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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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The Fourth Cardinal of Mumbai



Archbishop Oswald Gracias of the Archdiocese of Bombay has been appointed as Cardinal by His Holiness

Pope Benedict XVI which was announced at Vatican on October 17/2007/4.00 p.m. (1ST). He thus becomes the member of the College of Cardinals that assists the Pope in governing the Universal Catholic Church.

Archbishop Gracias is the fourth Cardinal of Bombay and has been tenth Cardinal of India. He will be created Cardinal at the consistory that will be convened on November 24/2007 at the Vatican during which a formal assent of all the Cardinals present at the ceremony will be given and each new Cardinal will receive the red hat from the Roman Pontiff.

Along with the Archdiocese of Bombay, we, fathers, sisters and parishioners of St. John the Baptist Church congratulate our newly appointed Cardinal, pledge our obedience to him and assure him of our prayers for the new responsibilities that lie ahead of him. Long live His Eminence Dr. Oswald Cardinal Gracias! May he have many years of service in the Universal Church!

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: 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.
Parish Tel. No. 2534 8671; 2543 5411
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PARISH VISITATION
This Tuesday Parish Fathers will visit Kopri.

MASSES ON ALL SOULS DAY:

- 06.00 a.m., in the church 06.15 p.m.
- 06.45 a.m. in the church 07.00 p.m.
- 07.30 a.m. in the church 07.45 p.m.
- 08.00 a.m. at 3 Petrol Pump

There will be no 6.30 a.m. Mass in the Holy Cross Convent.

***This week's announcements
October 28, 2007.***

1. *Saturday, 27th October Night Vigil at 10.30 p.m.*
2. *Thursday, 1st November is ALL SAINTS' DAY.*
3. *Friday, 2nd November is ALL SOULS' DAY. Masses will be at 6.00, 6.45 and 7.30 a.m. and at 8.00 a.m. in the Three Petrol Pump Cemetery and at 6.15 p.m., 7.00 p.m. and 7.45 p.m.*
4. *Friday, 2nd November is the 1st Friday of the month. However there will be no half hour adoration.*
5. *The collection at Masses last Sunday, amounted to Rs. 00*
6. *The collections from the Perpetual Succour image box amounted to Rs.00.*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

29/Mon Rm 8:12-17; Ps 67:2&4,6-7ab,20-21; Lk 13:10-17
 30/Tue Rm 8:18-25; Ps 125:1-2ab,2cd-3,4-5,6; Lk 13:18-21
 3/Wed Rm 8:26-30; Ps 12:4-5,6-7; Lk 13:22-30
 1/Thu (W) ALL SAINTS - Sol Rev 7:2-4,9-14; Ps 23: 1-2,3-4ab,5-6; 1 In 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
 2/Fri ALL SOULS
 3/Sat S. Martin de Porres, rei/ BVM Rm 11:1-2a,11-12,25-29; Ps 93:12-13a,14-15,17-18; Lk 14:1,7-11
 4/Sun Wis 11:22-12:2; 2 Thes 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10.

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!



Husband: "Take this, I have brought some sweets and snacks."

Wife: "But, why did you buy them when you knew that my parents are not going to come?"

Husband: "That's the reason why I brought them."

Customer: "Do you have dog biscuits?"

Storekeeper: "Yes Sir, do you want them now or should I pack?"

"Hard work never killed anybody"

But why take the risk

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 "Work fascinates me"

I can look at it for hours

.....
 God made relatives;

Thank God we can choose our friends.

This week's gospel message:

On Your Knees

Dorothy Day died in November 1980 at the age of 84. Reporting on her death, the New York Times called her the most influential person in the history of American Catholicism. Since her death, there's been a movement to canonize her for her personal life and her work: among New York City's poor and destitute. In her book *From Union Square to Rome* she describes her conversion to Christ. One of her first attractions came in childhood. One day she discovered the mother of one of her girlfriends kneeling in prayer. The sight of this kneeling woman moved her deeply. She never forgot it. In the same book she tells how, in the days before her conversion, she often spent the entire night in a tavern. Then she would go to an early morning Mass at St Joseph's Church on Sixth Avenue. What attracted her to St Joseph's were the people kneeling in prayer. She writes: "I longed for their faith So I used to go in and kneel in a back pew." Eventually Dorothy Day received the gift of faith and entered the Church.

And this brings us to today's readings. Both the first reading and the gospel reading talk about people at prayer. One of the things that Jesus underscores in his parable about prayer is the posture of the penitent man as he prays. He remains at a distance, casting his eyes down and beating his breast.

It's no accident that Jesus underscores the prayerful posture of the penitent man. One of the things about Jesus' own prayer was the importance he attached to the body when he prayed. Jesus prayed not only with his mind and his heart but also with his whole body. For example, Jesus knelt in the Garden of Gethsemane. And when the prayer became more intense, he prayed face to the ground. Matthew 26:39. Jesus also prayed with his eyes raised to heaven. We find him praying this way before the miracle of the loaves and also at the Last Supper. Mark 6:41, John 17:1. Finally, Jesus prayed out loud. We find him praying this way as he hung on the cross during his crucifixion. Mark 15:34

How do today's readings apply to us personally? If we are having trouble praying, maybe it's because we don't imitate Jesus and pray with our body, as well as with our mind and our heart.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

There will be a prayer rally for all associate members of the Apostleship of Prayer on Sunday, 28 October, 2007 in the church at 4.30 p.m. followed by 5.30 p.m. Mass. All are requested to attend.

VACATION BIBLE JOY

The Parish will conduct the Vacation Bible Joy programme for school children from Stds. IV to IX from 12th November to 20th November at 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon. The nominal registration fee is Rs. 25/- per child. Forms for registration will be available in the parish office. Please, register latest by 5th November, 2007.

NOVEMBER 2007

Holy Father's General Intention: That those dedicated to medical research and all those engaged in legislative activity may always have deep respect for human life, from its beginning to its natural conclusion.

Missionary Intention: That in the Korean Peninsula the spirit of reconciliation and peace may grow.

Family cards

Family cards with individual family information are ready. The zonal leaders/coordinators/parish council representatives will please collect from the parish office these family cards for their zones for verification of data, get them corrected and updated and then return the corrected cards to the parish office for computer data correction and for final copy of the family cards. The cards will then be laminated and handed over to respective families. All are requested to cooperate.

YOUTH CORNER

The ICYM –Bombay is organizing two camps for college and working youth during Diwali Vacations. Those who are interested kindly contact the Parish Youth Animator Fr.Victor Dalmet. Or the Diocesan Youth Centre, Bandra.Details are on the Parish notice board.

FUN & FANTASY CAMP: 01-03 NOVEMBER 2007 AT GORAI

This is a camp for XI & XII Std Boys and Girls who are members of Parish Youth Movements and Neighbourhood Groups. The camp fees are fixed at Rs.500/-per head. With board and lodge, inclusive of travel. Registration forms are available with Parish Youth Animator. The deadline to submit the Registration form to the DYC, Bandra is October 26, 2007.

SERVICE SEEKERS CAMP: 06-08 NOVEMBER 2007 –A MISSION EXPERIENCE AT PURUSHWADI, MAHARASHTRA, for Senior College and working youth. The camp fees are fixed at Rs 500/- per head, with board and lodge and inclusive of travel. Registration forms are available with Parish youth Animator. **The deadline to submit the Registration form to the DYC, Bandra is October 30, 2007**

ALL SOULS DAY

a) **A Plenary Indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who 1) on one of the days from 1 to 8 November visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; 2) on All Souls Day visit a church or chapel with devotion and there recite the Our Father, and the Creed.

b) **A Partial Indulgence**, applicable only to the souls in Purgatory, is granted to any of the faithful who 1) visit devoutly a cemetery or who simply pray mentally for the dead; 2) recite with devotion Morning Prayer (Lauds) or Evening Prayer (Vespers) of the Office of the Dead, or the invocation: Eternal rest ..

October 15, 2007
 Our Lady of Salvation Church,
 S.K. Bole Road, Dadar,
 Murnbai 400028. Tel.: 2431 0895
 Re : Campaign for Violence Free Families

In keeping with the objectives of the Archdiocesan Synod, the Women's Desk has been conducting every year a Campaign for Violence-free Families in the month of November. The campaign wants to unite men and women, lay, religious and clergy in an effort to stop all types of dehumanizing violence which affects family life, relationships and the harmonious growth of children. This year, in the context of the many gruesome episodes that are surrounding, children, the focus will be on Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse. Archdiocesan Women's Desk proposes the following and requests your collaboration to make this campaign effective and successful,

Launching of the Campaign at the Archdiocesan Level

Nov. 4th Sunday from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at Salvation Kendra Hall, Dadar. Members of Parish Women Cells, Family Cells, Justice and Peace cells, Bombay Catholic Sabha and Movements connected with family life and all men and women interested in the issue are invited to participate in this campaign. Kindly register the names with the Co-ordinator of Parish Women Cell or Sabrina Albuquerque 9819087769/ 2444 1005 or Yvonne Alphonso - 98198 31233

Sunday, Nov. 11th or any other convenient date in the month of November may be set aside. You are encouraged to organize programmes that involve both the Women and Family Cells of your parish so that together we may tackle this menace which is threatening peace, health and happiness of our children and society.

+ Bishop Bosco Penha
 In-charge ::f-Brchd~an Women's Desk

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Announces

Diploma & Certificate Courses

1). Sewing & Designing (6 Months)

1. Fashion Sketching & Designing (Colure scheme & combination)
2. House hold Items (Apron, Cushion Cover, Multi Panled, Curtain, Wall hanging etc)
3. Women's wear (Blouse, Sal war kurta (5style), Night Wear, Trouser etc.)
4. Men's Wear (Kurta Payjama, Jacket, Shirt, Trouser, Night Suit etc.)
5. Children's Wear (Sun Suit, BabaSuit, Shorts, Frock (Party), Dungarees, Bath gown, Bib, Toddlers frock, etc.

2). Professional Embroidery Course (6 Months)

- Machine Embroidery on semi industrial machine
- Hand Embroidery (100 Stitches basic)
- Hand Embroidery (30 Stitches, Designer Stitches)
- Janome Machine Embroidery (Picco, Kaj, Designer Stitches on Machine)
- Khatla Work (Zardozi)
- Traditional Indian Embroidery
- Embroidery on Half Shuttle Machine
- Colure scheme & Matching for designer wears.

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

Contact - Yogita Kashyap (USHA Rep.)

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on Saturday 2 p.m. to 5 pm.

**and on Sunday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the
 Polytechnic office on 2nd flr of St. John the
 Baptist Special School, Thane**