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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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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.

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This week's gospel message: GOD'S PEOPLE! WHO CARE

"The rich man and Lazarus is a parable that must be well 'read'.

A rich man, merely, not a wicked man, and then Lazarus, who is simply there, asking nothing. Between these two yawns an unbridgeable gap, apparently. A chasm of ignorance, egoism, self-sufficiency has opened around the one who enjoys himself, his slumbering conscience untouched by poverty's reproach. The one who lives so well must take care, death can be upsetting. Spiritual stiffness lies in wait for him, who is unable to accept the call to change his ways.... Then, can the rich be saved? Happily, they can, and thanks to the poor. Here the poor are the petitioners for the rich, up above it will be the rich who petition the poor to remember the friendship they had for them, and how they shared their wealth with them, and how they had benefited them. 'In the Church' Bossuet remarked, 'the rich are strangers. It is the poor they serve who grant them citizenship'. Today more than ever, when so many like Lazarus lie at our doors, in our so called affluent societies; so many also further away, in the Third World lands, who wait for something more from us than magnificent reports and exploitation. Do we know how to recognize these present-day replicas of Lazarus? "

-Glenstal Bible Missal

Schweitzer and the Poor

Albert Schweitzer has been acclaimed the world over as a multiple genius. He was an outstanding philosopher, a reputable theologian, a respected historian, a concert soloist, and a missionary doctor. But the most remarkable thing about him was his deep Christian faith. It was a faith that influenced even the smallest details of his life. At the age of 21, Schweitzer promised himself that he would enjoy art and science until he was 30. Then he would devote the rest of his life to working among the needy in some direct form of service. And so on his 30th birthday, on October 13, 1905, he dropped several letters into a Paris mailbox. They were to his parents and closest friends, informing them that he was going to enroll in the university to get a degree in medicine. After that he was going to Africa to work among the poor as a missionary doctor. The letters created a stir and many berated him and questioned his decision. Nevertheless, Schweitzer stuck to his guns. At the age of 38, he became a full-fledged medical doctor. At the age of 43, he left for Africa where he opened a hospital at the edge of the jungle in what was then called Equatorial Africa. He died there in 1965 at the age of 90. What motivated Albert Schweitzer to turn his back on worldly fame and wealth and work among the poorest of the poor in Africa? He said that one of the influences was his meditation on today's gospel about the rich man and Lazarus. He said: "It struck me as incomprehensible that I should be allowed to live such a happy life, while so many people around me were wrestling with.....suffering."

Mark Link in 'Sunday Homilies'

***This week's announcements
September 30, 2007.***

1. *The Night Adoration will be held on Saturday, 29th September from 11.00 p.m. onward.*
2. *Sunday, 30 September 7.00 a.m. Mass will be in Hindi.*
3. *Monday, 1st October is the feast of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus.*
4. *Friday, 5th October is the first Friday of the month. A half hour adoration of the Eucharistic Lord after 7.00 p.m. Mass.*
5. *Next Sunday 7^h October, the Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated. New corn will be blessed at 7.00 a.m. Mass.*
1. *Next Sunday, Mass at Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave the school premises at 9.00 a.m.*
6. *October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be recited at the grotto at 6.30 p.m. Communities/zones may organize daily Rosary at some convenient place and time.*
7. *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.34,157.00*
8. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs 1743.00 .*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

1/Mon S. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS, vg dr,
Patroness of the Missions - Fst 2 Cor 10:17-11:2; Ps 130:
1,2,3; Mt 18: 1-4
2/Tue The Holy Guardian Angels - mem Ex 23:20-23; Ps
90:1-2,3,4,5-6,10-11; Mt 18:1-5,10
3/Wed Neh 2:1-8; Ps 136:1-2,3,4-5,6; Lk 9:57-62
4/Thu S. Francis of Assisi - mem Neh 8:1-4a,5-6,7b-12; Ps
18:8,9,10,11; Lk 10:1-12
5/Fri Bar 1:15-22; Ps 78:1-2,3-5,8,9; Lk 10:13-16
6/Sat S. Bruno pt or BVM on Saturday Bar 4:5-12,27-29; Ps
68:33-35,36-37; Lk 10: 17-24
7/Sun Hab 1:2-3;2:2-4;2Tim 1:6-8,13-14;Lk 17:5-10

PARISH VISITATION

This Tuesday Parish Fathers will visit Kopri.

OCTOBER 2007

Holy Father's General Intention: That the Christians who are in minority situations may have the strength and courage to live their faith and persevere in bearing witness to it.

Missionary Intention: That World Missionary Day may be a propitious occasion for kindling an ever greater missionary awareness in every baptized person

Notice

Members of S.V.P will be doing their annual gate collection in the church compound on Saturday the 29th Sept'07 after the 7.00 p.m evening mass and on Sunday the 30th Sept '07 after all masses
Please be generous

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!

Thought for the Day!!!

If you call your mother as MUM.. What will you call Mother's younger sis and elder sis?

Answer : MINIMUM & MAXIMUM

Whats the height of Intelligence?

Answer : A 99 year old man going for HUTCH ka naya lifetime scheme

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



WHITE LILIES

'White Lilies ' is yet another book of stories and anecdotes. Like 'Chicken Soup for the Soul' this book is a tiny guide to those who seek models for roll-play. Life is too precious to lay waste even a single moment of its existence. We therefore prefer to choose the bitten track that

will definitely lead us to our final destination. This book contains stories and anecdotes that will certainly enlighten our path to greater perfection. The author desires that the book is read widely and hence it is made available free of cost on the Legion Counter.



**ST JOHN BAPTIST POLYTECHNIC
COLLEGE**

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

In Association with USHA International LTD
(USHA Shriram Group) Manufactures of USHA
Sewing & Embroidery Machines.

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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.

Days- Mon, Wed & Fri

Timing- 9 to 1 & 1 to 5

Last date for Admission 10th Oct 2007

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**ENCOUNTERING CHRIST IN TODAY'S WORLD
A HOLISTIC FAITH FORMATION
PROGRAM**

Saturday evenings. 5.00 to 7.00 pm

Nov. 17 to Dec. 1, 2007 and Jan 5 to Feb 16, 2008

EMPOWERING THE LAITY FOR DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING

**AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PAVILIAN,
THANE**

TOPICS & FACILITATORS

S. N	Date	Topic	Facilitator
01	Nov.17	Theological Method	Bp. Bosco Penha
02	Nov. 24	Covenant Understood Today	Fr. Harry Vaz
03	Dec. 1	Lay Collaboration in Ministries	Fr. Aniceto Pereira
04	Jan 5	Christians & the Law of the Church -	Fr. Jervis D'Souza
05	Jan. 12	Social outreach through CCQ's & SCCs	Fr. John Almeida
06	Jan 19	Anger Management	Fr. Patrick D'Mello
07	Jan 24	Understanding Sacraments in Today's World	Fr. Gilbert De Lima .
08	Feb. 2	Christian Involvement in Society	Fr. Alwyn D'Souza
09	Feb 9	Christian Ethics	Fr. Stephen Fernandes
10	Feb 10	Church Teachings on Family	Fr. Cajetan Menezes

The above sessions will held here in the Pavilion specially for the benefit of our parishioners. There is no course fee except a serious **commitment** to attend all the sessions without fail. On completion of the course, certificates will be issued candidates attending the full course. Admissions open to all. Animtors, zonal leaders are specially urged to attend. Please, enroll your name with the parish office during office hours.





**WELL DONE ,FAITHFUL ONE JOHNNY
SOEIRO!**

JESUS LOVES YOU DEARLY
AND WE LOVE YOU TOO
FOR FIFTY YEARS
OF DEDICATED SERVICE
SOWN IN THE SOCIETY
OF ST.VINCENT DE PAUL
SHOWING CONCERN
FOR THE LESS FORTUNATE
AND NOT GIVING UP
WHAT AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW!

NOW IS HARVEST TIME FOR YOU
SO COLLECT YOUR BLESSING.

**FURTHER CLARIFICATION TO THE
NORMS & GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH
CEMETERY**

As a sequel to the Norms and guidelines for church cemetery, please, note that for any written permission to put up any slab, monument, masonry structure or mark or erect tombstones and the like, parishioners have to meet in person the parish office with proofs of claims and apply in the prescribed form available with the office . This is absolutely required for identification of graves/niches, verification of claims and for grant of permission. Kindly, note, no third party shall be authorized to deal with the parish office on your behalf. Parishioners are requested to cooperate with the office, as matters of graves and niches are delicate, sensitive and require careful attention. Till 15th October, 2007, no application will be entertained by the office.

St. John's Healthcare Centre

The Clinic of Allopathic Part was began on Month of Feb .2007. Now we have 3 Doctors are coming to our Health centre, Drs Rajesh Kumar Salve, Rita Fernandez & Rubina Furtado. We are Happy with their wholehearted voluntary service to our Centre. Since then more than 200 patients are taking treatment from our centre

--Sr. Amala



