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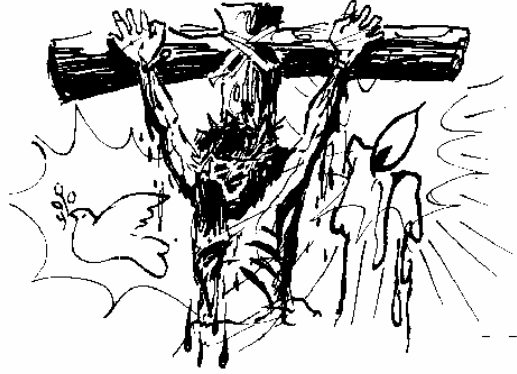
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PVS: Family as a bond between God & Community in Service

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International Women's Day

We live in a world where many are desperate and depressed. For them, there is only darkness and ignorance, hatred and division, material and spiritual corruption; it is these things that spawn perpetrators and victims of violent and cruel deeds. We are well aware that women in our society and even in many Catholic families are at the receiving end of such injustice and violence, sometimes stretching from womb to tomb.

Domestic violence is one of the most poignant forms of betrayal. The home, which should be a shelter and sanctuary, becomes a trap, a place of torture and fear. And the men with whom the women share their lives become the perpetrators of the most horrendous violence - physical, mental, and sexual- against them. Violence against women is a many-headed monster and domestic violence constitutes a significant part of this outrage, cutting as it does across boundaries of nationality, education, class, caste and religion. The phenomenon extends across the world.

As many as 70 per cent of married women in India between the ages of 15 and 49 are victims of beating, rape or coerced sex. The saddest part about domestic violence is that women deny it happens and men trivialize it.

We cannot and should not turn a blind eye or a deaf ear to the plight of women and girl children who have been unjustly victimized or brutalized since ages past, no matter if it does not happen in our own homes. Violence is not part of our identity as human beings created in the image and likeness of the Creator.

How can violence against loved ones and next-of-kin in a world created and redeemed by God's love be done away with?

It can be done only through Christ when we, as returning sinners begin once again to live as Christ urges us, in total harmony with each other and with creation thus renewing our covenantal relationship with the Lord. St. John, with his account of the raising of Lazarus, awakens in us, as it did in Martha and Mary, an absolute faith in Christ, the Master of Life and Death, who has the power to make all things new.

--extract from Homily Hints.

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

Mass at Ghormal – every Sunday at 10 a.m.

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: Last Saturday @ 11 pm

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
March 9, 2008.

1. *Today the international women's day will be celebrated.*
2. *In Lent the Way of the Cross in Marathi every Wednesday at 6.15 p.m.; in Konkani every Thursday at 7.30 p.m. and in English on Fridays at 7.30 p.m. For children Way of the Cross after 8.00 a.m. Mass.*
3. *Lenten Mission from March 9 to 15 at 7.30 pm*
4. *Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. The palms will be blessed in front of the grotto at 8.00 a.m. followed by procession through the main door for Mass in the church.*
5. *Next Sunday at 10.15 a.m. a special Konkani Mass in honour of St. Joseph offered by St. Joseph's Konkani Catholic Association.*
6. *The collection at Masses last Sunday, amounted to Rs.28,032. 00*
7. *The collection from the boxes in front of the statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour amounted to Ra. 1,880.00*
8. *The collection from the corridor boxes amount to Rs. 4,090.00*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

10 Mon On 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps 22:1-3a,3b-4,5,6;
In 8:1-11
11 Tue Nm 21:4-9; Ps 101:2-3,16-18,19-21; In 8:21-30
12 Wed On 3:14-20,91-92,95; On 3:52,53,54,55,56; Jn 8:31-42
13 Thu Gn 17:3-9; Ps 104:4-5,6-7,8-9; In 8:51-59
14 Fri Jer 20:10-13; Ps 17:2-3a,3bc-4,5-6,7; In 10:31-42
15 Sat ST JOSEPH. (501.) 2 Sam 7:4-5,12,-14,16; Ps 88:2-3,4-5,27-29;
Rom 4:13,16-18,22; Mt 1:16,18-21,24
16 Sub Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

FOR YOUTHS

Don Bosco Youth Services, Matunga, is offering "youth pasch 2008" for working girls and boys, above the age of 22, from Wednesday the 19th of march to Easter Sunday the 23rd of march, 2008 at Don Bosco, Lonavla. Registration forms for the same are available at the office of Don Bosco Youth Services from 09.00 a.m. to 09.00 p.m. You may also request for registration forms via e-mail. The last date for registration is 12m march, 2008. (for further details please look up the parish notice board).

LENTEN MISSION

From 9th to 15th March, 2008
After 7.00 p.m. Mass

Preachers: Dominican Fathers

| <i>Day</i> | <i>date</i> | <i>Topics</i> |
|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Sunday, | 09 March | Word of God |
| Monday, | 10 March | Baptism |
| Tuesday | 11 March | Eucharist |
| Wednes | 12 March | Marriage |
| Thursday | 13 March | Reconciliation |
| Friday | 14 March | Family |
| Saturday | 15 March | Community. |

N.B. All parishioners are urged to attend the Lenten Mission as a help to personal spiritual growth.

During the Mission-week the devotion to the Way of the Cross both in Konkani on Thursday and in English on Friday will be conducted at 6.30 p.m. before the 7.00 p.m. Mass.

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!



Teacher: If you have one rupee and you ask your Dad for another rupee. How many rupees will you have? Johnny: One rupee Madam.

Teacher: You don't know arithmetic Johnny! Johnny: You don't know my Dad Madam!

Three little boys were watching a lion in a cage at the zoo. The Security Guard suspected that they were planning to feed the lion. "Boys," he said, "What are you planning to do? Your names please!" The first boy said, "Sir I am Willie, and I am trying to feed peanuts to the lion." The second boy said, "Sir, I am Watson, and I too am trying to feed peanuts to the lion." The third boy, with tears in his eyes, said, "I am Peanuts, Sir!"

---contributed by Percy

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N.B. Those involved in above ministries are welcome to join the above training. Scholarships will be provided. Those interested will, please, contact Parish Priest. Two members of our parish have successfully completed the IMFE training course – Mr. Sanjay Almeida in Bible Ministry and Ms. Clara Correia in management of Health Ministry. They have made us proud.



**MEET FOR HOSEWORKERS
ON 16TH MARCH**

A special programme on the 16th of March-March 8th being International Women's day.

The programme will have a two-pronged thrust. Bodily Health & Financial Health! Ms Clara Correia will be giving them valuable inputs on Good Health – the natural way – a wake up call to house-workers to pay more attention to their own health, so that they can be of better service to themselves, their husbands, children, in-laws and employers. Sr. Bena will update them on the newly instated Savings Scheme started by the St. John the Baptist community centre.

The programme will begin at 04.00 pm and continue till approx 05.30 p.m. Please encourage all women house-workers (part-time, full-time, top –

servants) working in your home or neighbourhood to register with Erica @ 9821241807 or Amber @ 9821334422. There will be no charge and they will enjoy the fellowship over a cup of tea, snacks and especially the spot prizes

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N.B. Those in the ministry of Catechetics are welcomed to go for the Catechist's training (C.T.C.). Scholarship will be made available. Contact Parish Priest.

To You On Woman's Day

A woman is a gift to man from the Almighty,
Journeying through life is impossible without your company.



You have a multiple role to play in society,
Life's activity can come to a halt if you refuse to perform your normal duty.

Life is a great challenge for you these days,
Existing problems and day-to-day man created obstacles you have to face.

You successfully manage the work at the office and at home,
You combat stress all on your own.

The first word spoken by the little infant is addressed to the mother,
It is nice to see you enjoy that privilege given to you by the heavenly Father.

It is an uphill task to play a dual role,
It is amazing to see the way you plan your schedule on the whole.

Such a wonderful person are you,
Then why does man behave with you so indifferently? I have no clue.

You need to be respected and treated gently,
This is what is expected of man if he truly belongs to the Almighty.