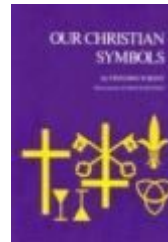




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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH, THANE.

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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

WHEN GOD MIXES WITH MAN

Though he was known as a public sinner, there was something in Zacchaeus which was pulling him to Jesus. His curiosity to see Jesus got the better of him. As Zacchaeus had to climb the sycamore tree to see Jesus we also need to go above the obstacles and limitations in order to encounter him. Jesus the perfect paradigm of mercy and compassion does not look at our sins rather he looks at the genuineness and purity of our heart. If we are sincere in our desire for him and in our faith in him he will definitely call upon us to stay with us and make us immortal like Zacchaeus.

For Luke anyone who encounters Jesus becomes aware of his sins and repents for them. For instance, we see in chapter five Peter confessing his sins on meeting Jesus and the sinful woman repenting for her sins in chapter seven when she encounters Jesus. Zacchaeus who encountered Jesus was no more the same lonely, dejected person again. He is transformed by Jesus, who wants to celebrate with him, eat and drink with him. Jesus does not preach repentance but let Zacchaeus experience his love which accepts people unconditionally. The experience of this love leads the chief tax collector to repent. He spontaneously offers to give half of his possessions to the poor and repay fourfold of what he has collected unfairly.

Repentance in the light of the story has three main facets. It primarily means becoming aware that we are alienated from God and also from society. Secondly, it means seeing our lives in God's light, understanding them in this light, and recognizing that God is the real destination and support for our lives. And thirdly it means a repentant heart realizes that he/she can no longer hold on to his/her wrong perceptions, false values, questionable way of life, anti-social behaviour, brute force or abusive language. The best definition of repentance was given by a small girl: it is being sorry enough to quit. Repentance can be expressed through a sincere confession for sacramental absolution, through penance like King David sitting in the ashes, through a public apology with commitment to refrain from antisocial activities, but above all through a change of life, as Zacchaeus did. It is a matter of deciding to live differently, to live in peace and harmony with the larger community and to live in accordance with God's will.

- Manoj

PARISH VISITATION

This Tuesday Parish Fathers will visit K'Villa .

***This week's announcements
November 04, 2007.***

1. *This Sunday, there will be Mass at Our Lady of Hope Church, Ghormal at 10.00 a.m. A bus will leave the church premises for Ghormal at 9.00 a.m.*
2. *This Sunday the CWF meeting at 10.30 a.m.*
3. *Friday, 9th October the 7.00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated with lights in honour of Jesus, the Light of the World.*
4. *Sunday, 11th November will be celebrated as a day of 'Campaign for violence-free families'*
5. *Next Sunday, the parish council meeting will be held at 10.30 a.m. in the meeting room.*
6. *The collection at Masses last Sunday, amounted to Rs.24787 00*
7. *The collections from the Perpetual Succour image box amounted to Rs.1755.00.*
8. *The collections from other boxes amounted to Rs.3390.00*

This Week's Liturgical Readings

5/Mon Rm 11:29-36; Ps 68:30-31,33-34,36-37; Lk 14:12-14
 6/Tue Rm 12:5-16a; Ps 130:1,2,3; Lk 14:15-24
 7/Wed Rm 13:8-10; Ps 111:1-2,4-5,9; Lk 14:25-33
 8/Thu Rm 14:7-12; Ps 26:1,4,13-14; Lk 15:1-10
 9/Fri DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA - Fst
 Ezek 47:1-2,8-9,12 or 1 Cor 3,9c-11,16-17; 'Ps 45:2-3,5-6,8-9; In 2: 13-22
 10/Sat S. Leo the Great, Pp dr - mem Rm 16:3-9,16,22-27;
 Ps 144:2-3,4-5,10-11; Lk 16:9-15
 11/Sun 2Mac 7:1-14;2 Thes 2:16-3:5;Lk 20:27-28

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS – ACTION GROUP meet on Sundays from 11.00 a.m to 12.00 noon and on Thursdays from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in St. John the Baptist Church/School premises. Those having problems with drugs are advised to take the help of N.A.

Citizen Credit Co-operative Bank Ltd announced Annual Awards for Academic Excellence. For details contact the nearest branch or refer the church Notice Board.

St. Joseph Konkani Catholic Association will be presenting a Konkani drama entitled "Mhataro Chorbela" on 10th Nov. 2007 at 11.30 A.M. at Gadkari Rangayatan, Talao Pali.

Tickets are available with the members of the Association and at church compound. All church Associations are urged to extend their co-operation

On All Souls Day

On all souls day to You O Father I pray,
 Let the perpetual light shine on the souls in purgatory
 and may they return to You in eternal glory.

Every soul while on its journey through earth finds its way towards God's kingdom,
 Do not get carried away by Satan's tempting words,
 kindly utilize God-given wisdom.

Do good in life while on planet earth,
 The soul is automatically nourished without much effort.
 Unclean habits and evil works are injurious to the soul,
 Hell and not heaven becomes the main goal.
 Return to Satan what is Satan's, and to the Father what belongs to Him,

We are free to choose either earthly pleasures or the heavenly bliss.
 In exchange for the soul there is nothing a man can give,
 Be wise !! The earth is a temporary dwelling one day he has to take its leave.

In God's House there are many Mansions,
 Good souls can gain entry without much tension.

Focus on heaven and life eternal thereafter,
 Keep the soul away from sin now, rather than regretting later.

Malcolm Nobre

Smile, Giggle, Laugh!



Power Of Evangelisation

A Jewish businessman in Chicago sent his son to Israel for a year to absorb the traditions and culture of the Jewish people. When the son returned, he said: "Papa, I had a great time in Israel. And by the way, I got converted to Christianity."

"Oh no", said the father of the boy, "what have I done?" I sent him to learn the Jewish culture and he gets converted to Christianity".

He took his problem to his best friend, once again a Jew.

"Jacob", he said, I too sent my son to Israel and the came back a Christian. What can I do?"

"Funny you should ask me. I too sent my son to Israel and he came back a Christian. Perhaps we should go and ask the Rabbi.

They explained their problem to the Rabbi.

"Funny you should ask me," said the Rabbi. I too sent my son to Israel and he too came back evangelised. He became a Christian." "What is happening to our young generation!"

They decided to pray to Yahweh, telling him about their sons, and asked Yahweh for advice. As they finished the voice of Yahweh thundered from heaven, "It's funny you should ask me," said the voice;

"I too sent my Son to Israel ...born a Jew and he too converted."

JOB VACANCIES

URGENT VACANCIES WITH REPUTED CLIENTS "OF DON BOSCO RE-RECRUITMENT SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER I DECEMBER 2007

1. OFFICE ASSISTANT (M/F): (5 nos.) , Smart, fresher, SSC I HSC. Candidate should have computer knowledge, handling of petty cash, banking work.
 2. TYPIST (M/F): (5 nos.) SSC / HSC pass with computer knowledge and good typing speed.
 3. FRONT OFFICE EXECUTIVES (M/F): (3 nos.) Graduate I, Under graduate with good communication skills and pleasing personality.
 4. ACCOUNTANT (M/F): (2 nos.) ... B.Com., tally, knowledge in scrutiny and follow-up of bills required.
 5. RECEPTIONISTS / TELEPHONE OPERATOR (Female): (5 nos.) Candidates having good command over English. Freshers are welcome.
 6. SECRETARIES (M/F) : (3 nos.) Preferably Graduates with good speed of shorthand and proficiency in computers. Age: below 35 years.
 7. FITNESS INSTRUCTOR (F/M) :(1 no.) , Certified fitness instructor with at least one year's experience,
 8. CUSTOMER SERVICE EXECUTIVE (M/F): (7 nos.) Graduate with accountancy background.
 9. JR.MECHANICAL ENGINEERS (Male): (3 nos.) ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS (Male) : (2 nos.) DESIGN ENGINEERS (Male): (1 no.) Diploma holders or Degree holders. Experienced / Freshers are welcome.
 10. FITTER / TURNER (Male): (3 nos. each) S.S.C., ITI course, should be able to read drawings and have at least 2- years experience. Freshers are welcome.
 11. DRIVERS (Male): (3 nos.) I Heavy / Light vehicle drivers with 1-2 years experience will be preferred.
 12. SALES PERSONNEL FOR MALLS (M/F): (20 nos.) Min. qualification 10th Std. Part-timers / Full timers required.
 13. DATA ENTRY OPERATORS (M/F) : (7 nos.) Graduates(English-medium) with good typing speed.
 14. MEDICAL TRANSCRIPTIONIST (M/F) : (15 nos.) Graduates with good listening skills.
 15. TELECALLER (VOICE-BASED / INBOUND OUTBOUND) (M/F): (7 nos.) Graduates / R.S.C. required.
 16. DELIVERY BOY (9 nos.) Min. S.S.C. required.
 17. HOUSE-KEEPING APPRENTICES (Male): (7 nos.) S.S.C or H.S.C with minimum one year experience.
 18. SALES EXECUTIVES(M/F) : (6 nos.) Sales professionals with pleasing personality having 2- 3 years selling experience in leisure related services ..
 19. IT PERSONNEL (M/F): (11 nos.) H.S.C / Graduate with knowledge of MS-Office, Internet, E-Mail, Photoshop etc.
 20. CALL CENTER - BACK OFFICE EXECUTIVE (M/F) :(10 nos.) H.S.C / Graduate with good English speaking skills.
 21. 'STORE KEEPER (M/F) : (3 nos.) ~ XII Std. with 1 year experience.
 22. PACKING STAFF (M/F) : (7 nos.) S.S.C with some experience. Freshers also welcome.
 23. HELPERS (M/F): (14 nos.)
 24. GARDEN SUPERVISOR (Male) : (5 nos.)
 25. MALIS (Male): (13 nos.) I
 26. HOUSE-MAID (Female): (3 nos.)
- Kindly contact :
Venue: Don Bosco Recruitment Services Youth Services Bldg., Ground Floor,
Matunga - East, Mumbai - 400019.
Tel. Nos. : 24118282/24154646 Timing: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. / 2.30 p.m. - 05.30 p.m. i Monday to Friday
E-Mail: dbrs_bosco@rediffmail.com OR dbrs@vsnl.net .

VACATION BIBLE JOY

Vocational Bible Joy Programme

Theme: - "The Eucharist – My Jesus and I"

For – Std I to X

When - 12th Nov to 20th Nov.

Time – 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 Afternoon.

Where – St. John's School -1st day to meet near the Eucharistic Chapel

Nature – Will be taught about "The Eucharistic and Jesus". In the Bible, through fun and frolic, songs and skits, prayers and lessons, art and craft etc.. etc... Snacks will be served during the break.

Certificates and Prizes on the final day-21st Nov.

Charges – Rs 25/-only

Bring with you –Good News Bible, a note book, card, pen pencil, eraser, coloured pencils and a pair scissors.

Forms are available in the Church office.

TRAVEL LIGHT

Hi, There!

I see you trudge on wearily,
Burdened and bent,
With baggage weighing you down.
I guess you're on your way to Heaven,
If so, why aren't you TRAVELLING LIGHT?

There's a baggage on your head,
Still another on your back,
Yet a third one in your hands,
Why for? TRAVEL LIGHT.



The baggage on your head
Stinks of pride and egoism,
Resentment, anger and unforgiveness.
LET GO- throw it behind you
And move on - TRAVELLING LIGHT

And the other baggage on your back,
Carries the burden of your hurts
And cares and anxieties of each day.
Toss them to the Lord,
And move on, TRAVELLING LIGHT

What is it your hands hold tight?
Oh, your countless worldly possessions!
They were meant for some deserving passerby
Who needs them more than you.
So let go-scatter seeds for the needy
And TRAVEL LIGHT,
FLYING YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN.

Ella

**ST JOHN BAPTIST POLYTECHNIC
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St John the Baptist Special School 2nd Floor
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In Association with USHA International LTD
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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.)
M0b.9320718998, 9322591425
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

**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.

The Good Shepherd Sisters are organizing "DIWALI FIESTA" for all, eligibles with a view to marriage. (Spinsters below the age of 30 year old and Bachelors below 35)
The Get-Together will be held on Sunday, 11th November 22007 at Good Shepherd Convent, Four Bungalows, Andheri (west),
Contact: 2637 2422/2637 1863.

