



# THE CHURCHMAN

**THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

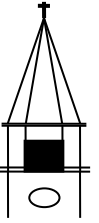
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Dear Family of God at St. Mary's,

From Easter Day, Pentecost comes 50 days after and this year it falls on 27<sup>th</sup> May, the last Sunday of this month. The Feast of Pentecost was observed by the Jews from the time of Moses as a religious harvest festival of offering to God the barley sheaf at the beginning of the Passover and marking the completion of the barley harvest (Deut. 16:9) 50 days later. Therefore, this feast was known as the Feast of Harvest and Day of the First Fruits (Ex. 23:16; Num. 28:26) and in the Septuagint (Greek version of the Hebrew Scripture/Old Testament) it reads as Pentecost referring to the number of days. For the Jew this feast was not only a day of expressing gratitude for the blessings of the harvest but it was also a day of reminder of their deliverance from Egypt (Deut. 16:12). Centuries later the Jews also regarded Pentecost as the anniversary of the giving of the law at Sinai. After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, his disciples gathered in a house in Jerusalem and on the day of the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended upon them with power and blessing. Thus the Church began and grew and the earliest Christians considered this experience as the fulfillment of the prophecy of Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31-34) and Joel (Jo. 2:28-32). They saw Pentecost as the true 50 days after the Passover of the Lamb of God, the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, and the greatest anniversary of God's giving of the law, no longer in stone but written on hearts and minds of people. This was the true Feast of Harvest and Day of First Fruits as God began his work through his Holy Spirit of reaping and gathering into his Kingdom those who believed in the Son of God and by believing have received salvation and eternal life.

After Jesus' resurrection, he appeared several times to his disciples, in a period of 40 days, to assure them that he was alive. Then he returned to the Father by ascending into heaven and was exalted. We observe it as the Festival of the Ascension on the Sunday following the day and therefore in our church we shall have Ascension Sunday on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Before his ascension, Jesus directed his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon them. As he promised, he poured out his Holy Spirit 10 days after his ascension on the Day of Pentecost. The Sunday before Ascension Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, is when we will seek to meditate on this promise of Jesus that the Spirit of truth and love will come to dwell in the Church.

This first Sunday in this month, 6<sup>th</sup> May, is the Day of John, the Beloved Apostle and Evangelist/Gospel-writer. Therefore, we will give thanks to God for this apostle who was given deep insight into the mystery of Christ and explained it by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in his unique Gospel account.

In our Contemporary Worship services on Sundays we continue following the theme 'The Purpose Driven Life' and we shall cover two topics this month. Please note that on Pentecost Day we will have only one worship service at 8 am. and on this day we intend to release our updated and new Directory of Members of our church.

The month of May is a month of vacation, especially for our children. But there is no holiday from faith and so let us take every opportunity to grow deeper in our spiritual walk with our Lord and to be his witnesses in word and deed by engaging with our world. May we continue to live in the light of Christ that the Apostle John declared as the Light of the world and thus give more praise, glory and honour to him whom the Father has exalted. This we can do only when our lives are filled with the Spirit of God and so let us pray and seek that with this year's Pentecost observance we will experience the power of the Holy Spirit and realise his presence and work in a real and greater way. God bless you this coming month and do find some time away from the regular schedule with family.

Revd. Sumesh Jacob  
Presbyter-in-charge

### **BIRTHDAYS**

1. Joel Sequeira; Leena John;
- 2 Sheetal S. Gaikwad
- 3 Sanaaya Kadam, Renuka A.Tribhuvan; Rev. Shailesh Lall
- 4 Evanatha Macarius; Prakash Benjamin; Cyril Benjamin; Hemlata Soggee; M. Helenna
- 5 Vijaykumar Rao
- 6 Rajani A. Salvi, Brig. Vijaykant Pardhe, Aruna Shinde; Rouni Banerjee; Ashish V. Chopde
- 7 Simin Lazarus, Ronojoy Basu; Sucy Manjarekar, Sanjay Pal; Nikita Prasad; Leela Tharakan; Lt. Col. Amit Saxena
- 8 Priya Williams
- 9 Jillian Gujar, Col. Ashish Ramdas, Pritish Pathak; John Smith, Rajesh Gangle; Daisy Sagayanathan; Sharon Crawford; Rachael Birnur
- 10 Heather G. Simpson; Mathews Manoah
- 11 Suresh Suryawanshi; Shikha F. Singh;
- 12 Rodney Barrow, Nalini Samuel; Shital Suryawanshi
- 13 Bryan Lobo; Vidya Mahapure
- 14 Reid Barla, Kalpana Herbert, Muriel Wilson, Tilottama Tribhuwan; Suzaka Hackett; Akanksha Angre
- 15 Savita Pathak; Lindsey James; Maggie Santram, Sunita Prabhakar;
- 16 Sushma DasGupta, Ernest Gaekwad,
- 18 Sunil William John, Angela Harris, Roopa Rajan
- 19 Alka Arora; Rachel Mathew; Dudley O'Berne; Dattakumar Hoizal; Charles Ledlie; Jatin Sagalgile; Dr. (Mrs.) Pavitra Sampath, Prakash Das Gupta; Maneeza Tejwani
- 20 Donovan Soggee
- 21 Rohan Naik; Sangeeta Hiwale; Reena Rajan; Hrushika Salvi; George Tharakan; Amin Saxena
- 22 Sarita Anchan; Rebecca Devappa, Hira Menon; Karl Lobo; Avi Saxena
- 23 Christine Weltzein, Trupti Salve, Chaitali Pise; Shobana Naik; Simran Sachdev; Asaph Ranganadhan
- 24 Roger Lokku, Sujata Pandit; Arjun S. De
- 25 Nalini Londhe, Elizabeth Patole, Betty Mathew, Kailash Choudhari; Koshy K. Nainan; Stavan Londhe
- 26 Dr. Hemant Pathak, Vishal Salvi, Devika Maundekar, Amy Anjan; Kavidha Pillay
- 27 Ravindra Gaikwad, David Samuel, Animesh Topno; Vincy Saxena
- 28 Herbert Meghnath, Myrna Morton, Indrani Pandey; Jeremiah Lobo
- 29 Ketki Bhalerao, Ishaan Ramdas, Maj. Prince Paul, Sujata Mani; Aruna Shelke
- 30 Ranjankumar Samuel

*Wishing you all Very Happy Birthday! May God Bless you!*

### **Organ Restoration Fund**

**We thank those who have already donated towards the Church Pipe Organ Restoration Fund. As mentioned earlier, an amount of Rs. 25 lakhs needs to be collected for this project. Please continue to donate generously! You may hand over your donations in cash or a cheque. Kindly mention "For Organ Restoration Fund" on the envelope.**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1 Ronald & Caroline Johnson
- 2 Shailesh & Veronica Patole;
- 3 Sampath & Nancy David; M. J. Matthew & Mary Matthew; Sumeet & Swati Nichols
- 4 John & Rachel Matthew; Lukas & Suman Patole
- 5 Ashok & Shashirekha Kotak; Suresh & Manik Chandanshiv; Maj. Bipin & Jacqueline Parkhe; Sandip & Shalini Masih; Wg. Cdr Santosh & Ujval Birnur
- 6 Shiloh & Christina David;
- 7 Nilesh & Sheetal Salvi; Arvind & Rachana Angre
- 8 P.S. Ravikaran & Rachel
- 9 Brig. William & Grace Meprath, Ruth & Bathuel Kale; Rebecca & Nitin Panhalkar; Suneet & Sheetal Gaikwad
- 10 Sumanth & Agnes Nerella; Sharad & Tilottama Tribhuwan
- 11 Edwin & Elizabeth Patole; Melvin & Smita Joel; G. Meghnath & Brig. Janet Dean; Sachin & Sheetal Shinde
- 12 Rajdeep & Sarika Abhane; Abhijeet & Priyanka Roy
- 13 Sharad & Renuka Bhalerao, Ritesh & Vaishali Gangle; Drs. M.N. Sampath & Pavitra
- 14 David & Gladys Samuel; Avinsh & Martha Randive
- 15 Rodney & Alice Barrow; Nilesh & Priya Patole; Bhal & Denise Chakranarayan, Joseph & Rebecca Devappa, Ernest & Archana Gaekwad, Sunil & Seema Khilare; Abhijeet & Chaitali Pise; Bruce & Althea Henderson, Sanjeev & Sangita Hiwale; Sanjay & Sybil Vastard
- 16 Ashish & Kalyani Kale; Subhash & Aruna Shinde; Ashok & Luiza Choudhari; Stanley & Rosaline Paul; Parag & Manjusha Londhe
- 19 Michael & Desiree Young; Rajesh & Anita Silimkar
- 20 Milind & Pritikiran Noel; Amal & Smita Suryawanshi
- 21 Madhav & Neelima Mehta; Abiezer & Shubhangi Jadhav; Anand & Garima Kamble; Kuldeep & Cecilia Singh
- 22 D. S. J. & Kokila Franklin
- 24 Ratnakar & Latika Patole; Johnson & Shirley Waikar; Sudhir & Asha Jadhav
- 25 Henry & Sunita Chakranarayan, Bradley & Candide Loos; Sharad & Cynthia Gangle, Sushil & Anjana Salvi; Sonali & Viren Wasnikar
- 26 Rohit & Nicholisa Rajan
- 27 Sivakumar & Neelima Lingam; Dr. Vishwajit & Shailja Salvi
- 28 Prashant & Archana Sathe; Prakash & Neeta Benjamin; Rt. Rev. Vijay & Seema Sathe
- 29 Maj. Prince & Shirley Paul
- 30 Ashishkumar & Neena Das Gupta; Rohit & Rupal Manjarekar

*Wish you all a Long and Happy Married Life!!*

*Wishing all Mothers and Mothers-to-be a very Happy Mother's Day!!! May He continue to guide, protect and bless you!!*

**Please note that the Church Office Telephone Number has changed.  
The new number is 020-64013534**

**Sunday Worship Services Schedule for May 2012**

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 6 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Fourth Sunday after Easter</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Thanksgiving for John, the beloved disciple, and for his insight into the mystery of Christ.</i>	OT: <i>Exodus 33.18-23</i> Psalm: <i>92.1-2,12-15</i> Epistle: <i>1 John 1.1-4</i> Gospel: <i>John 21.20-25</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service (Holy Communion) Conducting and Preaching by the Clergy.	
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Fifth Sunday after Easter</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>Jesus promises that the Spirit of truth and love will come to dwell in the Church.</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 11.1-18</i> Psalm: <i>98.1-6</i> Epistle: <i>1 John 3.23—4.4</i> Gospel: <i>John 14.21-26</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service Topic: <i>The reason for everything.</i>	
Sunday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Sixth Sunday after Easter/Ascension Sunday</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God.</i>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 1.1-11</i> Psalm: <i>47.1-2,5-9</i> Epistle: <i>Ephesians 1.15-23</i> Gospel: <i>Matthew 28.16-20</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service Topic: <i>Planned for God's pleasure.</i>	
Sunday, 27 <sup>th</sup> May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8 am. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The gift of the Holy Spirit.</i>	OT: <i>Joel 2.28-32</i> Psalm: <i>139.1-4,7-12,23-24</i> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading: <i>Acts 2.1-11</i> Gospel: <i>John 20.19-23</i>

**Special Days of the Church Calendar in May 2012**

- 1 May - **Joseph the Carpenter**  
Dhanjibhai Naroji, Convert & Evangelist (bap. 1839)
- 2 May - Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop & Theologian (373)
- 3 May - **Philip & James, Apostles**
- 4 May - Monica, mother of Augustine (387)
- 6 May - **John, Apostle & Evangelist**
- 11 May - Martyrs of Delhi (1857)  
Krishna Mohan Bannerjea, Convert & Educationist
- 16 May - *Ascension Eve*
- 17 May - **Ascension Day**
- 20 May - **Ascension Sunday**
- 24 May - Charles & John Wesley, Evangelists (1788, 1791)
- 26 May - *Pentecost Eve*
- 27 May - **Pentecost Day**

**Origin of Mother's Day**

The first celebration of Mother's Day was held in spring in ancient Greece. They paid tribute to Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 17<sup>th</sup> century, England honoured mothers on "Mothering Sunday" celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent.

In the US, Anna Jarvis is credited with bringing about the official observance of Mother's Day. Her campaign was to establish a holiday to remember, honour and appreciate each one's own 'unsung hero' – your mother! This was observed on the second Sunday in May.

However, over the years the commercialization of the holiday pained her! In her words "This is not what I intended. I wanted it to be a day of sentiment, not profit!"

*Contributed by: Vijay Kadam*

***Our Biblical mothers too had their moments .....***

**Top Ten Sayings of Biblical Mothers!**

- Samson! Get your hand out of that lion. You don't know where it's been (Judges 14:5-8)
- David! I told you not to play in the house with that sling! Go practice your harp. We pay good money for those lessons!
- Abraham! Stop wandering around the countryside and get home for dinner!
- Shadrack, Meshach and Abednego! I told you never to play with fire!
- Cain! Get off your brother! You're going to kill him some day!
- Noah! NO, you can't keep them! I told you, don't bring home any more strays!
- Gideon! Have you been hiding in that wine press again? Look at your clothes! (Judges 6:11)
- James and John! No more burping contests at the dinner table, please. People are going to call you the sons of thunder! (Mark 3:17)
- Judas! Have you been in my purse again?

**And the Number One saying:**

- Jesus! Stop working on that old wood and come in and eat! You'd give your life for that old wood, if your father asked you to!

**My Mother**

The most important person,  
Who exists in my life,  
Is no one else than my mother,  
Who is not only a daughter but also a wife

From Day Care to High School  
She was always there,  
To help me with my studies  
To give them a fair share

When I was an infant  
She looked at me with care,  
And when my sibling was born,  
Her unconditional love I had to share

And as for society  
I have begun to grow,  
But for her I will always be  
A seed that has just been sown

She kept me in her arms  
Be it night or day,  
She gave me the inspiration  
To become what I am today

To let me enjoy  
And have the best in life,  
She had to be an inspiring second mother  
And a strong willed wife.

*This poem is dedicated to my mother Mrs. Roopnanda Salve and all mothers around the world, on this Mother's Day, to say A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT YOU HAVE DONE FOR US OVER THE YEARS AND ARE STILL DOING FOR US .*

*By: Mallika Salve*

***On the lighter side!***

When a young minister was still single, he preached a sermon he entitled, "Rules for Raising Children."

After he got married and had children of his own, he changed the title of the sermon to "Suggestions for Raising Children."

When his children got to be teenagers, he stopped preaching on that subject altogether.

*Rev. Bernard Burnsting*

**Mommyisms**

- Motherhood - If it was going to be easy, it never would have started with something called labor!
- Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results.
- The smartest advice on raising children is to enjoy them while they are still on your side.
- The joy of motherhood: What a woman experiences when all the children are finally in bed