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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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

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Say "No" to this Man?

We begin Holy Week by focusing in on the Passion of the Lord, this year according to Matthew. On Thursday we will relate the Passion to Sacramental celebration

of the gift of the Lord in the Eucharist, on Friday we will zero in on the suffering and death of the Lord, then on Easter we will celebrate the triumph of Eternal Life over Physical Death.

The Passion accounts begin with the Agony in the Garden, that horrible evening when Jesus was attacked by the reality of what he was facing. He would be tortured to death as a sacrificial offering to the Father for the sins of the world, everyone's sins, your sins and my sins. What was going through Jesus's mind? Did He doubt that He could take upon Himself the sins of the world? Did He fear that He would deny His Father. Was He afraid for his life? Certainly, all of these fears must have attacked Him. But He was not about to give in to the temptation to make everything go away. He would suffer whatever it would take to renew the world. And He would suffer whatever it would take if He were to save only one of us. Christ died for you, and me.

"See, I make all things new," we read in the *Book of Revelation*. Gibson's movie put these words on Jesus' lips during the way of the cross when He meets His mother. He makes all things new. He gives our lives meaning and purpose and eternity.

He suffered for us. And what does he ask in return? He asks that we love his Father. He asks that we believe in Him. He asks that we love each other. He asks that we fight for his Kingdom. He asks that live as moral, decent people. He asks little, this Tremendous Lover who has given so much.

How can we say "No to this man."



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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Palm Sunday of Lent – 16 March, 2008 .

This week's announcements
March 16, 2008.

1. *This 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.*
2. *On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday, i.e. on 17, 18, 19 March confessions will be heard from 5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.*
3. *Holy Thursday, 19th March, there will be no Masses in the morning. At 5.00 p.m. Mass for the sick. At 7.30 p.m./ Last Supper Service and 10.30 p.m. Holy Hour.*
4. *Good Friday .is the Day of Fast & Abstinence .The Way of Cross in Marathi at 7.00 a.m.; in Konkani at 8.00 a.m. in English for youths at 9.00 a.m., for adults at 10.00 a.m., for children at 11.00 a.m.and in Malayalm at 12.00 noon. At 6.00 pm. Liturgical Service followed by Passo.*
5. *Holy Saturday at 7.00 a.m. Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows. At 8.15 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass.*
6. *Easter Sunday, 23rd March Masses in the morning at 6.00, 7.00, 8.00, 9.15 a.m. No evening Masses.*
7. *The Divine Mercy Novena begins from Friday, 21st March at 3.00 p.m.*
8. *The collection at Masses last Sunday, amounted to Rs.29,076. 00*
9. *The collection from the boxes in front of the statue of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour amounted to Ra.2,100.00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

17 Mon Is 42:1-7; Ps 26:1,2,3,13-14; In 12:1-11
 18 Tue Is 49:1-6; Ps 70:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; In 13:21-33, 36-38
 19 Wed (V) Is 50:4-9a; Ps 68:8-10,21-22,31 & 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
 20 Thu HOLY THURSDAY: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
 21 Fri GOOD FRIDAY: Celebration of the Lord's Passion(Day of fast & abstinence
 22 Sat HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil Service
 23 Sun Act 10:34-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.

Sunday School Announcements.

1. Sunday 16th March will be last day for Sunday school this year.
2. We need dedicated people to teach catechism. If any one would like to join kindly contact

**MEET FOR HOUSEWORKERS
 ON 16TH MARCH**

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

The programme will begins 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

Pre Baptism Catechesis Sessions will be held on 30th March 2008 and 6 th April 2008 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 6th April will have to be attended by Parents along with the God-parents of the newborn baby. Registrations will be accepted in the Parish Office latest by 25th March 2008 &A. - certified copy of the Marriage Certificate will have to be attached to the Registration Form.

Fr. John Rumao (Sp .. Dir.)

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!



Harry: I don't think I deserve a zero in this test, Sir!

Teacher: I agree, but it is the lowest I can give!

---contributed by Percy

AFTER HER KIDS begged her for weeks, a mom finally gave in and bought them a hamster. But just as she'd feared, she was the one who ended up taking care of it.

One evening, she sat them down and asked, "Why did you even want that darn thing? How many times do you think it would have died ifI hadn't been looking after it?"

"I know Mom:' her son said. "Once."

ADAM JOSHUA SMARGON

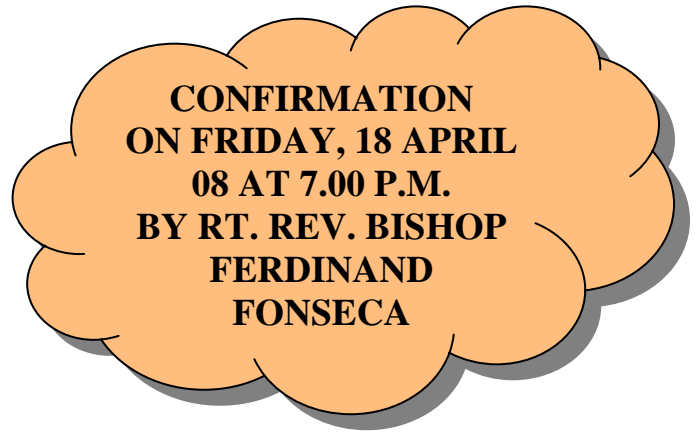
LENTEN SERVICES 2008.			
DAYS	DATES	TIME	SERVICES
Palm Sunday	16-3- 08	8.00 a.m.	Blessing of palms, procession & Mass
Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday	17,18, 19-3-08	at 5. p.m. to 8. p.m	CONFES-SIONS
Maundy Thursday	20 March, 08	05.00 p.m. 7.30 p.m. 10.30 p.m.	Mass for the sick; Last Supper Mass Holy Hour
Good Friday Day of fast & abstinence	March 21, 08	07.00 a.m. 08.00 a.m. 09.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 12. noon 6.00 p.m.	Way of the Cross: in Marathi In Konkani In English: for youth for adults for children In Malayalam Liturgical Service followed by Passo
Holy Saturday	March 22 08,	07.00 a.m. 8.15 p.m.	Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows EASTER VIGIL
Easter Sunday	March 23, 08	6.am,7.am 8.am,9.15 a.m.	Masses: Morning NO EVENING MASSES



OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH,
Ghormal
Feast on Sunday, 27th April, 2008.

Masses in English at 8.15 & 9.30 a.m.
FEAST MASS IN MARATHI,
At 10.45 a.m.
Tamil Mass at 12.30 p.m.

HOLY WEEK RETREAT At The Retreat House, MARCH 19th - 22nd EVENING, 2008 (WEDNESDAY Evening To, SATURDAY Evening)
For information and Registration ~
Please contact: The Retreat House 6 Kane Road, Bandra(W), Mumbai - 400 050 Tel. 26422095/2641 6653/26455296



**CONFIRMATION
ON FRIDAY, 18 APRIL
08 AT 7.00 P.M.
BY RT. REV. BISHOP
FERDINAND
FONSECA**

TEMPORARY GRAVES

The following Temporary Graves will be opened as per the order given below. Please contact the Church Office for shifting of remains to your family Vaults / Niches.

G.N	Deceased Name	Date of Burial
117	ANTHONY PASCUEL MARGULHAU	08.08.2004
204	PATRICK BRAGANZA	30.08.2004
154	MARGARET P. FARRO	19.09.2004
251	TREVOR XAVIER	06.10.2004
111	FRANCIS THOMAS MATHIAS	08.10.2004
244	JOSEPH XAVIER RANGEL	10.10.2004
351	DENIS RAPHAEL DIAS	14.10.2004
205	JULIANA FERNANDES	04.11.2004
82	TEREZINHA CORNELIO LOBO	19.12.2004
326	SUSHILA CHINTAMAN SURYAVANSHI	25.12.2004
340	JOHN GILBERT FERNANDES	30.12.2004

EASTER EGG HUNT

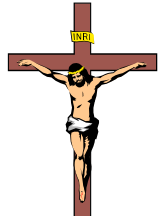
This is to inform all our parishioner that the Parish Youth group will be organizing an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the Sunday children on Easter Sunday 23.03.08 after the 9.15 am mass .All the children of Parish will have an awesome chance to collect lots of delicious Easter Eggs for them selves .All parishioners are kindly requested to send their children to participate in this event
Parish youth Group

CWF Committee meeting on Sunday, 16 March at 10.30 a.m.

**FIRST HOLY
COMMUNION DAY
SUNDAY, 13 APRIL
MASS AT 10.30 A.M.**

The Story of the Cross

Lost in the darkness of sin,
When man had turned weak
from within.
ABBA our heavenly Father
sent His only begotten Son,
To save man from the clutches of Satan.



Christ lived among men and to them preached
the good news,
He healed the sick and cured the deaf and the mute.
But He was crucified by His own loved one,
They chose Barabbas rather than Christ
who was once their own.

His journey to Calvary was not easy,
People mocked and abused Him freely.
He was provided with a heavy cross,
Onlookers just watched as the tired Lord
fell many a times on the rock..

His body was covered with blood and wounds,
And there was none to cater to His woe,
Through His delicate palms went pass the iron nails,
He cried out in agony but nobody
among the crowd to share His pain.

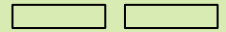
Christ forgave His enemies,
He was made to die a criminal's death
for no fault of His.
He willingly obeyed His Father's wish,
He accepted death to save us from our sins.

The Lord's death on the cross is not the end,
He has promised us He will rise again.
As we await the dawn of Easter,
To celebrate the resurrection of
Christ our Saviour.

Malcolm Nobre



**The Law of the Church
demands that every
Catholic makes
confession and receives
the Eucharist minimum
once a year as his/her
Easter obligation
Confessions will be heard
on 17, 18, 19 April from
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.**



LIVE TELECAST

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**Good Friday
Service**

at 6.00 p.m. &

Easter Vigil

at 8.15 p. m.

Don't Miss it.

**HELLO DOCTOR MOBILE DENTAL
FACILITY IS AVAILABLE IN OUR
PARISH ON WEDNESDAYS &
SATURDAYS.**

Quality treatment is provided at concessional
rates and is open to all .We require a band of
good volunteers to support this project.
Those desirous please give your name to
Rev. Sr. Benedicta or Ms. Clara Correia.



WAY OF THE CROSS

Booklet for free distribution.

*Just one for a family
Available at the Legion Stall.*

ST JOHN BAPTIST POLYTECHNIC COLLEGE

St John the Baptist Special School 2nd Floor
Thane (W)

Announces

**FREE ELEMENTARY
Sewing & Tailoring (one Month)
From 1 April onward**

**FOR OFFICE INQUIRY EITHER MEET IN
PERSON OR**

Contact

Or Sr. Bena on 64109529/25348671-256

Or on Cell 9867252981

On Monday, Wednesday & Friday

Timing – 9.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**In the Polytechnic office on 2nd flr of St. John
the Baptist Special School, Thane**

PALM SUNDAY

The grand opening of the Final Act of the Paschal Mystery begins today. The suffering servant of Yahweh stands face to face with the logical consequences of his fidelity to His redemptive mission. The enthusiasm and the triumphalistic accompaniment of the volatile populace on the streets of the city of Jerusalem end in the tragic murder on Golgotha outside the city walls. But the ignominious death on the cross becomes the life-giving fountain of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ and of all those who believe in Him. May we follow this mysterious process of the Holy Week with awe, wonder, devotion and love.

THE YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

This year has been dedicated to the Word of God. With a view to celebrate the year of the Word of God fittingly in our parish, this topic was discussed in the parish pastoral council meeting held on 9th March, 2008. The copies of Bishop Bosco's plan of action for implementation during the year in all the parishes in the Archdiocese were circulated among the PPC members for workshop discussion.

Based on Bishop Bosco's outline, the following suggestions have emerged for implementation in our parish in the course of the year.

1. Word of God - Centre point of Christianity
2. Animators play a very Important role
3. Bible reading very important to strengthen out faith
4. Family Bible enthronement - guidance required on procedures – prayers to be printed Bible enthronement could be done on House blessing day
5. Bible reading – Locusts & Honey could be used – weekly prayers and explanation; it could carry small reviews / testimony, guidance how to read bible.
6. Gospel reading followed by discussions at all meetings – also at Catechism classes
7. Bible cell is existing, but should encourage Bible sharing at meetings of SCCs.
8. Bible classes needs to be practical
9. Lectio Divina - should be started once a month in our Parish
10. Organize Biblical skit / Movies / Musical
11. Sign Boards near lake side with Biblical quotes in English and vernacular languages.
12. Parishioners who have done Bible Study course come forward to share – how Bible study has changed them, this will encourage others
13. Bible awareness be created on Wednesdays after novena or small homily during novena
14. Gospel Festivals / Seminars could be organized frequently.
15. Small banners / posters to be put up with Biblical quotes
16. Have healing sessions – with bible sharing
17. Have Sacred Heart & Bible enthronement in June
18. Animators during family visits to carry Bible along – read passages and have sharing
19. Spread awareness on the Year of the Word of God
20. ORGANISE A 4 DAY CONVENTION : 3 DAYS REVIEW & 4TH DAY CELEBRATION
21. Out reach speakers can be invited
22. Our Parish has rich resource of individuals who have done Bible course they should be used effectively.

*N.B. We invite all those who have done Bible-study in the past and those interested in Bible to give your names to Mr. Sanjay Almeida in week's time. We will then take up some of the above activities organized through the Bible Cell.
Scholarships will be made available to those wanting to do the Word-ministry course or any Bible study course available in the Archdiocese of Mumbai.*

