka, Thane.



Dear Sir,

A newspaper report that said that Mumbai University is going to establish a "Unit" in Thane is to be welcomed. What are the functions of the "Unit" are not clear. But one thing is clear namely that Mumbai University has recognized the importance of Thane and how inconvenient it is for the people of Thane to go to Kalina for everything connected with the university.

In our city of Thane we have Colleges of arts, Science, Commerce, Medicine, engineering and so on. An addition to the existing number of Colleges would strengthen the demand for a University at Thane.

Sir, think big, add other streams and aim at having a post graduate college which I think is lacking in Thane.

Yours faithfully ,

KAMAL BUIANI

August 27, 2007

The Manager

St. John The Baptist School & Junior College Thane.



Dear Sir,

Parents and guardians who have had an unpleasant experience at the time of admitting their wards to a senior college will be happy at the thought of a new college in Thane. Strong words have been used to describe this experience, "trauma", "torture", "grueling" and the like. Under such circumstances it is but natural for us Thaneites to support this idea and look forward to its early implementation.

Yours faithfully

Dr. Dilip Pamnani

Building No.4, Flat No. 701,

Garden Estate, Pokhran Road No.2, Thane - 400 601

Saturday 8th September is the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Feast Mass, specially for the children will be at 5.30 p.m.

SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIPS

Family cell of our Parish is organizing on 22nd September 2007 at 6.00 p.m. in the Pavillion a thought provoking and highly educative talk on SPOUSAL RELATIONSHIPS specially designed for couples with 5 or 10 years of married life to help them enhance their marital life and Relationships.

With No participation Fees and limited seats.

Please register immediately with Family cell members, zonal leaders or parish Office