



# LOCUSTS & HONEY

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.**

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- In-charge: Sunday School:** Sr. Ancy
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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:** 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:** 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:*

## FAITH MAKES POSSIBLE

“Jesus resorts to a rather paradoxical image to express the surprising vitality of the faith. Much as a leaver which can raise more than its own weight, a little faith is capable of realizing the impossible, the extraordinary: as the uprooting of a large tree and planting it in the sea! To convince ourselves of this and really grasp the revolutionary force which faith deploys, we have only to see what becomes of the most ordinary human existence at the school of an authentic believer like St. Paul: “Life to me, of course is Christ!” For Paul, faith is the wholly gratuitous sharing in the very existence of the risen Lord. Faith is the renewing word, the growing truth, the attempt to make the gospel flower afresh in each generation. Then, because the believer knows how to recognize the Lord’s action in the extraordinary fruits of his work, he learns not to take advantage in anyway of his faithfulness. For it is Christ who rouses, guides and, if he wishes, finally crowns one’s faith.”

- *Glenstal Bible Missal*

### Mountain moving faith

An old woman regularly read the Bible before retiring at night. One day she came across the passage that said: “If you have faith as little as a mustard seed and ask the mountain to go away, it will go.” She decided to test the efficacy of the passage There was a hillock behind her house. She commanded the hillock to go away from there and went to bed. In the morning she got up as usual and remembered her command to the hillock. She wore her spectacles and peered through the window. The hillock was there. Then she muttered to herself, “Ah! That’s what I thought.” - What she thought was that the mountain would not move. While her outer mind gave the command, her inner mind was convinced that she was giving a futile order. She did not have even an atom of faith at her command.

*G. Francis Xavier in ‘The world’s best inspiring stories’*



### PARISH VISITATION

*This Tuesday Parish Fathers will visit Kopri.*

***This week's announcements  
October 07, 2007.***

1. *This Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October, is celebrated as Thanksgiving Day. New corn will be blessed at 7.00 a.m. Mass.*
1. *This Sunday, Mass at Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave the school premises at 9.00 a.m.*
2. *October is the month of the Rosary. The Rosary is recited at the grotto at 6.30 p.m. Communities/zones may organize daily Rosary at some convenient place and time.*
3. *The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.25,530.00*
4. *The collections from Perpetual Succour box amounted to Rs 1290.00 .*

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

8/Mon Jon 1:1-2:1,11; Ps Jon 2:3,4,5,8; Lk 10:25-37  
 9/Tue Ss. Denys, bp, & Camps, mm Or S. John Leonardi, pt  
 Jon 3: 1-10; Ps 129: 1-2,3-4, 7bc-8; Lk 10:38-42  
 10/Wed Jon 4:1-11; Ps 85:3-4,5-6,9-10; Lk 11:1-4  
 11/Thu Mal 3:13-20a; Ps 1:1-2,3,4&6; Lk 11:5-13  
 12/Fri JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3,6&16,8-9; Lk 11:15-26  
 13/Sat BVM on Saturday JI 4:12-21; Ps 96:1-2,5-6,11-12;  
 Lk 11:27-28  
 14/Sun 2Kgs 5:14-17;2Tim 2:8-13;Lk 17:11-19

***Smile, Giggle, Laugh!***



A Texan oil man died and went to heaven. He kept on bragging about Texas until St: Peter got fed up and showed him Paradise. No matter where he took him, he said, "Texas was better."  
 Finally St. Peter took him out of Paradise and showed him hell.

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A man entered a concert hall with his domineering wife. They arrived late, so she asked a neighbour, ("What are they playing?"

"The fifth symphony."

Wife: "Thank God, we missed the first hour."

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The judge had just finished informing the prisoner that he was set free as the jury had found him innocent of the theft.

The prisoner replied: "Thank you your honour. Does that mean I can keep the money?"

COME TO ME -IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

The Association of Night Adorers praise and thank God for the response of our parishioners who attended the Night Adoration. Some of them who came from Cherai, Utalsar, Rabodi, Majiwada, Brindavan, Gokul Nagar, Manpada and Dhokali attended for the first time. We were about 18 in number. We are sure the Lord is pleased with us and we pray that more parishioners are inspired to make the Night Adoration. We need Eucharistic Ministers, singers, readers, people who can help reflect on the Word of God.

**WANTED A GRAVE-DIGGER-CUM-MALI:**

Anyone willing to work as mali for the garden of the church and ready to dig graves for burial is welcome to meet the Parish Priest.

**SENIOR COLLEGE.**

The parishioners, the readers of the Locusts & Honey and specially those who have expressed their support to the senior college project through the pages of "Locusts & Honey" issues will be happy to know that the Bishops' Team at the Archdiocesan level have approved the proposal of a senior college at Thane in principle. While we thank all of you who have welcomed the proposal of a senior college, we are specially grateful to those who have shown their written support through the church bulletin.

We propose to open first year degree classes in Commerce (B.Com.), in B.Sc.(IT) and BMS (Bachelor of Management Studies). This proposal of the above courses was presented at the deanery meeting of Thane deanery Fathers and it was unanimously approved. Parishioners and readers are welcome to comment on the proposal of the above courses. Your valuable suggestions given in a week's time will be of help before we finalize our application to the university of Bombay for permission

**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.

**U S H A**

**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.

**WANTED** someone with knowledge of Portuguese to translate old baptism and burial records of the church into English. Anyone with fluency of both Portuguese and English please meet the Parish Priest.

07 October, 2007.

**PRAYER OF THE UNBORN**

Although I live "within your place,"  
And you give me food and space,  
I am not you! I am me.  
Don't you see! I have a right to be.

Although I come from egg and sperm,  
By joining they made of me, in turn,  
A separate entity.  
I am not you! I am me.

From the moment I came to be,  
God infused within this tiny me,  
A soul so, as you can see,  
I am not you! I am me.

You are my "protected place"  
Where I gather strength and grace  
But, my body belongs to me.  
Now - do you see?  
I have a right to be!



The laws of god say: "do not kill"  
But, I am subject to your will.  
Won't you please believe in me,  
As a separate entity?  
I am not you! I am me.  
Believe--- I have a right to be.

by Jenny Rogers

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**THE NUMBERS OF SHAME**

50 million: Number of girls that  
UNICEF estimates are 'missing' from Indian  
society: 9.6 million: More boys aged between  
0-14 than girls

929 Females  
per 1,000 males in  
million: Number of females  
fetuses aborted in India since ultrasound  
scanning was first used 20 years ago.



India 10  
of females

3500: Female fetuses aborted in Jaipur,  
the capital city of a state ruled by a female  
Chief Minister.

390: Body parts of female fetuses found  
in Ratlam in February 2007.

770: Girls to 1000 boys in Kurukshetra  
7,999: out of 8,000 aborted fetuses in Bombay  
in 1984 were females.

70 million: More boys than girls in  
China's total population

2 million: More boys than girls are born  
in China

50 million: Girls missing  
in China due to gendercide.



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**Kolbad SCC News roundup:**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept, Marian pilgrims from the Kolbad SCC, made their way to the Basilica of Our Lady of the Mount, Bandra, to pay their annual homage and thanksgiving to our Blessed Mother, by attending the scheduled Eucharistic celebration and following it up with the traditional visit to the Bandra Fair. A pilgrimage that had humble beginnings has now grown to a full fledged bus load. We thank the core group animators for making it possible for us to attend, as well as for the light but thoughtful breakfast that was served during the journey.

**KOLBAD SCC's Activity Information & Notification:**

The daily recitation of the rosary at the **GROTTO of Our Lady of Fatima** has commenced from the **1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2007, at 8:00 p.m.** as per the scheduled given in the table below.

On the **31<sup>st</sup> Oct**, the concluding procession & rosary will be at **7:15pm, followed by the Annual Zonal Mass at 7:45pm.**

General Rosary conducted by the Core Group Animators		1 <sup>st</sup> / 7 <sup>th</sup> & 31 <sup>st</sup>
Prince Apts / Philips House / Classic Apts / J.R. Alphonso Villa	Linda Miranda	2 <sup>nd</sup> / 15 <sup>th</sup> / 28 <sup>th</sup>
Kolungude Estate / Mary's Abode	Roshini D'Souza	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>
Savio Apts / Vishal Towers / Maheshwari Apts	Brenda Fernandes	4 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>
Cross Arbor / Green Cottage / Pereira House / Josephine Villa / Almeida Chawl / V.D'Penha House.	Jyotsna Fernandes	5 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup>
Carvalho Chawl / Carvalho Bldg / Rebello Apts	Dolores D'Souza	6 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup>
Shanti Sadan / Gomes House / D. Bosco House / Pereira Chawl / D'Sa Family /Memorare Bldg	Aloysius D'Penha / Nestor D'Sa	8 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup>
Urmilla C.H.S. Bldg / Paridhi Apts / Okel Den / Vaibhav Society.	Eustace deCunha	9 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup>
Aniket / Bakery Bldg / Shruti Apts	Casio D'Cruz	10 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>
D'Mello Bldg / White Bird & Blue Bird Apts	Anthony Alphonso	11 <sup>th</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Dias Cottage / Elimar Apts / Elias Pereira Apts / Kapilavastu Society.	Gladys D'Penha	12 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>
Nirvana Apts / Hilton's/ Reynold's / Noel D' Penha / D'Sa Bungalow / Maria Cottage / Joanna's Ark	Rovina Pereira	13 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>
Rebello House / Panto D' Penha House / Lovitt Pereira House.	Steven D'Penha	14 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>
Cosmos Socy / Shree Krishna Towers / Saurabh Towers	Jessie Sequeira	27 <sup>th</sup> / 29 <sup>th</sup> / 30 <sup>th</sup>

### **The Song of an unborn girl**

By Gatha Sehgal



I'm an angel in disguise  
 With dimpled cheeks and  
 laughing eyes  
 Don't you want me? I am your baby.  
 I have come as a gift from heaven's halls in your  
 heart,  
 Oh hear my call, mother keep me I am your baby,  
 Oh mother, let me live, don't take away my life,  
 Mother let me live.  
 You know it isn't right to stop me being born,  
 I want to be yours.  
 Oh Mother, let me live, don't take away my life,  
 Mother let me live, I want to live my life.  
 Mother you will see when you look at me  
 And you hold me in your arms  
 You'll fall in love with me  
 Like a flower in your care, I am a gift so pure and  
 fair.  
 Don't you want me? I am your baby.  
 My little life please don't abort,  
 Let me live, don't cut me short,  
 Mother keep me, I am your baby

### **Life, God's Gift To Man**

Life is a journey through earth,  
 Heaven is the destination we need to seek after  
 birth.

Life has mainly two spheres,  
 The good and the evil which can never be  
 brought anywhere near.

Life has never been a cup of cream,  
 Sorrow and happiness keep surfacing on and  
 off on daily routine.

External influences over life are many,  
 Be alert and do not drift from life's main  
 objective which are predetermined already.

Life has been gifted with a purpose by the  
 Almighty,  
 It is vital to keep up to His expectation daily.

Man profits nothing when he gains the whole  
 world,  
 He suffers great losses when he loses his own  
 soul.

Life with freedom is the greatest asset,  
 Living with faith and not in fear will not make  
 the Almighty upset.

Life is a stage on which man performs,  
 He is graded by the Creator according to His  
 norms.

Be honest and live God-fearing lives,  
 Be ready to receive rich dividends when on  
 heaven we focus our eyes.

### **Malcolm Nobre**