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Weekday: 6 & 6.45 a.m., 7.00 pm.

In Holy Cross Convent: 6.30 am.

Mass in Marathi: 3rd Sunday at 7. a.m**Mass in Konkani:** 4th Sunday at 7. a.m.**Tamil Mass:** 2nd Sunday at 11.00 am**Confessions:** Saturday: 6 to 7 p.m.**Baptisms:** Sunday: 10.15 am**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 [Eng.]

On Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

Divine Mercy Devotion: On Fridays at
6.00 p.m. except on 1st Friday**Night Adoration:**at 8 p.m. on 2nd Saturday;

at 10.30 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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Every Christian is a Prophet!

In the course of the rite of our baptism, we are anointed on our forehead with the oil empowering us to play the triple roll of Jesus as priest, prophet and king. Jesus as eternal high priest offered himself as sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins; Jesus as prophet preached the truth of the Kingdom of God and Jesus as King gave the new command of love to His followers. We in turn as sharing in the priesthood of Christ are enabled to share in His sacrifice, thus making our prayers efficacious as Jesus' prayers to His Heavenly Father; as participants in His kingship, we not only belong to His Kingdom but also become partners in the affairs of the church, we become participatory church. And as prophets, we are called upon to bear witness to the truth.

'Prophets' is an institution of the old Testament Biblical traditions. The chosen people were guided from time to time by the prophets. They were the courageous spokes-persons of God, defending tooth and nail the truth and values of God. They were not always the ones they wanted to be but the ones reluctantly pulled in by the inner voice to stand up for the truth and fearlessly proclaim it.

Three qualities are seen in them. To be a prophet is a call from God; secondly, they mostly suffered rejection from their own and thirdly, their life was not always the bed of roses. They had to suffer for the cause of truth.

Three tasks are seen in their mode of operations. They have a clear vision of truth; seeing the truth for what it is—prophetic vision. They listen to God's voice, they listen to the social cries of the time, they listen to the disaffected. After they see, after they listen, they speak out,—testify and witness—to the Truth and they openly come out with action plan that will take them to the brick of challenge and opposition.

We as Christians anointed to share in the Christ's roll as prophet; we cannot be simply passive and watch the world deteriorate into a moral chaos; we cannot be blind to injustice and crime against humanity. Like Martin Luther and Archbishop Romero, Megha Pathkar, we have to open our eyes to social injustice rampant in the country, listen to the cries of the marginalized and speak out courageously in defense of the truth, even if it means rejection, opposition and suffering.

This week's Announcements, 09 July, 06.

- ✍ Today Faith Formation Sunday is celebrated
- ✍ Today the Parish Council meeting at 10.30 a.m.
- ✍ The collection at Masses on last Sunday, amounted to Rs.,24,685.00
- ✍ The collection from the box in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour frame amounted to Rs1,895.00.

Visitations Programme of the Parish Fathers in the Month of July will be held on the following Dates

3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st July
BRINDABAN AREA

Ps: - Visitation of the homes will not be individually but in clusters. The Co-ordinator will explain

CHURCH ELECTRICAL WIRING

We propose to do concealed wiring inside the church for fans, lighting and PA system before taking up the interior painting . Quotations are invited from licensed electricians by 20th July, 2006.

03/07 to 09/07 This week's readings :

Mon.	Hos 2:16,17b-18,21-22; Ps 144; Mt 9:18-26
Tues.	St Benedict, ab - mem Hos 8:4-7,11-13; Ps 113b; Mt 9:32-38
Wed.	Hos 10:1-3,7-8,12; Ps 104; Mt 10:1-7
Thurs.	St Henry Hos 11:1-4,8c-9; Ps 79; Mt 10:7-15
Friday	St Camillus de Lellis, pt Hos 14:2-10; Ps 50; Mt 10: 16-23
Satur.	St Bonaventure, bp dr - mem Is 6: 1-8; Ps 92; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.

**ECLESIAL YOUTH MOVEMENT
PARISH YOUTH MOVEMENT**

Youth all over the Archdiocese has become a concern for bishops and priests. They are the future of the Church. Nay, they are indeed very much the Church of today. Without them the Church community looks worn out, old, haggard, de-energized with no strength to manifest the vibrancy and vitality of faith in the presence of Jesus at the service of sin-ridden humanity. Pope John Paul II says, "Youths are the hope of the Church. Dear young people the happiness you are seeking, the happiness you have a right to enjoy has a name and a face, it is Jesus of Nazareth."

We in our parish of St. John the Baptist need make a concerted effort to get our youth for Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Rev. Fr. Victor Dalmat has been asked to head this youth ministry in our parish. However, alone he can hardly do much. He needs all of us to help him. Bishop Bosco has laid down some guide-lines for us to embark upon this ministry with some degree of success. They are:
Problems with Youth Ministry in the **old methodology:**

- a) A very small percentage of youth involved e.g. 50 out of 1000 !
- b) Over-dependence on priests with consequent disastrous effects in times of transfer.
- c) Small central groups which tend to get westernized and to keep others out.
- d) The Youth Ministry is seen only as the work of one person or a small group. Hence we wish to try out a new methodology.

The new methodology

- a) We move from dependence of one priest to a Parish Youth Animation Team (PYAT)
 - b) We move from a centralised youth group to youth groups in SCCs – Neighbourhood Youth Groups (NYGs)
 - c) Representatives of each SCC Youth Group are then elected to the Parish Youth Council (PYC)
 - d) The whole parish will be considered to be responsible for the youth work :
- ? The clergy
 - ? The religious
 - ? The Parish Pastoral Council
 - ? The SCC animators
 - ? Other Lay Associations
 - ? Prayer Groups
 - ? The sick and aged whose prayers are very powerful.
 - ? The whole parish to pray for this intention.

May we the parish team request all parishioners to help us with the following:

- ? The parish youth animator team has been formed. We need some more adults with love and enthusiasm for youth activity, at least one from each zone. Please, contact Fr. Victor. Young sisters are also welcome on the PYAT.
- ? Those families and parents who have children in the age group of 15 to 21, please, give the name of your son/daughter along with your address and telephone number to Fr. Victor by the 20th July.
- ? Those associations such as Charismatic Prayer Groups, Legions, choirs etc. if they have any youths among them, please, give their names to Fr. Victor and encourage them to join the youth movement.
- ? The SSC animators, coordinators and zonal leaders are requested to make a list of youths in your area and hand over a copy of the same to Fr. Victor.
- ? Above all, please, pray regularly for our youth and for the success of the youth movement in our parish. It will have cementing effect.

Once we have sufficient data from you, we will be able form neighbourhood Youth Groups, which will have its zone-wise calendar of events for year, elect representatives on the Parish Youth Council and network with it for their personal growth as well as for the parish community.

Parish Priest.

To encourage the Youth participation in the parish life, we propose to have the Sunday 6.30p.m. Mass as youth Mass Youth are encouraged to attend this mass. The following Zones are requested to organize the liturgy.

Sr.No	Date	Zone
1	2 nd July 06	Naupada I
2	9 th July 06	K'villa
3	16 th July 06	Brindaban
4	23 rd July 06	Naupada II
5	30 th July 06	Kolbad
6	6 th Aug 06	Khopat
7	13 th Aug 06	Cherai North
8	20 th Aug 06	Cherai South
9	27 th Aug 06	Louiswadi
10	3 rd Sep 06	Utalsar
11	10 th Sep 06	Horta Mahgeri
12	17 th Sep 06	Kopri
13	24 th Sep 06	Anandpark
14	1 st Oct 06	Rabodi

The winners of the tournament are as follows:

THROW BALL:
 WINNER: KHOPAT / PRATAP
 RUNNER UP: BRINDABAN
 FOOTBALL (JUNIORS)
 WINNER: KOLBAD
 RUNNER UP: K'VILLA
 FOOT BALL:
 WINNER: K'VILLA
 RUNNER UP: LEWIS WADI



Compassion – What is it?

Nouwen speaks of Christians as "wounded healers" who have compassion.
 Compassion is not pity. Pity lets us stay at a distance. It is condescending.
 Compassion is not sympathy. Sympathy is for superiors over inferiors.
 Compassion is not charity. Charity is for the rich to continue in their status over the poor.
 Compassion is born of God. It means entering into the other person's problems. It means taking on the burdens of the other. It means standing in the other person's shoes. It is the opposite of professionalism. It is the humanizing way to deal with people. "Just as bread without love can bring war instead of peace, professionalism without compassion will turn forgiveness into a gimmick."

AULT FAITH FORMATION

From last Sunday onward we have introduced adult faith-formation classes for parents and those interested in knowing the Church view point on matters concerning faith and morals. These classes are held in the meeting room during the same time while the Sunday School classes are conducted from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Parents who wait for their catechism children are requested to assemble in the meeting room.

Topics such as family life, Catechism of th Catholic Church etc. will form part of the syllabus.

INAUGRATION OF GROTTTO IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA AT KOLBAD VILLAGE

It was a matter of great honour and pride for the Kolbad Zone. When a grotto installed by the Kolbad Village and dedicated to our Lady of Fatima was inaugurated on 25th June 2006 by Fr.Victor Dalmet. The event began with a procession of our Lady seated on a flower bedecked palkhi taken around the village and then enshrined in the grotto. This was followed by the Recitation of the Rosary and at the end of which snacks were then distributed to all those present. The Grotto was the inspirational work by the St.Sebastian club & team. May Mother Mary bless them for their efforts

Smile! Giggle! Laugh!!!

Two not so clever young men wnet for an interview. As they sat outside the office room, one of them little more clever went in for the interview. The interviewing panel asked him three questions. The first question was, "When did India get independence?" He replied, " not sure. I t must be either in 1947 or 1956. I think it was in 1947." The panel then asked the second question<' Who is known as the Father of the Nation." He replied," Many claim to be the Father of the nation. But I think it is Mahatma Gandhi." The third question asked was< "Is there corruption in our country?" to which he answered, " This question I cannot answer off-hand. A research is being conducted, at the end of which I will be able to answer this question." Before he left the office, he promised the panel he would keep total secrecy about the three questions he was asked.

When he came out, his friend asked him, "How was the interview and what questions he was asked." He tole his friend that he had made a promise not to talk about the questions. The friend then asked him, " At least let me know the answers you gave." He said, " That I can do, as I have made no promise about my answers." He then briefed his friend, " To the first question, you say, ...it may be 1947 or 1956 not sure, but very likely 1947. To the second question you repli, ... many claim to be Fathers, but I think it is Mahatma Gandhi. To the third question, you say, ... I cannot answer this now; there is a research being conducted. I'll be able to answer this, when the research is over." The second young man went in for interview. The panel asked him three questions. The first, "When were born? To which he replied, " either in 1947 or may be 1956, not sure, but I think it was in 1947." The second question, " Who is your father?" To which he said, " Many claim to be father. But I think it is Mahatma Gandhi." The third question," Are you married?" To this he replied, "I cannot answer this question now. A research is being made. I'll be able to answer when the research is completed."

Wanted a full/part-time professional or para-professional social worker social worker to work for the St. John's Center for Community Organization.

The nature of work :

- to mind the office, visit families, people
- identify cases of needs, verify the genuineness of the need, prepare reports, organize women's mandal, create awareness about one's social duties, responsibilities, rights etc.

Qualification:

Interest in Social work, love for the poor, care for the needy, ability to maintain total secrecy, availability, ready to be of help at any moment, able to manage simple office matters, able to prepare a report, maintain elementary accounts, ability to type, can converse in Hindi/Marathi and minimum S.S.C./H.S.C. passed.

Also wanted a part time retired clerk to feed computer data and maintain record at the CCO.

Apply or meet the Parish Priest at the earliest.

**EVERY THING I NEED TO KNOW,
I LEARNED FROM NOAH'S ARK**

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| One | Don't miss the boat. |
| Two | Remember that we are all in the same boat. |
| Three | Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark. |
| Four | Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do some-thing really big. |
| Five | Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done. |
| Six | Build your future on high ground. |
| Seven | For safety's sake, travel in pairs. |
| Eight | Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs. |
| Nine | When you're stressed, float a while. |
| Ten | Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals. |
| Eleven | No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always rainbow waiting |

A Living Miracle - Praise be to God.

We would like to share our unique experience, of the presence of God in our lives.



Our son, Rojen Olivera who is now 2 years old has been un-well since birth. He was diagnosed with a very rare kind of disease known as

Pulmonary Histiocytosis (this disease is due to the cell disorder being very much similar to cancer, affects 1 in 20 million). In our son case it had affected his Right lung and the middle and lower lobe had to be removed when he was 4 months old. He was being treated at Jaslok Hospital. The remedy was Chemotherapy. We were a little skeptical about starting his treatment, knowing the side effects of chemotherapy. God was our only hope and we left the decision in God's hand. After his 5 cycles of Chemo he was affected with multiple infections, TB and Fungal pneumonia. The doctors were not sure of his survival and told us to be prepared and keep faith in God. We were really very depressed and finally we surrendered our child to God. Miraculously he started improving and his infections got cured, but due to very high percentage of infections his left lung got damaged and he developed Respiratory distress and could not breathe on his own and was put on the Ventilator. Since then he was in the ICU at Jaslok for about 14 months and now we have purchased the Ventilator and our child is back home and breathing thru the Ventilator.

14 months of stay in the hospital that too in the ICU was the worst phase in our life, but it was God who has given us the strength during the hospital stay and it is only because of

God's miracle that our child is alive today and we have full faith in him that one day with his blessing and grace Rojen will able to breathe on his own.

We would also like to thank our church St.John the Baptist for helping us financially for the procurement of the Ventilator.

Our message to our parishioners is no matter what hardships you'll face just keep smiling and leave everything to God. He will take care of everything and never leave us alone.

Ronald & Jennifer Olivera Navasafalya, Lewis-wadi