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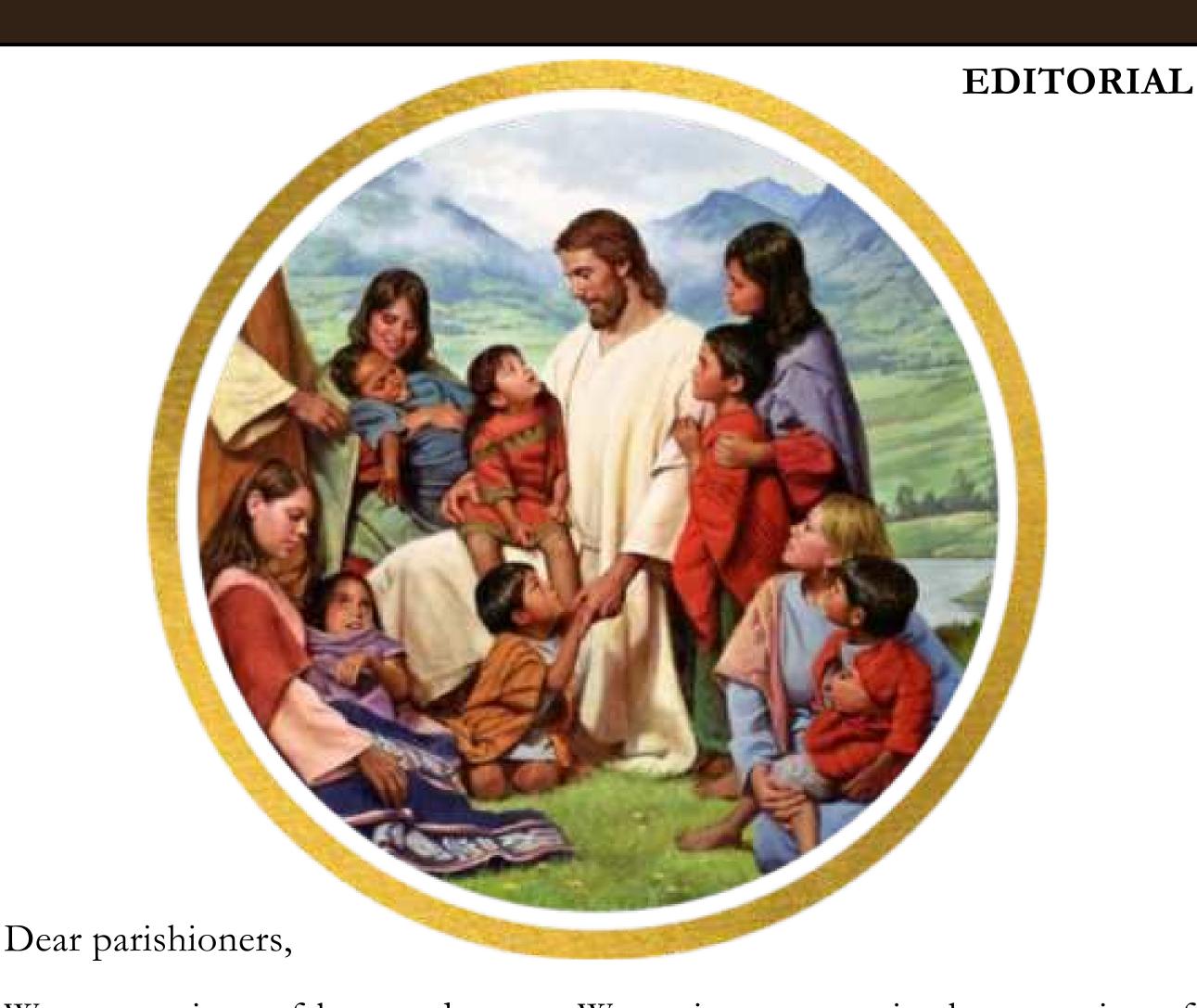
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Warm greetings of love and peace. We revive once again the magazine of our parish, which was then the most desired magazine of all parishioners. It brings me great joy to delve into a topic that lies at the heart of our shared journey—the essence of Christian family life.

Families are an integral part of one's life. In a world often marked by rapid change and uncertainty, our homes must serve as sanctuaries where faith, love, and values are nurtured. The essence of Christian family lies in the fact that Jesus becomes the focal point and faith, prayer and Christian values are considered as an integral part the family.

Foundation in Faith: The family, as the basic unit of society, plays a pivotal role in shaping the character of individuals. Most importantly Christian family is anchored through faith that sustains us through life's storms. It is within the walls of our homes that we impart the timeless teachings of Christ, fostering an environment where love, forgiveness, and compassion flourish.

Prayerful Connection: A Christian family is a community that is centred on prayer. It is through collective prayer that we invite God into our daily lives, seeking His guidance, strength, and wisdom. In the hustle and bustle of our routines, let us not forget the transformative power of family prayer. It unites us, deepens our spiritual bonds, and reminds us that God's presence is constant in our homes.

Living Christian Values: Our homes are classrooms where values are taught not only through words but, more importantly, through actions. In the spirit of Christ's teachings, let us prioritize love, forgiveness, humility, kindness, and generosity. By embodying these values in our interactions, we create a nurturing environment where children and adults alike learn the essence of Christian living.

No family is exempt from facing challenges, yet it is in the face of adversity that the strength of Christian family life shines. By facing difficulties with faith, resilience, and mutual support, we demonstrate to the world the transformative power of Christ's love. Through shared burdens, we become living testimonies of the hope that sustains us.

The threads of traditions and celebrations weave a beautiful story in the families. Whether it be gathering around the table for a meal, observing religious holidays, or marking significant life events, these traditions create lasting memories and bind us together as a family.

Conclusion: As we navigate the complexities of the modern world, let us re-commit ourselves to the sacred task of building and nurturing Christian family life. It is through our homes that we can radiate the light of Christ, impacting not only our immediate circles but also the world beyond.

May our homes be beacons of love, faith, and hope, reflecting the transformative power of Christ's presence. May this new year bring a lot of joy, peace and happiness.



Fr. Prashanth Fernandes. OFM PARISH PRIEST

SAINT JOHN DE BRITTO: A LIFE OF FAITH AND SACRIFICE

-Br. Ajay

Early Life: Saint John de Britto, also known as Arul Anandar, was born on March 1, 1647, in Lisbon, Portugal, to an aristocratic family and was dedicated at birth to St. Francis Xavier. His early life was marked by a miraculous recovery from illness. He was on his death bed when his mother prayed and vowed to make him wear the robe of a Jesuit for a whole year on recovery, which he gladly did even while attending court, in spite of being ridiculed. This ultimately lead to his commitment to follow the example of Saint Francis Xavier.

Missionary Life: At fifteen, on December 17, 1662, Britto entered the Lisbon novitiate of the Society of Jesus, eventually being ordained in January 1673. Driven by a desire for missionary work, he arrived in Goa by mid March, studied Theology and was asked to remain as a teacher. He once said: "God, who called me from the world into religious life, now calls me from Portugal to India. Not to respond to my vocation as I ought, would be to provoke the Justice of God. As long as I live, I shall never cease to desire a passage to India." Eventually, his desire was fulfilled.

He later travelled to the missions of Madurai in present-day Tamil Nadu, renaming himself 'Arul Anandar'. He followed in the footsteps of Saint Francis Xavier to India, where he chose to work for the humble and needy in what was then called the Madurai Mission. Britto's patient labours, selfless zeal and genuine love for the poor won him their trust, but success brought jealousy and opposition. Like Jesus he was "a sign of contradiction" and his success created jealousy and opposition. He had great success, converting many to Christianity, including the feudal chief of Siruvalli. The chief then dismissed all his wives except the first. Among those dismissed was the niece of the Prince of Marava. The prince, with Brahmin support, began a persecution. The prince, with Brahmin support, began a persecution. He had Britto brought before him and sent him to Oriyûr. Despite persecution, including being brought before the Prince of Marava, Britto continued his mission.

Martyrdom: Before his death, Britto knelt in prayer. Facing execution, he encouraged the hesitant executioner, saying, "I have prayed to God. On my part, I have done what I should do. Now do your part. Britto was beheaded on February 4, 1693. His head fell into the sand, his hands and feet were later cut off, bound to the torso, placed on a stake and was left as feed for birds and animals. He died bearing witness to Christ

Canonization: Saint John de Britto was beatified on February 17, 1852, and canonized on June 22, 1947, honouring his life of faith and sacrifice.

GALLERY SECTION

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER









ADVENT RETREAT









NEWS AND EVENTS

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT: ALTAR SERVERS' INVESTITURE AT ST. ANTHONY'S FRIARY CHURCH

-Br. Anmol Bara

The Altar Servers at St. Anthony's Friary Church reaffirmed their dedication to serving in various liturgical services of the Parish on December 3, 2023. In the presence of thirty-three Altar Servers, the renewal ceremony took place under the guidance of the Parish Priest, Fr. Prashanth Fernandes. The servers professed their commitment to serve with dedication, discipline, and devotion. The parish community witnessed this solemn occasion and offered prayers for their continued dedication in the service of the Parish during the Eucharistic celebration.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

-Fr. Jamesmon

An Eucharistic celebration at our Grotto of Mother Mary brings special moments of grace and blessings from the Eucharistic Lord. A special Eucharistic celebration was held at our Grotto of Mother Mary on December 8, at 6 pm to celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother. This event brought together a large number of people and created a warm atmosphere of love and devotion.

Fr. Prashanth, the Parish Priest, presided over the Eucharist, while Fr. Arokiaswamy, Fr. Emmanuel, and Fr. Jamesmon concelebrated. Fr. Emmanuel delivered a homily. After the Eucharist, a Rosary procession was held, followed by Benediction and anointing. This special celebration filled everyone with feelings of peace and joy, reminding us of God's boundless love.

THAARE: ILLUMINATING FAITH, SERVICE AND COMMUNITY

-Mr. Sudeep

Introduction: In the heart of the community, a group of young individuals has emerged as the driving force behind the vibrant energy of St. Anthony's Friary Church. Known as "THAARE," this dynamic youth group has become synonymous with enthusiasm, community engagement, and a commitment to both faith and service.

Established in 2016 as the youth wing of St. Anthony's Friary Church, THAARE, with the tagline "GUIDE US TO THY PERFECT LIGHT," holds Saint Clare as its Patron Saint. Influenced by Saint Clare's profound impact on the Franciscan movement and her unwavering commitment to a life of poverty and service, the group embraces a mission that extends beyond the church walls. THAARE is dedicated to fostering a sense of belonging, spirituality, and social responsibility among its members.

Spiritual Growth and Development: At the core of THAARE's activities lies a profound commitment to spiritual growth. Through prayer meetings and retreats, the youth of THAARE engage in various activities, including Spiritual Summer camps, enactment of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday, decorations for St. Anthony's feast, initiation of youth retreats, games stalls on Mission Sunday, decoration for Christmas, fundraising, charity on environmental day, and more. The youth group provides a space for its members to deepen their faith and build a strong foundation for personal and collective spiritual development.

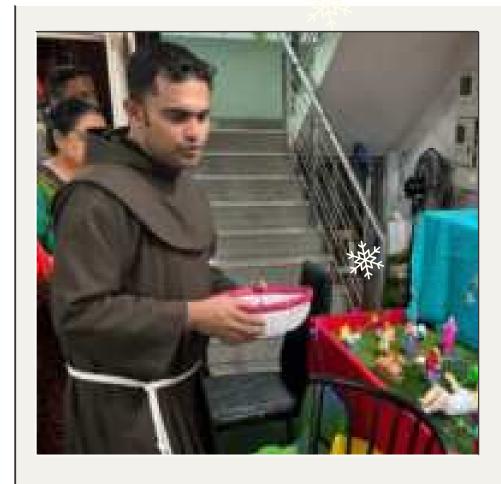
THAARE, the spirited youth group of St. Anthony's Friary Church, stands as a testament to the power of faith, service, and community engagement. With a mission that transcends the traditional boundaries of religious organizations, THAARE exemplifies the transformative potential of young individuals coming together with a shared purpose. As they continue to make a positive impact within and beyond their community, the legacy of THAARE will strive to the fullest with all their spiritual zeal.

CHRISTMAS GATHERINGS

























FESTIVE JOY: SVP'S CHRISTMAS MAGIC AT ST. ANTHONY'S FRIARY CHURCH

Ms. Navitha Miranda

The Christmas season came alive on December 9, 2023, when the Society of St. Vincent de Paul hosted its annual Christmas gathering for adopted families at Portiuncula Hall in St. Anthony's Friary Church.

The festivities commenced with a heartfelt address from SVP President, Mrs. Navitha Miranda. Fr. Prashanth, the spiritual guide and Parish Priest, delivered a moving homily emphasizing the significance of family through the symbolism of the Christmas crib, underscoring unity and love during the holiday season.

Guests included dedicated SVP members, Fr. Arokia Swamy and Fr. Jamesmon. Mrs. Deborah Gomez and Mr. Ambrose skilfully hosted the event in Kannada and Tamil, conducting engaging games like 'Passing the Parcel' and 'Bombing the City,' alongside other lively spot events. Prizes for the winners added unexpected moments of joy to the gathering. The event featured a festive lunch where attendees enjoyed chicken curry, roomali roti, ghee rice, salad, and dessert. This shared feast served as a focal point, fostering bonds and allowing everyone to revel in the season's joys together.

Finally, Fr. Arokia Swamy presented Christmas hampers to the Adopted Families of SVP, sponsored by parishioners during collections made outside the Church every second Sunday of the month. These hampers contained practical yet heartfelt gifts like bedsheets, bath towels, and toiletries. Sarees were also gifted by former SVP President Mrs. Inez D'costa, symbolizing care and generosity towards the adopted families.

Overall, the event was a resounding success, embodying the true essence of the festive season and nurturing a sense of community among SVP members and the adopted families.

EMBRACING ADVENT: A TRANSFORMATIVE RETREAT

Mrs. Dorin Rasquinha

Advent is a season observed as a time of expectant waiting and preparation to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Bangalore Konkani Catholic Sangh, Koramangala, organized a charismatic retreat in English on deliverance and healing under the banner of BRC (BCCRS) to welcome this Advent Season. The retreat took place on Saturday, December 9, 2023, from 9 am to 5 pm, guided and supported by our Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Prasanth Fernandes, OFM, at St. Anthony's Friary Church, Madiwala, Bangalore.

The retreat was led by the 'Bread of Life' group, accompanied by the renowned preacher Br. David Manjaly from Trisshur, Kerala, who ignited spiritual awakening, healing, and deliverance with his divinely inspired prayers, words, and examples. The retreat drew a substantial gathering and commenced with the recital of the Holy Rosary, followed by Praise and Worship, Confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Holy Mass. The melodious singing enhanced the spiritual awakening, prompting everyone to sing praise and glory to God. Many in attendance were healed of physical ailments and delivered from various bondages. They shared heart-touching testimonies, leaving the entire congregation in awe of the Glory and Presence of Our Lord through these miracles.

Refreshments and lunch were served to all participants. The retreat proved to be very fruitful, bringing peace and joy to all who attended.

6TH BLOCK, KORAMANGALA

-Mr. Maxim Lobo

Love, joy, peace, family, laughter, and a spirit of giving—all of these symbolize the spirit of Christmas. However, for us, the fact that the light of the world is born is the true meaning of Christmas. That is the reason the 6th Block parishioners gathered together to partake in the celebrations and bonded over cake, wine, and dinner on December 19, 2023. Rev. Fr. Prashanth, Rev. Fr. Jamesmon, and Rev. Fr. Eugene graced the gathering. With carolling and a procession, the parishioners prepared for the birth of Christ. Happy and smiling faces bear testimony to the joyous gathering in our ward.

SOCIETY OF VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS GATHERING









CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE POOR









EMBRACING THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: CHRISTOS 2023

-Mr. Joy Francis

On December 16, 2023, the FERDINANDS youth group of our parish organised a heartwarming event that truly encapsulated the spirit of the season. It not only brought the community together but also fostered creativity and spiritual reflection.

The central theme for this year's competition was "Rebuild the Manger: Greccio, Embrace Christ." This resonant theme aimed at encouraging participants to reflect on the humble beginnings of the Christmas story and find innovative ways to express their connection with the message of love, hope, and renewal.

The event featured a trio of captivating competitions—Crib Making, Greeting Card Making, and Star Making—that collectively attracted the participation of 70 children. The diversity of these competitions allowed participants to showcase their artistic talents while delving into the profound meaning of Christmas.

In the crib-making competition, participants skilfully reconstructed the manger, each depiction telling a unique story of the nativity scene. The level of detail and creativity demonstrated by the contestants truly brought the biblical narrative to life, fostering a deep appreciation for the significance of the season.

Greeting Card Making provided a platform for participants to extend the warmth of the season through personalized messages of love and joy. The exchange of these heartfelt cards not only added a personal touch to the celebration but also served as a reminder of the importance of spreading kindness during the holiday season.

The Star Making competition illuminated the event with a dazzling array of handmade stars. Symbolic of the guiding star that led the way to Bethlehem, each crafted star became a testament to the light of Christ that shines in the hearts of the community.

The dedication and creativity of the participants did not go unnoticed, and the organizers ensured that their efforts were duly rewarded. Prizes, including cash prizes, certificates, medals, and trophies, were awarded to commend outstanding contributions. All the participants were given a participant certificate. However, the true reward lies in the shared experience of coming together as a community to celebrate the essence of Christmas.

CHRISTOS 2023 had successfully achieved its goal of bringing the children closer, encouraging reflection on the true meaning of Christmas, and fostering a sense of togetherness that extended beyond the event itself.

Let us capture the vibrancy of CHRISTOS 2023—an event that not only celebrated creativity but also allowed us to collectively rebuild the manger in our hearts, embracing the spirit of Christ during this festive season.

SIDDARTHNAGAR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

-Joseph Joana

St. Anthony's ward celebrated Christmas programme on carols started on 18 december 2023, Help of Holy cross convent Sr. Lancy and team also from our friary brothers also came for carols on December 23 7 o clock Christmas mass and small games prices and snacks also arranged we all enjoyed with help of parish team. Thank you lord Jesus

CHRISTOS 2023 - FERDINANDS

















































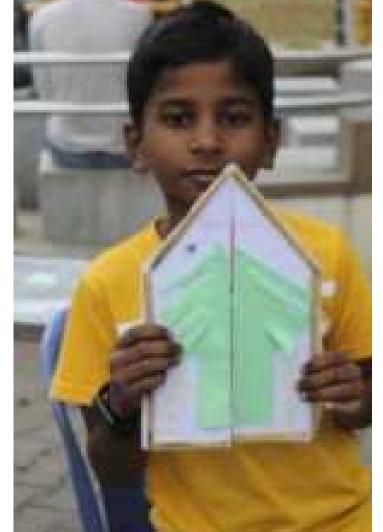


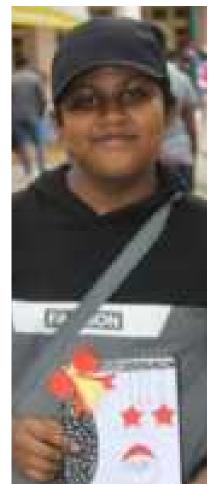












ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH HOSTS PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR MIGRANTS

-Mrs. Saloni Ekka

In the spirit of togetherness, St. Anthony's Parish organized a Pre-Christmas Celebration, aiming to provide a sense of belonging and joy to migrants who find themselves far from their homelands during the festive season. Known for its inclusive and compassionate approach, the parish sought to create an atmosphere that transcends cultural and geographical boundaries.

The event, held at FMM School, was orchestrated by the Abba group committee members. It began with a special mass presided over by priests from different locations, drawing members from both organizing groups. This religious commencement set the tone for a celebration that goes beyond traditional boundaries.

Following the mass, attendees gathered for a diverse cultural exchange, showcasing the rich tapestry of traditions that migrants bring with them. From traditional dance to music and culinary delights, the celebrations became a melting pot of cultures, fostering understanding and appreciation among the diverse community present.

The highlight of the evening was a communal feast, where everyone shared dishes representing their cultural heritage. This shared meal not only satisfied physical hunger but also nourished the bonds of friendship and unity among the attendees. To make the event even more special, the organizers arranged for small gift packages, symbolizing the spirit of giving and love associated with Christmas. These tokens of goodwill were distributed among the migrants, serving as a reminder that they were valued members of the community. They also joined in for lunch followed by cultural dances from different parishes.

The Eucharist Migrant Association has not only brought smiles to the faces of migrants but also strengthened the bonds that unite us all. This pre-Christmas celebration serves as an inspiring example of how communities can come together to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for those far from home during the festive season.

FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION AT JINGLE MINGLE 2023

-Mrs. Matilda Rego

The Jingle Mingle 2023 event, graciously hosted by the Bangalore Konkani Catholic Sangh, commenced with a captivating 'Cooking Without Fire' competition that saw enthusiastic participation from five teams. The esteemed judging panel comprised Ms. Dale Rasquinha, a renowned chef from Canada, along with esteemed past presidents Mrs. Menderline and Jyothi, adding a touch of expertise to the event.

Under the meticulous planning of the Jingle Mingle planning committee, spearheaded by Ms. Dorine Rasquinha, BKCS Joint Secretary, the event unfolded as a splendid showcase of community unity. The Event was held at the Grand Krishna Hotel on December 2, 2023, from 7 pm onwards, the occasion transformed into a joyous Family Day, brimming with delightful moments.

At the outset, Ms. Jyothi led a heartfelt prayer, seeking divine blessings for the BKCS family's prosperous 26-year journey. The ambiance was further enriched by the soul-stirring carols sung by the talented Preran choir, led by the accomplished Steven and group. Adding to the festivities were a charming Christmas tableau and a spectacular dance performance by Tiya and her enthralling troupe.

Families from diverse corners of Bangalore enthusiastically converged, infusing the Jingle Mingle Family Day with exuberant togetherness. BKCS President, Mrs. Aida Margaret D'Cunha extended a warm and hearty welcome to the large gathering, setting the tone for an evening of communal jubilation.

The keynote address by Rev. Fr. Prashanth Fernandes resonated deeply, emphasizing the pivotal role of familial involvement in fostering betterment, advocating love, sharing, and the essence of joyful living. "The distinguished presence of FKCA's esteemed past Chairmen, Mr. Sylvian Noronha, Mr. Valerian Fernandes, Mr. Victor Edward D'Souza, and Mr. Anand Edward D'Souza, alongside FKCA General Secretary Mrs. Leena Lobo, added grandeur to the occasion. An impressive assembly of BKCS past presidents, FKCA members, well-wishers, and the cherished BKCS family further enriched the gathering

PRE - CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION OF MIGRANTS









CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION IN SIDDARTHNAGAR CHAPEL









A special felicitation ceremony honored FKCA past presidents, BKCS Presidents, and presidents from other Konkani Catholic Sangh, acknowledging their commendable contributions. Gratitude was expressed by Mrs. Matilda Rego treasurer, BKCS, to Rev.Fr. Prashanth, main sponsors Mr. Ronald Pinto, Mr. Sylvian Noronha, Mr. Valerian Fernandes, co-sponsors, donors, Past President Mr. Sunil, Secretary Mr.Peter, the dedicated Jingle Mingle core committee, and the supportive BKCS members for their generous contributions, ensuring the event's resounding success.

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The evening unfolded with a diverse array of engaging activities tailored for all age groups within the community. Culinary delights crafted by talented community members delighted food enthusiasts. "The attendance of our secretary, Mrs. Natalie Rodrigues, and Cultural Secretary, Mrs. Andria, dressed as Santa Claus, added a delightful touch as children eagerly anticipated their moment to engage with the beloved festive icon. Adding excitement to the proceedings, the atmosphere soared with a thrilling lucky draw.

The Jingle Mingle Family Day 2023 highlighted the strength of community bonds and exuberant spirit of celebration. Families left with bright smiles and hearts full of festive joy, cementing cherished moments into the tapestry of community life. As we eagerly await future Jingle Mingle celebrations, may the threads of enchantment continue to weave more intricately with each passing year

ST BED LAYOUT, KORAMANGALA

Mr. Raymund Joseph

We concluded the year 2023 with our final SCC meeting, aptly named the Christmas SCC. The gathering was well-attended by members of our ward, with approximately 65 people in attendance.

Commencing with an opening prayer followed by the reading of the WORD of God, Fr. Arok delivered a Christmas message centered on the theme of 'waiting'—an inspiring and thought-provoking reflection. In continuation, Fr. Prashant emphasized the pivotal role of SCC in the church community

The meeting transitioned into a delightful Christmas dinner, organized on a potluck basis. The spread featured a wide variety of delicious and sumptuous dishes. The occasion provided an excellent opportunity for fellowship, as ward members exchanged notes and thoughts with one another. The evening concluded on a high note with everyone coming together to sing carols, spreading the joyous spirit of Christmas.

5TH AND 7TH WARD, KORAMANGALA

-Sr. Rosily, SJT

The Christmas spirit was high in the air as the members of 5th and 7th ward held their Christmas celebrations on December 17, 2023 at Jyoti Nivas College Autonomous. Hosted by the hostelites and staff of JNC under the guidance of the Sisters of St Joseph of Tarbes the event was made even more livelier with the active participation of the parishioners.

Sr. Rosily (Coordinator JNC), Mr. Alexander (P.C Member & Zonal Leader 5th Block), Ms. Laurencia (SSC Animator) and Mr. Sushil Kumar (P.C Member 7th Block) ensured the smooth functioning of the festivities.

The event began at 6 pm with a short prayer invoking the blessings of the almighty. A beautiful video was then played which narrated the nativity story of Jesus. This was followed by melodious carols and lively dance performances. The students also put up a Christmas play which highlighted the true meaning of Christmas. A Christmas game and surprise performances by the little stars of the ward added on to the celebration.

The event came to an end with the deliverance of the Christmas message by Rev. Fr. Prashant Fernandez. It was truly a memorable evening that nurtured a sense of togetherness in everyone present who celebrated Christmas in all its glory.

THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND THE NEW YEAR

DR. E ARUL FRANCIS XAVIER

As part of the Christmas season celebrations in our Parish, on December 16, 2023 we had the Christmas Tree programme in which various associations of our parish took part actively in celebrating the Birth of Christ. The little ones of the Sunday school along with Rabbi's Gospel Choir presented the Birth of Christ as a musical play with dance numbers, which inspired the congregation as they celebrated the coming of Christ.

Let us get the inspiration as we enter in to the New Year from the Christmas tree itself. The Book of Jeremiah 17.7 and 8 says "Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought, it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit".

The Christmas tree by tradition is an Evergreen tree that is to say it is the tree of life which points to Christ who hung on the Tree to redeem us from the bondages of sin and Satan's power according to Galatians 3.13 "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us - for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree" - 14 in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith".

In conclusion let us welcome the New year as this Evergreen tree, trusting in the Lord and drinking the Living waters from Christ who is the fountain of Living water (Jer.2:13) and stay green- that is to be joyful and be in peace and not to be anxious about anything because our Lord is the source of every good thing.

I wish you all a Blessed and Prosperous New Year as we are journeying in to another Year. As we are entering in to another year, it is good to look back the past year with a grateful heart for all the wonders the Lord had done for us as the Psalmist sings in Psalm 103. 1 "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits", yes let us remember the benefits the Lord has given us in the past year and look to the New year with great Hope in our hearts.

Wish you all a Happy New Year!

5TH AND 7TH WARD, KORAMANGALA CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION









ZONE 6: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION









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- ಫಿಲೋಮಿನ ಮ್ಯಾನುವೆಲ್

ಕುಟುಂಬವು ಸಮಾಜದ ಒಂದು ಘಟಕವಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದೇ ರಕ್ತ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಗಳು ಮನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಎನ್ನುವರು. ಮನೆಯೇ ಮೊದಲ ಪಾಠಶಾಲೆ ಎಂಬಂತೆ ಮನೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಕಲಿಕೆ ಪ್ರಾರಂಭವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ವಿದ್ಯೆ, ಬುದ್ದಿ, ಸಾಂಸ್ಕೃತಿಕ, ನಡೆ-ನುಡಿಗಳು, ವಿಶ್ವಾಸ ಉತ್ತಮವಾಗಿ ವಿಕಾಸವಾಗಲು ನಮ್ಮ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯ ಕುಟುಂಬವೇ ಕಾರಣವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಿರಿಯರು ಪ್ರೀತಿ, ವಾತ್ಸಲ್ಯ, ಆತ್ಮ ಸ್ಥೈರ್ಯದಿಂದ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಬೆಳೆಸಿದರೆ ಧೈರ್ಯಶಾಲಿಗಳಾಗಿ ಬೆಳೆಯಲು ಪ್ರೋತ್ಸಾಹ ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಉತ್ತಮ ಅಭ್ಯಾಸಗಳನ್ನು ಕಲಿಯುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನೆಯ ಬುನಾದಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ಕುಟುಂಬವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿದರೆ ಅದು ಸ್ಥಿರಕಾಲ ಉಳಿಯುವುದು. ಪ್ರತಿ ದಿನ ಹಿರಿಯರು ಮತ್ತು ಕಿರಿಯರು ಸೇರಿ ಕುಳಿತು ಊಟ ಮಾಡುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ, ಟಿ.ವಿ. ನೋಡುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಸಂತೋಷವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹಬ್ಬಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಗೂ ಪೂಜೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟಾಗಿ ಸೇರಿ ಆಚರಿಸುವುದರಲ್ಲಿ ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ ಸಿಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರೀತಿ, ಶಾಂತಿಯಿಂದ ಬಾಳಲು ಸಹಾಯ ನೀಡುತ್ತದೆ. ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಜೀವಿಸುವಾಗ ಸ್ವಾತಂತ್ರ್ಯದ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಬ್ಬರೂ ತಮ್ಮ ತಮ್ಮ ಜೀವನದ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಅರಿತುಕೊಂಡು ಬಾಳಬೇಕು.

ನಮಗೆ ಸಂತ ಜೋಸೆಫರು, ಮಾತೆ ಮರಿಯಮ್ಮನವರು ಹಾಗೂ ಬಾಲ ಯೇಸು ಒಂದು ಆದರ್ಶ, ನಿದರ್ಶನದ ಕುಟುಂಬವಾಗಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರಂತೆ ನಾವು ಪ್ರೀತಿ ಪಾತ್ರರಾಗಿ ತ್ಯಾಗಮಯ ಜೀವನ ಜೀವಿಸಿ ಇತರರಿಗೆ ಮಾದರಿಯಾಗಬೇಕು. ಪರಸ್ಪರ ಗೌರವ ನೀಡಬೇಕು. ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಸಮಸ್ಯೆ ಬಂದರೆ ಎಲ್ಲರೂ ಒಟ್ಟುಗೂಡಿ ಮಾತನಾಡಿ ಬಗೆ ಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಸುಖ ದುಃಖದಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗಿಯಾಗಬೇಕು. ಎಲ್ಲವನ್ನು ನಮಗಾಗಿ ಧಾರೆ ಎರೆದ ತಂದೆ ತಾಯಿಯರನ್ನು ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ಮಮತೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು. ಅದೇ ರೀತಿ ತಂದೆತಾಯಿಯರು ತಮ್ಮ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಅರ್ಥಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಭಾಯಿಸಬೇಕು. ಅಹಂ ಎಂಬ ದುರ್ಗುಣವನ್ನು ಬಿಟ್ಟು, ಶಾಂತಿ, ಪ್ರೀತಿ, ನೆಮ್ಮದಿ, ತ್ಯಾಗ ಎಂಬ ಸದ್ಗುಣಗಳು ಆದರ್ಶ ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ತಾಂಡವವವಾಡಬೇಕು.

ತಾಯಿಯಂತೆ ಸಂತೈಸುವ ದೇವರು

ಈ ಲೋಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಜೀವಿಸುವ ಮನುಷ್ಯರಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನಾ ತರದ ದುಃಖಗಳು ನೋವುಗಳು ಸಂಕಟಗಳು ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಇತರರು ನೋಯಿಸಿದಾಗ, ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮವರನ್ನು ಕಳೆದುಕೊಂಡಾಗ, ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾನಾ ತರದ ನೋವುಗಳು, ವಾಸಿಯಾಗದ ಕಾಯಿಲೆ ಬಂದಾಗ ದುಃಖ ಆತಂಕವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಕುಟುಂಬದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಲಹ ಆದಾಗ ತಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಅತಿಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರೀತಿಸುವವರು ನೋಯಿಸಿದಾಗ ದುಃಖ ಅನುಭವಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ದುಃಖವಾದಾಗ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಜರ್ಜರಿತವಾಗಿ ಹೃದಯ ದಲ್ಲಿ ವೇದನೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಂಥ ದುಃಖ ವೇದನೆ ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ನೇಹಿತರಾಗಲಿ ಕುಟುಂಬದವರಾಗಲಿ ಸಾಂತ್ವನ ನೀಡಿದರೂ ಅದು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ದುಃಖದಿಂದ ಹೊರಗಡೆ ಬರಲು ಆಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ತಾಯಿ ದುಃಖ ತಪ್ತ ಮಗುವಿಗೆ ಸಾಂತ್ವನ ನೀಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಮಗು ಅತ್ತಾಗ ಎತ್ತಿ ತನ್ನ ಎದೆಗೆ ಅಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡು ಸಾಂತ್ವನ ನೀಡುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ತಾಯಿಯ ಗುಣ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಯಿಸುವುದು ಆಪ್ತಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು, ಮುದ್ದಾಡು ವುದು ಒಂದು ತಾಯಿ ತನ್ನ ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಅತಿಯಾಗಿ ಪ್ರೀತಿಸುತ್ತಾಳೆ. ಆದರೆ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಪ್ರೀತಿಸುವ ದೇವರೊಬ್ಬರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅವರು ಬಹಳ ದೂರವಿಲ್ಲ ನಮ್ಮ ಪಕ್ಕದಲ್ಲೇ ಇದ್ದಾರೆ. ಪ್ರೀತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ತಾಯಿಯು ಪರಾಕ್ರಮಶಾಲಿಯಾದ ತಂದೆಯ ಅವರೆ. ದೇವರು ಬಂದು ತಂದೆಯಾಗಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಸಂತೈಸದೇ ಒಂದು ತಾಯಿಯಾಗಿ ಸಂತೈಯಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಯಶಾಯ 66:13 ನಾನೇ ನಿಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುವನು ತಾಯಿಯಂತೆ. ಸಾಂತ್ವನ ದೊರಕುವುದು ನಿಮಗೆ ಜೆರಸಲೇಮಿನಲೆ. ತಾಯಿಯ ಹಾಗೆ ಇರುವಾ ಪ್ರೀತಿ ನೀವು ದೇವರ ಹತ್ತಿರಾ ಹೋದಾಗ ಅನುಭವವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ನಾವು ದುಃಖ ತಪ್ತರಾದಾಗ ದೇವರಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸಿದಾಗ ನಮ್ಮ ದುಃಖವನ್ನು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಸಮರ್ಪಿಸಿದಾಗ ದೇವರು ಒಂದು ತಾಯಿಯ ಹಾಗೇ ಸಾಂತ್ವ ನೀಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ದೇವರು ಸಂತೈಸುವ ದೇವರು. ಅವರೇ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸಿ ತನ್ನ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯ ಹಸ್ತದಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಣ್ಣೀರನ್ನು ಒರೆಸುವವರು ನಾವು ದುಃಖದಿಂದ ಮುಳುಗಲೂ ಎಂದಿಗೂ ಬಿಡುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ದೇವರ ವಾಗ್ನಾನಗಳನ್ನು

ನಮಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಹಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಇರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಾಗ ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ತೊಂದರೆಗಳಿಂದ ಬಿಡಿಸುವರು ಮತ್ತು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ವ್ಯಾಧಿಗಳಿಂದ ಗುಣಪಡಿಸುವರು. ನಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತ ಯೇಸು ಕಲ್ವಾರಿಯ ಮೇಲೆ ನಮ್ಮ ದುಃಖ ಗಳನ್ನು ಮತ್ತು ಭಾದೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆಯುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಜಜ್ಜಲ್ಪಟ್ಟರು. ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಅಪರಾಧಗಳಿಗೋಸ್ಕರ ಗಾಯಗೊಂಡರು. ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಬಲಹೀನತೆ ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಹಾಕುವರು. ಮತ್ತು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುವರು.

2 ಕೊರಿಯಂಥರಿಗೆ 1:3-4 ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಭು ಯೇಸು ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತರ ತಂದೆಯಾದ ದೇವರಿಗೆ ಸ್ತೋತ್ರ, ವಾಗಲಿ. ಏವರು ಕರುಣಾಭರಿತ ತಂದೆ. ಸಕಲ ಸಾಂತ್ವನವನ್ನೀಯುವ ದೇವರು ನಮಗೆ ಒದಗುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಅವರು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ದೇವರಿಂದ ದೊರೆತ ಆದರಣೆಯಿಂದ ವಿವಿಧ ಸಂಕಷ್ಟಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನರಳುತ್ತಿರುವವರನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ನಾವು ಶಕ್ತರಾಗುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ದೇವರು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೀಗೆ ದೇವರಿಂದ ದೊರೆತ ಆದರಣೆ ಯಂದ ನಾವು ಇತರರನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸಲು ಸಾಧ್ಯ.

ರೋಮನರಿಗೆ 8:16 ನಾವು ದೇವರ ಮಕ್ಕಳೆಂಬುದಕ್ಕೆ ದೇವರ ಆತ್ಮ ನಮ್ಮ ಅಂತರಾತ್ಮ ದೊಂದಿಗೆ ಸಾಕ್ಷ್ಮಿ ನುಡಿಯುತ್ತಾರೆ. ದೇವರು ಆತ್ಮಸ್ವರೂಪಿ ದೇವರ ವಾಕ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿ ನಾವು ವಿಶ್ವಾವಿಟ್ಟಾಗ ನಮ್ಮ ಪರಿಶುದ್ಧ ಜೀವನದಲ್ಲಿ ದೇವರಾತ್ಮ ನೆಲೆಗೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇವರು ನಮ್ಮ ದುಃಖಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನೋವುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮನಸ್ಸು ಜರ್ಜರಿತವಾದಾಗ ಸಂತೈಸುತ್ತಾ ಧೈರ್ಯ ನೀಡುತ್ತಾರೆ. ನಾವು ಪವಿತ್ರಾತ್ಮರಿಂದ ದೊರೆತ ಆದರಣೆಯಿಂದ ಇತರರನ್ನು ಸಂತೈಸುವ ಆಶೀರ್ವಾದಗಳು ದೊರೆಯುತ್ತವೆ. ಸಹಿಸಲಾಗದ ವೇದನೆಗಳು ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಆವರಿಸಿದಾಗ ಸಂತೈಸಲು ಮನುಷ್ಯ ದೇವರನ್ನು ಹುಡುಕಬೇಕು.

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(திமொ-1:15) பாவிகளை மீட்க, கிறிஸ்து இயேசு இவ்வுலகத்திற்கு வந்தார் - இக்கூற்று உண்மையானது; எல்லோராலும் ஏற்றுக் கொள்ளத்தக்கது என்று திருத்தூதர் பவுல் கூறுகிறார். தி.பா. 130: 5 ஆண்டவருக்காக, ஆவலுடன் நான் காத்திருக்கின்றேன்; என் நெஞ்சம் காத்திருக்கின்றது. அவரது சொற்களுக்காக, ஆவலுடன் காத்திருக்கின்றேன்; அவரும், என்னை கனிவாக கண்ணோக்கினார்.

அன்பானவர்களே! நம் ஆண்டவர் இயேசுகிறிஸ்து, விண்ணகத்தை விட்டு, மண்ணகம் வந்ததே, பாவிகளான நம்மை பாவத்திலிருந்து, மீட்கவே வந்தார். இதை நாம் முழுமையாக புரிந்துக் கொண்டு, அவர் காட்டிய வழியில் வாழவேண்டும்.

அதற்காக நம் தாயாகிய திருச்சபை," திரு வருகை காலத்தை ஏற்படுத்தி, நம் ஆன்ம காரியங்களையும் உலகை சார்ந்த காரியங்களையும் சீர்செய்ய, திருச்சபை நம்மை அழைக்கிறது. தபசு காலத்தை போலவே, கிறிஸ்து பிறப்பு விழாவிற்கு முந்தைய 4 ஞாயிற்று கிழமை வரை, தபம் , செபம் ஒறுத்தல் ஆகியவற்றை செய்து, கிறிஸ்துவின் வருகையை சிறப்பிக்கவும், உலகமுடிவில், அவர் மாட்சியுடன் வரவிருக்கின்ற இரண்டாம் வருகையை எதிர்நோக்கி விழிப்பாயிருக்கவும் நம்மை தயார் செய்கிறது. திரு வருகைக் காலத்துக்கு உரிய நிறம் ஊதா நிறமாகும்.இக்காலத்தில் நிகழும் எல்லா திருப்பலிகளின் போதும், குருவானர், ஊதா நிற தோள்

உடையும், ஊதா நிற மேலாடையும் அணிவர்.பீடத்தின் மேல் விரிப்பும். திவ்விய நற்கருணைப் பேழையின் முன்திரையும் ஊதா நிறத்தில் இருக்கும். இவை தவத்தின் அடையாளமாகும். திருவருகைக் காலத்தின் 3-ம் ஞாயிறு, " மகிழ்ச்சி ஞாயிறாக" கொண்டாடப்படுகிறது. அன்று குருவானவர், இளம் சிவப்புநிற ஆடை அணிந்து," இயேசுகிறிஸ்துவின் "திரு வருகையை முன்னிட்டு திருச்சபை மகிழ்வதை' குறிக்கிறது. காரணம், திருமுழுக்கு யோவான் இயேசு தம்மிடம் வருவதைக் கண்டு, "இதோ ! கடவுளின் ஆட்டுக்குட்டி ! ஆட்டுக்குட்டியாம் இவரே, உலகின் பாவத்தைப் போக்குபவர்" (யோவா-1:29) என, இயேசுவை சுட்டிக்காட்டி உள்ளார்."

இந்த நான்கு வாரங்களில் வாசிக்கப்படும் வாசகங்கள் இறைவனின் 2-ம் ஆளாகிய இயேசுகிறித்து, இவ்வுலகில், தாவீதின் கோத்திரத்தில், மாசற்ற கன்னி மரியாவின் மகனாகவும், நீதியுள்ள தனிராகவும், பேரொளியாகவும், சுடர் ஒளியாகவும் இருப்பார் எனவும், உலகமுடிவில் மக்கள் அனைவரையும் தீர்ப்பிடும் நடுவராகவும் இருப்பார் எனவும், நாம் அனைவரும் விழிப்புடன் இருந்து அவரது இரண்டாம் வருகைக்கு ஆயத்தம் செய்யும் மக்களாக வாழ திருச்சபை அழைக்கிறது. இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின் பிறப்பை கொண்டாட, நம்மை நாம் தயாரிக்கும் விதமாக, 4-ம் வாரத்தில் ஒப்புரவு அருட்சாதனத்தின் வழியாக, நம் ஆன்மாவை தூய்மை படுத்த திருச்சபை ஏற்பாடு செய்துள்ளது. நம்மை தேடி வந்த தெய்வத்தை, நாம் தேடிச் செல்லுவோம். நம்மால் முடிந்த உதவிகளை பிறருக்கு செய்துமகிழ்வோம்.

"அஞ்சாதீர்கள்: இதோ, எல்லா மக்களுக்கும், பெரும் மகிழ்ச்சியூட்டும் நற்செய்தியை உங்களுக்கு அறிவிக்கிறேன், இன்று ஆண்டவராகிய மெசியா என்னும் மீட்பர் உங்களுக்காகத் தாவீதின் ஊரில் பிறந்திருக்கிறார். லூக் 2:12 குழந்தையைத் துணிகளில் சுற்றி தீவனத் தொட்டியில் கிடத்தியிருப்பதைக் காண்பீர்கள்; இதுவே நம் உங்களுக்கு அடையாளம். என்றார். இதுவே நம் உயிருள்ள விசுவாசத்தின் மாபெரும் அடையாளமாகவும், சாட்சியாகவும் விளங்குகிறது.

வார்தையாகி நின்ற இறைவன் - இந்த வாழ்வை தேர்ந்த தலைவன். பாரில் எங்கும் புதிய பாதை தந்து - அந்த பாதையில் நம்மை அழைத்த அறிஞன் காலம் கடந்த கலைஞன் - என் தலைவன் ஒளி படைத்த சுடர் விண்மீன் இவரே! நம்மை தேடி வந்த தெய்வம். சாதி, மத, இன வேறுபாடு இங்கு ஒழிய எங்கும் மனித மாண்பு நிறைய புரட்சிக்குரல் கொடுத்து, அன்பு வழி வகுத்து புதுமைகள் பல செய்யும் பெரும் புனிதன் - தேடி வந்த தெய்வம் நம்மை தேடி வந்த தெய்வம்.

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CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAMME



























Upcoming Events

JANUARY 2024

13TH

St. Anthony's Day (Devotion to St. Anthony)

Parish Finance Committee Meeting after 9.30. a.m. mass



15TH

Pongal Celebration

Celebrating the Annual day of Tamil liturgical First Holy Communion in 08.15 a.m. Kannada mass.

21ST

26TH

First Holy Communion in 09.30 a.m. English mass.

Republic Day – Flag Hoisting soon after the 6.30 a.m. Mass

Kannada Night Vigil from 09-00. p.m. to 05.00. a.m.

27TH

28TH

First Holy Communion in 07.00 a.m. Tamil mass.

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