

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and My God". (St. John 20:28)



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From the Vicar's Desk



Beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ.

When E. Stanley Jones, well-known missionary to India, had the opportunity to meet with Mahatma Gandhi, he asked India's revered leader a searching question: "How can Christianity make a stronger impact on your country?" Gandhi very thoughtfully replied that three things would be required.

First, Christians must begin to live more like Jesus. Second, the Christian faith should be presented without any adulteration. Third, Christians should emphasize love, which is at the heart of the gospel.

These insightful suggestions are the key to effective evangelism around the world. As messengers of God's love, we are to be human mirrors who reflect without distortion a growing likeness to our Lord; we are not to walk in "craftiness" (2 Cor. 4:2). If our lives reflect an image that is spiritually blurred, the truth of saving grace may not be clearly communicated (vv.3-5). We are also to share the biblical essentials of our faith clearly. We must not handle the Word of God "deceitfully" (v.2). And our lives are to be marked by love for God and others (1 John 5:1-2).

Let's be sure that we reflect a clear image of Jesus' likeness, the truth of God, and love.

In the month of August Kerala faced a terrible crisis of natural calamities. We forgot to safeguard our God-given Nature and its environment. Instead we exploited it to the hilt and criminally violated the first rule to tend and keep the land. Madhav Gadgil, well-known ecologist, submitted a report six years ago to the Central and state Governments regarding the great urgency to protect the fragile hilly regions of the Western Ghats. He suggested several steps for immediate implementation such as stoppage

of rock quarrying, red soil mining etc. in this area. But there arose strong protests against the 'Gadgil Report', including from the Churches there. Finally, we ignored the report and the warnings. As a result of the exploitation of the affluent society the poor people are suffering now.

In the month of September we are celebrating the 1st Sunday as Education Sunday. Teachers : To be filled with divine Wisdom is the main theme and our teachers will lead the service on that Sunday. Sevika Sangam Day will be celebrated on the 2nd Sunday with the Theme, Women: Equal participation in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God. Third Sunday is Senior Citizens Sunday. Honouring the Elder Generation is our Theme for that day. In the remaining Sundays of the month we will be discussing two important Sacraments namely Sacrament of Confession and the Sacrament of Anointing the Sick. Forgiveness of Sins and Healing the sick are the main motto of these Sacraments. May God enable us to study and mediate on the above themes for the enrichment of our Faith.

On September 13th is our Family get-together which is named as Sargolsavam. Our Sargolsavam committee is planning to celebrate the day to make it a memorable one.

Rev. P. C. James, Vicar of Thambaram (Chennai) parish is coming for the Diocesan collection. Every year we donate this money for sponsoring the less privileged children in the Mission fields of our Chennai- Bangalore Diocese. Rs. 25000/- is needed for the education of a student per year. Kindly contribute generously for the upliftment of the down trodden.

May God help us all to reach the expectation of His will as a Parish in the days to come.

Yours in His service

Rev. Jiji Mathew

Organizations - Schedules at St. Thomas Centre

Sunday School	Friday 2.00 to 4. 30 pm	Yuvajana Sakhyam	1st Friday and 3rd week of Monday cottage prayer
Junior Choir	Thursdays 6.00 to 7.30 pm	Sevika Sanghom	Saturdays 5.15 pm
Senior Choir	Thursdays 7.30 to 9.30 pm	Edavaka Mission	Saturdays 7.00 pm

Best Parish Award - 2018 - 2019



We thank our almighty God for bestowing the honor of 'Best Parish' of the Chennai - Bengaluru Bhadrasanam, to our Parish for the 3rd consecutive year.

appreciate and congratulate our Vicar during the term Rev. Bobby Mathew, Office Bearers and Kaisthanasamithy for their contributions and dedication to make this possible. A brief function was held on 15th August 2019 after the church service.

Let us continue in unity and fellowship to bring forth more laurels to our parish.

Yuvajana Sakhyam – Seminar



St. Thomas Yuvajana Sakhyam conducted an open seminar on "INCOME AND WEALTH MANAGEMENT" for all our youths and parishioners on 2nd August 2019, Friday after the church service. The Assistant General Manager of Boubyan Bank, Mr. Noel Joe Cherian led the seminar.



Harvest Festival - 2020



As per decision by Kaisthanasamithy, a Memorandum of Communication (MoC) was signed with KUWAIT Arts And Nadaka Academy (KANA-KUWAIT) to stage two shows of their 'newly releasing' drama during St. Thomas Fest20 (Harvest Festival 2020).

Vicar Rev. Jiji Mathew and Mr. Babu Chakkola (Producer & Director -KANA Kuwait) signed and exchanged the MoC.

Present during the occasion were Thomas P. Abraham (Bhadrassana Member), Mathew Koshy, John Varghese, Biju George Thomas (Trustee -Accounts), Jiji Mathew (Trustee- Finance), George Punnoose (President, KANA-Kuwait), Sanjeev K. Peter, Reji Mathew, Manju Mathew, Kumar Thirthaala (KANA-Kuwait), Jiju Kaalayil (Vice-President, KANA-Kuwait), Renji Varghese, Eapen Thomas (Joint General Conveners- Fest20 & Christy Thomas (General Convener- Fest20).

DIOCESAN COLLECTION

Dear Parishioners,



This is to inform you all that we have received a Kalpana from our Diocesan Bishop, Rt Rev Dr. Mathews Mar Makarios informing that Rev. P.C. James (Vicar Thambaram Immanuel Marthoma Church) will be visiting our Parish End of September to 2nd week of October 2019 related to Diocesan collection. In the past years we as a community have always stood together to support the genuine cause and needs of our diocese and this year too we appreciate and call out for your whole-hearted support and generous contributions to stretch out our hands to our fellow beings in need.

Detailed visiting schedule will be informed through Prayer Group office bearers. Please do remember this in your Prayers.

KUWAIT CENTER MAR THOMA JOINT FELLOWSHIP

SPRING TIDE 2019

One Day Workshop For Teenagers

2019 AUGUST 31st SATURDAY (9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM)

IMMANUEL MAR THOMA CHURCH, MAR THOMA CENTER

CLASSES LED BY

Rev. Jiji Mathew
(Vicar St. Thomas MTC)

Rev. Shibu K
(Vicar St. James MTC)



കുവൈറ്റ് സെന്റ് തോമസ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ ചർച്ച്

സർഗോത്സവം 2019

പ്രിയ സെന്റ് തോമസ് കുടുംബാംഗങ്ങളേ,

നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയുടെ കുടുംബസംഗമം, സെപ്റ്റംബർ മാസം 13-ാം തീയതി വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച വൈകിട്ട് 5 മണി മുതൽ രാത്രി 9 മണി വരെ സാൽമിയ സീനിയർ ഇന്ത്യൻ സ്കൂൾ ഓഡിറ്റോറിയത്തിൽ വെച്ച് ഇടവക ജനങ്ങളുടെ വിവിധ കലാപരിപാടികളോട് കൂടി നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നതാണ്.

ഡ്രോയിങ് കോമ്പറ്റീഷൻ, ഗ്രൂപ്പ് ഡാൻസ്, കിച്ചൻ ഓർക്കസ്ട്ര, നാടൻ പാട്ട്, വില്ലിച്ചാൻ പാട്ട്, ഓണപ്പാട്ട്, സംഗീത നാടക ശില്പം, ഡ്രാമ, തുടങ്ങിയ പരിപാടികൾ ഈ കുടുംബ സംഗമത്തിൽ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

തുടർന്ന് എല്ലാവർക്കും സ്നേഹവിരുന്ന് ക്രമീകരിക്കുന്നതാണ്.

ഫുഡ് കൂപ്പൺ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ ഗ്രൂപ്പ് ചുമതലക്കാരുടെ പക്കൽ നിന്നും ലഭ്യമാണ്.

എല്ലാ ഇടവക ജനങ്ങളുടെയും ആത്മാർത്ഥമായ സഹകരണം പ്രതീക്ഷിക്കുന്നു.

എന്ന് സർഗോത്സവം കമ്മിറ്റിക്ക് വേണ്ടി,

റവ. ജിജി മാത്യു (വികാരി)

ശ്രീ. ജോൺ വർഗീസ് (കൺവീനർ)

ശ്രീ. മോൻ മാത്യു സി.ജോൺ. (സെക്രട്ടറി)

ശ്രീ. ജിനു ചാക്കോ തോമസ് (ജോ. കൺവീനർ)



BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
1	EMILY MARY BINU	02383	OLIVET
1	JOANNA MARIAM JERRY	04674	EMMAUS
2	SAUMYA MARIAM	00504	CANAAN
2	PREETHI SIMON (DR.)	02532	HERMON
3	GLENN V. GEORGE	01193	CANAAN
3	SAM THOMAS SAMUEL	01881	ARARAT
3	KEVIN C. VARUGHESE	03303	ARARAT
3	MARIYAMOL	05572	MAHANAIM
3	SANJAY KOSHY CHERUKARA	05733	GIHON
4	REV. JIJI MATHEW	00011	CANAAN
4	MIREILLE SAMGEO	04503	EMMAUS
5	JACOB CHERIAN	02841	EPHRAIM
6	HANNAH ELIZABETH MATHEWS	00614	GIHON
6	NATHAN SHINU VARGHESE	04183	JERUSALEM
7	NIKHIL GEORGE MATHEW	01403	EMMAUS
7	LISA ANN ANUP	05082	ARARAT
8	JOHAN GINU GEORGE	05383	HERMON
8	REHAN GINU GEORGE	05384	HERMON
9	JOEL T. BIBU	02023	GETHSEMANE
11	KEVIN MANOJ MATHEW	00105	OLIVET
11	ALEXY ANN ALEXANDER	00784	MIZPAH
11	JACOB GEORGE P.	01094	MIZPAH
11	JEHOSHUA GEORGE BOBBY	01593	EMMAUS
11	MANI JACOB	02071	OLIVET
12	VIPIN VARGHESE	01153	JERUSALEM
13	SAM GEORGE THOMAS	00703	ARARAT
14	ABEL PHILIP VARGHESE	01133	GIHON
14	ROCHELLE DENNY KOSHY	01273	EPHRAIM
14	JOHAN T. BIBU	02024	GETHSEMANE
14	HABEEB JOHN	05764	CANAAN
14	JOB JOHN	05765	CANAAN
15	PANJAMI SARAH MOHAN	00962	EDEN
15	AARON PHILIP CHACKO	01563	ARARAT
15	ABEL PHILIP CHACKO	01564	ARARAT
15	ALICE SAMUEL	02122	ARARAT
15	SHERLY BINU	02952	MIZPAH
15	TITTU MATHEW ABRAHAM	04211	GETHSEMANE
15	TITUS BENSON THOMAS	05051	EDEN
16	BYJU JOHN	04631	MIZPAH
16	JEENA AVINASH	04902	EDEN
16	JAMES BABY BABY	05661	MIZPAH
17	SUJA BOBAN	00112	OLIVET
17	PHILIP C. M.	00191	EDEN

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
17	NATHAN LALOO ARUN	00273	EDEN
17	ABRAHAM STEPHEN	00721	GETHSEMANE
17	SACHIN SAMUEL MATHEW	01433	MIZPAH
17	SAJI MATHEW GEORGE	01511	MIZPAH
17	CALEB ABRAHAM GEORGY	03105	ARARAT
17	DIVYA PAPPACHEN	05672	MAHANAIM
17	MARK VARGHESE SANJU	05693	GIHON
18	GEORGE T. J.	00891	MIZPAH
18	MERCY PHILIP	01342	ARARAT
19	SUNITA ANIE SAMUEL	02622	EMMAUS
19	SHEEJA SUSAN THOMAS	04042	CANAAN
19	KEVIN SAJAN THAZHEL	04133	JERUSALEM
19	GIANN SAIRA KOSHY	04353	MAHANAIM
19	BENCY MERIN MATHEW	04962	CANAAN
20	ROSHIN ANNA BINU	02704	EDEN
20	BEENA THOMAS	03152	EPHRAIM
20	HAROLD S. WARTIKA	03482	GIHON
20	NEETHA CHERIAN	04332	GETHSEMANE
21	JOE MAMMEN JOHN	01253	OLIVET
22	BONY VERGISE MATHEW	05811	JERUSALEM
23	NEHA MERIN KURIAN	01764	ARARAT
24	RUTH ANN TOBBY	03975	CANAAN
24	EBEY ABRAHAM	04171	MIZPAH
25	LISA ANN JACOB	04163	HERMON
25	Shaji Mathew	05911	MAHANAIM
26	DILEEP K. MATHEW	01461	OLIVET
26	PRAVEEN MATHEW THOMAS	01791	JERUSALEM
26	DANIEL MATHEW JOYAL	03814	OLIVET
26	SAM KOSHY MATHEW	04821	MAHANAIM
26	PREETHI JOHN	04982	HERMON
27	DITTY SHAJI JOSEPH	01412	EDEN
27	ANNA MARIAM JERRY	04673	EMMAUS
28	ARYAN JOE VURGHESE	04053	EPHRAIM
28	LEWIN EBEY	04174	MIZPAH
28	REIZ RELIN	05003	EDEN
28	DILANA MARIAM SAJAN	05424	MIZPAH
29	JIJI MATHEW	00011	CANAAN
29	SHIMSY ALEX	02502	CANAAN
29	REN SIMON THOMAS	05153	OLIVET
30	ALAN ABY VARGHESE	03851	MIZPAH

*Thanking God Almighty for His mercy.
May Lord God Bless you abundantly.*

Happy Birthday

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	NAME	MEM. NO	PRAYER GROUP
2	SAMUEL MATHEW & ALICE SAMUEL	00212	ARARAT
3	ABHILASH A. ABRAHAM & MANEETA SUSAN THOMAS	00164	CANAAN
6	MANOJ P. KOSHY (DR.) & ANJU ANN PHILIP (DR.)	00249	CANAAN
7	PRAVEEN MATHEW THOMAS & SHEENA ELIZABETH MATHEW	00179	JERUSALEM
10	BIBU T. BABU & NISHA KURIAN	00202	GETHSEMANE
10	SUNIL KURIEN & SHEEBA SIMON	00410	MIZPAH
10	JACOB JOSEPH VELLOOR & BINU JACOB	00183	GETHSEMANE
10	BIJU P. ABRAHAM & JULIE BIJU	00178	OLIVET
12	MATHAI KOCHUMMAN & JOLLY MATHAI KOCHUMMAN	00080	OLIVET
12	ALEXANDER GEORGE & OMANA ALEXANDER	00085	ARARAT
12	GEORGY MATHEW & SEENA ANN ABRAHAM	00310	ARARAT
13	FINNEY GEORGE & BINDU FINNEY GEORGE	00042	MAHANAIM
14	NEBY MATHEW & MITHU CHERIAN	00478	MAHANAIM
15	SAM GEORGE & MARIYAMMA SAM	00021	OLIVET
19	JOYAL SAM MATHEW & NISHA PAUL	00381	OLIVET
24	VARUGHESE MATHEW & MINI VARUGHESE MATHEW	00048	GETHSEMANE
24	EAPEN ABRAHAM & PREETHI JOHN	00498	HERMON

Thanking God Almighty for His mercy. May Lord God Bless you abundantly.

Happy Wedding Anniversary

"Come unto Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

CONDOLENCE ON THE SAD DEMISE OF:



✦ Our Member Mr. Thomas Chacko (64) Puthukulathu House, Malayalapuzha Eram, Puthukulam P.O. Pathanamthitta, (Family #055 Eden)

May Lord God Almighty give strength to the family to bear the grief.

St. Thomas family express our heartfelt condolence to the bereaved family members on the sad demise of their beloved ones. May Lord strengthen and comfort them.

I Know I Can

Ephesians 3:14-21

[God] is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us. (Eph 3:20)

Remember the story of The Little Engine That Could? That determined little train climbed the steep hill by chanting positively, "I think I can. I think I can." And then, as it gained more resolve, it declared, "I know I can. I know I can."

No one would disagree that followers of Christ should think and live in a positive way. But do you ever find yourself depending too much on your own abilities rather than on the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit?

In John 15, Jesus explained our need for complete dependence on Him when He said, "He who abides in me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without me you can do nothing" (v.5). Paul reminded us that we "can do all things through Christ who strengthens [us]" (Phil. 4:13), that "the

excellence of the power [is] of God and not of us" (2 Cor. 4:7), and that we are "strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man" (Eph. 3:16).

Because of God's power, we can do whatever He asks of us - through Him. We can base our confidence not in our own abilities, but in God's absolute promises.

So, this month, with exceedingly more power than the little engine could ever muster, we can say, "I know I can. I know I can - because of Jesus."

PRAYER :

Dear Lord, even when I grow weak in my struggle I know your strength will prevail. Amen.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2019

DATE / DAY	TIME	VENUE	THEME	WORSHIP	1st LESSON	2nd LESSON	EPISTLE	GOSPEL	ASSISTED BY:
3 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP	Teachers: To be filled with Divine Wisdom (Education day)	HOLY QURBANA	Neu. 8:1-8	Acts. 18:24-28	James 3:13-18	Luke 4:16-22	Mahanaim PG
6 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Women: Equal participation in the Ministry of the Kingdom of God -Sevika Sanghom	HOLY QURBANA	Judg. 4:4-16	Rom. 16:6-16	Phil 4:1-7	Mark 14:3-9	Sevika Sanghom
10 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Gihon PG
13 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Honoring the Elder Generation Senior Citizens Day	HOLY QURBANA	Gen. 48:8-22	Philim. 1:8-22	2 Tim. 1:3-14	Luke 2:25-38	Senior Citizens
17 - TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP							Jerusalem PG
20 -FRI	7:30 AM 9:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Confession: The Sacrament of forgiveness of Sin	HOLY QURBANA ENGLISH SERVICE FASTING PRAYER	Jer. 4:1-14	1John. 1:1-10	1Pet. 1:13-22	Luke 19:1-10	Sunday School & Junior Choir Canaan PG & Hemmon PG
24 -TUE	07:30 PM	NECK-HOP		HOLY QURBANA					Ephraim PG
27 - FRI	7:30 AM	ST THOMAS CENTRE	Anointing the Sick: Sacrament of Healing	HOLY QURBANA	2Kgs. 20:1-11	Rev. 22:1-5	James 5:13-20	Mark 6:7-13	Eden PG

Note:- Any changes in worship venue or time will be informed through e-mail.
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