



# LOCUSTS & HONEY

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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*This week's gospel message:*

## by the narrow door

*The key idea of St. Luke's gospel is a symbol of Christian life, a pilgrimage to our heavenly home. We are constantly on the way to the heavenly home. We must make sure that we are on the right way and that we are moving in the right direction. Will everyone reach their final destination? Will everyone who journeys be saved? Jesus never answers the question about the number to be saved. He stresses rather the effort to be made on the journey and that the way is narrow and not easy. Secondly, Jesus speaks about the closed door, namely people cannot take for granted that just because they are along the way, just because of set rituals and practices they will be saved. There is nothing that definitely guarantees automatic salvation. There are no reserved places nor favoured people whose salvation is guaranteed. Yet on the other hand there are no people who are excluded from heaven. God has no favourites yet everyone is a favourite of God. Heaven will be full of surprises. Many who are despised on earth will find themselves in heaven and many who considered themselves as holy and better than others may not find themselves among the chosen ones in heaven. The Jews had considered themselves as the chosen ones of God and that their God was only the God of Israel. Jesus reminds them that many of the pagans and the prostitutes will enter the kingdom of God, while many of the Jews who rejected God and his chosen Messiah, will be excluded from God's kingdom. "Those who are now last will be the first, and those who are now first will be the last."*

*"One thing is certain: the theoretical question about the number of the saved leads to nowhere! We have been warned that the entrance door to salvation is narrow, that to some it is shut, to others open. What matters is to act, to do well whatever is in our power today in order to enter. We are to remain watchful until the end: for there are no reserved tickets which will guarantee us, once for all, entrance to the festive hall. Remember how the Jews have been replaced by the pagans. We must also be sure not to go to the wrong door! In days gone by, in the time of St. Luke, the scribes did this, for they were hooked on the rites and practices of the Old Testament, which they believed could lead them to the Messiah. As today there are Christians who think they can avoid the struggles and contradictions of this world, and are content with a low-cost Christianity shared with the well-bred that do not soil their hands. The only road that leads to the festive hall is that we walk with Jesus: a pathway that exacts effort, but along which journey –full of joy and coming from every quarter –are men and women anxious to go to Jerusalem, no matter the cost. "If you have not paradise in the depth of your heart, don't hope to enter there."*

*-Glenstal Bible Missal*

### 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:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 7. a.m.

**Mass in Konkani:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7. a.m.

**Mass in Hindi:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7.00 a.m.

**Tamil Mass:** 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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### 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

***This week's announcements  
August 26, 2007.***

1. *Novena in preparation of the feast of the Nativity of Our Lady will begin on 30<sup>th</sup> August. The novena Mass in our church at 7.00 p.m. and at Kopri will be at 7.15 p.m. A bus will leave the church for Kopri daily at 6.30 p.m. Parents will please encourage their children to attend the novena daily at 7.00 p.m. Mass. Novena details are given below.*
2. *During the Novena of Our Lady of Mount from 30th August to 8th September parishioners are requested to keep the front Six row empty for the Children during the mass*
3. *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*
4. *Sunday School children's Mass will be held in the church at 8.00 a.m. from September 2<sup>nd</sup>.*
5. *On Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*
6. *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.28,247.00*
7. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs.1650..00.*

***This Week's Liturgical Readings***

27/Mon S. Monica - mem 1 Thes 1:1-5,8b-10; Ps 149:1-2,3-4,5-6a&9b;  
Mt 23:13-22  
28/Tue S. Augustine, bp dr - mem 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 138:1-2,3-4,5-6; Mt 23:23-26  
29/Wed The Beheading of S. John the Baptist - mem Jer 1:17-19;  
Ps 70:1-2,3-4a,5-6ab,15ab&17; Mk 6:17-29  
30/Thu 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 89:33-4,12-13,14&17ab; Mt 24:42-51  
31/Fri 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,10,11-12; Mt 25:1-13  
1/Sat BVM on Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 97:1,7-9a,9a-d;  
Mt 25:14-30  
02/Sun Sir3:17-29;Heb 12: 18-24;Lk 14:1-14.

***PARISH VISITATION***

***This Tuesday, 28 August Fathers will be visiting Kolbad.. Animators are requested to accompany Fathers on their visits to families under your care.***

**Attention- Ladies & Gents**  
**St. John the Baptist Polytechnic College**  
St.John The Baptist Special School 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.'07  
*Course open to all – ladies and gents*  
For registration - Contact Ms. Yogita Kashyap, USHA rep M.9869719773

For Free- demo cum Workshop:  
**Visit Saturday 25-08-07 &  
Sunday 26-08-07**  
**Timing 3 to 5 p.m.**

***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!"

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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.

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

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

### VOICES

Voices here and voices there,  
Voices, voices everywhere.  
Joyful voices of children playing in the rain,  
Quarrelsome, cattish voices of women in a train.  
Victory voices of youth on the playing ground,  
Dumb voices of those who can't utter a sound.  
Anointed angelic voices from a music ministry.  
Powerful voices of those making history.  
Demonic voices of alcoholics disturbing families at night,

Firm voices of parents, correcting wrong into right.  
Agonizing voices of those writhing in unbearable pain.  
Silenced voices of the dead never to be heard again  
Voices of spirits from the haughty and proud,  
Deafening voices of those in a stampede or crowd,  
Gentle voices of the holy, the humble and meek,  
Trembling Voices of the aged, the and the weak.  
Lord, a comforting voices is what I ask,  
Not a bossy voices demanding a task.

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## COUPLES FOR CHRIST

“ Let marriage be held in honor among all.....” ( Hebrews 13:4)

Feeling stressed ? Irritable? Communication breakdown at home?

OR simply want to make a good marriage even better?

Take a break to relax and reflect. The Christian Life Programme provides this much-needed time for relaxing and introspection.

*The Couples For Christ invites you for a unique God experience. Come and experience the Christian Life Programme (CLP) to be held at our Parish from 26/08/2007 after 5.30 p.m. Mass in the meeting room..*

Let us pray, not for a lighter load, but for stronger shoulders

**NOVENA SHEDULES  
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.*

<b>DATES</b>	<b>Liturgy by CLASS</b>	<b>CHILDREN'S OFFERING</b>
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

304, B Wing,  
Om Jayanand co op Hsg. Soc Ltd Sector No 7,  
Shree Nagar, Wagle Industrial Est. Thane - 400 604.  
9th August 2007.

Dear Rev. Fr. Rumao,

In spite of being a parishioner of St. Lawrence Church, Wagle Estate, I think that there should be a degree college in your parish, as it will benefit us too.

My Children are studying in St. Pius X and St. Mary's High School, Mulund. After their X standard, I will have to admit them to St. John The Baptist Junior College and then to your senior college as there is no other Christian college. It will also be one of the greatest achievements for us Catholics.

I pray to God for you and the success of this college.

Yours Truly ,  
Teresa Pinto Salian  
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Mrs. Teresa P Salian  
A.P. .Raje 301 Serron Villa Charai, Thane  
10th August 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao,

An acquaintance of mine informed me that you are going to start a Commerce College. When the Govt. of India is planning to open thousands of schools and colleges across the country in the next few years, your effort to put up a Commerce College in Thane assumes relevance and significance.

Such projects that are lasting and meant to serve generations of this city and its neighbourhood are to be supported and encouraged.

I wish you success.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs. Teresa P Salian

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John Saldana  
Saldana House, Ram Nagar, Raod No 28,  
Wagle Industrial Estate, THANE 400 604  
10<sup>th</sup> August, 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao,

A DEGREE COLLEGE

Being a Parishioner of St. Lawrence Church, Wagle Estate, I am very happy to read that the benefit of a degree college at St. John's will be extended to other parish also.

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	**PRE-BAPTISM CATECHESIS SESSIONS**	
	Pre Baptism Catechesis Sessions will be held on	
	23<sup>rd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>	
	September 2007.	
	A certified copy of the Marriage Certificate will	
	have to be attached to the Registration Form.	
	Fr.John Rumao (Sp.Dir.)	
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## SENIOR COLLEGE IN THANE!

[letters to the editor]

F avastine Castilino  
21 Shilpi Apartment, Room No 21,  
Shanti Nagar,  
Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane - 400 604  
8<sup>th</sup> August, 2007.

Dear Fr.Rumao,

I am a parishioner of St. Lawrence Church, Wagle Estate, I read about the degree college in "Locusts & Honey" and it made me quite excited, "Yes" there should be a "degree college~) in this area which is not there at present.

My children are studying in St. John the Baptist High School.when I came to know about "A Degree College" I was very happy as there is no Senior college run by our church and it will also be one of the greatest achievement and will benefit other parislftoo.

I pray that all those who have raised this venture will be rewarded by almighty God.

With best wishes.

Yours truly  
Favastine Castilino  
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Teresa Pinto Salian

**A match  
stick has a  
head but no  
brains that's  
why it flares**

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday -- 26 August, 2007.

On going through the write up "A Degree College". in "Locusts & Honey" I was surprised why we are so late in having a degree college.

My children studied in St. John's up to Jr. College, but I had a lot of trouble while getting them admission to senior college, I know that there are many parents like me in our parish and the neighboring parish~ who will get the benefit of this college.

I pray to God that you and all those who are helping you in this project will succeed in giving to all of us the much wanted degree college.

With best wishes.

, Yours truly f

JOHN SALDAN, 1fA Rev.Fr.John Rumao  
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304 Kalyani C.H.S. Ltd. Near Shri Sena Shakha Cherai  
Thane 400 601  
15th August, 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao,

A Degree College in Thane

It gives me great pleasure to write these few lines on the 60th Anniversary of India's Independence. During these 60 years much has been done in the area of education but much more needs to be done at the national level.

Narrowing down to Thane city and its environs, the number of colleges can be counted on one's fingers. Nowadays people are becoming more and more education conscious. Even the maids who help us in our domestic chores send their children to school and some of them are even selective about the school. A few of them want their children to be graduates. But the fact that there aren't enough inlets makes the situation rather "gloomy". A new college will shed a little light and hope to those seeking admission to a graduate college and hence I welcome it.

Yours faithfully, .. ..,  
(Miss) Aditi Kadam  
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Mrs. Rajashree A. Ransubhe  
401, Serron Villa, Charai, Thane - 400 601  
12<sup>th</sup> August, 2007

Dear Fr. Rumao,

As a citizen of Thane, where the number of degree colleges are few, the idea of a new college is definitely a good one. In fact even if we have half a dozen more colleges they will not be sufficient to satisfy the need of the students.

To the people of Thane, "proximity" is one of the greatest advantages. It will also eliminate the travel hazards and save precious time of the students, not to

speak of the anxiety caused to parents when trains are cancelled or delayed.

Thaneites will benefit immensely with the addition of the proposed commerce college. Perhaps this is only the beginning! I hope other colleges for science and arts embracing modern streams rather than the traditional ones will be started so as to help students with different aptitudes and career ambitions.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfu~  
(Mrs. Rajashree A. Ransubhe)  
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Salim K Dasurkar  
B/1 0 Rajanigandha Opp Vandana Talkies,  
Agra Road Thane

20<sup>th</sup> August 2007.

Fr.John Rumao  
St. John the Baptist high School & Junior College Thane.

Dear Sir,

I the undersigned Salim K Dasurkar, hereby make an appeal to establish a college for Thane city.

Sir, all my three children and my late sister's daughter studied in your institute right from Jr kg to HSC . Apart from education they were imparted great qualities like hardwork, moral, civic and strong integrity values. Today when I am retired from my service of Mis Godrej & Boyce Mfg Co. Ltd as a service manager after 40 years of service, I feel your institute has shared with me the task of making the children, able and good citizen.

Kindly consider my request.

Yours faithfully  
Salim K Dasurkar

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Jeevan V. Saliyan,  
A/11, Rajanigandha, Panchpakhadi, Thane - 400 602.

20th August, 2007.

Ref. Fr. Rumao,  
Manager,  
St. John. The Baptist, High School & Junior College.

Dear Rev. Fr. Rumao,

In the year 1995 we moved to Thane and my nephew had to be admitted to Std. 6th midway during the year. We approached the then Principal Rev. Fr. Ivan Mascarenhas who readily took him in. A great burden was lifted off our shoulders as we were apprehensive of his losing a

***If you want the  
rainbow,  
you  
must put up  
with  
the rain***

year. We take this opportunity to thank Rev. Fr. Ivan Mascarenhas for his help.

Your institutions maintain a decent standard of education as well as discipline, grooming children into being good citizens of our country. Now that we hear about a degree college in Thane, we whole heartedly support it, hoping that the same standard of education and discipline will be maintained, if not improved upon.

Besides, the proposed degree college will help all Thaneites, as getting admission to degree college especially has become a nightmare for parents and students alike.

We wish you success.

Yours faithfully,  
J. V. Saliyan.

### SEPTEMBER 2007

**Holy Father's General Intention:** That the ecumenical assembly of Siniu in Romania may contribute to the growth of unity among all Christians, for which the Lord prayed at the Last Supper.

**Missionary Intention:** That, following Christ joyfully, all missionaries may know how to overcome the difficulties they meet in everyday life.

### SCHOLARSHIP

*The following St. John the Baptist Church Parish Catholic candidates from the list of parish resident students who have submitted their mark-lists to the parish office have been qualified for the Locusts & Honey scholarship to the highest ranking student at the SSC/HSC March 2007 examination:*

### S.S. C. EXAMINATION MARCH 2007

S.No	Name of candidate	Percentage
1	Pimenta Akshaya James	90.46
2	Pinto Melissa Marie William	90.46

### H.S.C. EXAMINATION FEB. 2007

Sr.no	Names	Percentage	Stream
1	Pinto Deepika Albert	87.5	Science
2	Rangel Valerie Edward	84	Com.

- This year the scholarship of Rs.1,000.00 for the SSC parish topper will be shared by the above two students.*
- As the above HSC successful candidates in both Science and Commerce have secured more than 80%, the Locusts & Honey is pleased to award scholarships stream-wise. Hence the above HSC successful candidates will receive Rs.1,000/- each as HSC toppers from the parish..*
- No application from Arts stream has been received till this date. Presumably none from Arts has obtained more than 80% in aggregate.*
- The above scholarship awardees will receive the scholarship on 8<sup>th</sup> September at children's Mass at 5.30 p.m.*
- Please note the scholarship awardees have to be present residents of this parish and have to be practicing Catholics.*

