

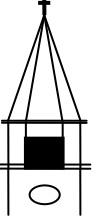


THE CHURCHMAN

THE ST. MARY'S CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Family of God at St. Mary's,

In our faith journey through the year, having celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus with Easter and going through this season reminded that the Risen Christ is always with us, we now prepare for the next season which is Pentecost. After his resurrection Jesus appeared to not only the apostles but to many others who had believed in him (mentioned at the end of each of the Gospels and 1 Cor. 15:3-7) and then he left their presence physically by returning to the Father, ascending into heaven. However, Jesus promised before his death and resurrection in his final discourse with his apostles and also after his resurrection that he would not abandon them as spiritual orphans. He would therefore on returning to heaven send the Holy Spirit who would be another companion and helper for them and through the spiritual presence of the Holy Spirit he would be with them and in them so that they may live as his disciples and be his witnesses.

Therefore, this month in our worship together we will be reminded of the promise of the Holy Spirit to the Church on the first Sunday, the significance of the Ascension of Christ with Ascension Sunday and rejoice in the giving of the gift of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day. The Sunday after Pentecost is a time for us to affirm and meditate on the unique revelation of God in the Bible that by the Father's sending of his Son Jesus Christ and by the giving of the Holy Spirit, his being is triune. In our faith in God we always worship his mystery of three-ness even as he is the One Eternal God and on Trinity Sunday we specially give thanks for this revelation and seek to understand how it is meaningful for our lives.

During the month we give thanks to God for the life of Monica who was the mother of Augustine of a place in North Africa called Hippo. Augustine was a great leader of the Church as a bishop and theologian in the 5th century AD. It was certainly the grace of God upon his life which transformed him from a person living in sinfulness to a true disciple of Christ in holiness. But it was also the godly influence of his mother and her prayers for him that God used to make Augustine his faithful servant. Also in the month we give thanks to God for the lives of Charles and John Wesley who were Anglican evangelists in Britain and brought about a great national revival and the beginning of the Methodist Movement. Charles was a great hymn writer and John a pastor and preacher and God used their lives to minister to the masses in poverty and spiritual darkness by bringing hope and help through the Gospel of Christ. They too had a godly mother named Suzanne and it was her tremendous prayer life that was a blessing to her children who in some way of the other contributed to the good of society. With this we are reminded of the importance of being good and godly parents. Apart from all the good care and provisions we make for our children, the godly influence of our lives lived for our children to see and imitate and above all our prayers for them will make the difference of them being different and making a difference in the world.

I want to thank you all for your prayers for my mother as she has once again received the Lord's healing with her latest medical reports showing that her body is clear of the cancer that had relapsed. I request your continued prayers for her to gain strength in body and mind and to see cancer-free days ahead. I am grateful to the Revd. P.R.Gaekwad, the Revd. B. Sojwal and Mr. Augustine Parmar our Lay-Reader, who helped with conducting and preaching in the worship services on the Sunday when I was away last month to visit my mother.

May this month too be a time for us to advance in faith in the Triune God and be strengthened in our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ by the empowering of the Holy Spirit. God bless you.

Revd. Sumesh Jacob
 Presbyter-in-charge

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leena John
- 2 Sheetal Gaikwad
- 3 Sannaya Kadam, Rev. Dennis Lall, Renu Tribhuvan
- 4 Yohaam Mckenzie, Hemlata Soggee
- 5 Vijaykumar Kantimahanty, Ashish Chopde
- 6 Brig.(Retd.) Vijaykant Pardhe, Aruna Shinde
- 7 Simin Lazarus, Sanjay Pal, Sucey Manjerekar, Nikita Prasad, Lt. Col. Amit Saxena, Leela Tharakan.
- 9 Jillian Gujar, Pritish Pathak, Col. Ashish Ramdas, Jatin Sagalgile, Daisy Sagyanathan, Sharon Crawford, Rajesh Gangale
- 10 Smita Ingale, Manoah Mathews
- 11 Shikha Singh, Suresh Suryawanshi, Tuhin Sockey
- 12 Rodney Barrow, Nalini Samuel, Nirmala Gaikwad
- 13 Vidya (Apte) Mahapure, Bryan Lobo
- 14 Akanksha Angre, Reid Barla, Kalpana Herbert, Tilotma Tribhuvan, Muriel Wilson, Suzaka Hackett
- 15 Savita Pathak, Sunita Prabhakar, Maggie Santram
- 16 Sushma Dasgupta, Ernest Gaekwad
- 17 Leena Kantimahanty
- 18 Sunil John, Angela (Roberts) Harris
- 19 Rachael Mathew, Dudley O'Berne, Tia Solomon
- 20 Herbert Meghnath, Donovan Soggee
- 21 Sangita Hiwale, Amin Saxena, George Tharakan
- 22 Karl Lobo, Hira Menon, Rebecca Devappa, Avi Saxena, Sarita Anchan
- 23 Asaph Ranganathan, Trupti Salvi, Christine (Barrow) Weltzien, Chaitali Pise
- 24 Roger Lokku, Sujata Pandit
- 25 Stavan Londhe, Betty Mathews, Kailash Choudhary
- 26 Amy Anjan, Kavidha Pillay, Dr. Hemant Pathak, Vishal Salvi
- 27 Ravindra Gaikwad, David Samuel, Vincy Saxena, Animesh Topno, Deborah Fernandes
- 28 Jeremaiah Lobo, Herbert Meghnath
- 29 Ketki Bhalerao, Sujata Mani, Aruna Shelke, Ishaan Ramdas
- 30 Ranjan Samuel

Wishing you all a very Happy Birthday! God Bless!

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

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A mother is someone who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take.

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Mothers hold their children hands for a short while, but their hearts forever

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Shailesh & Veronica Patole
- 3 Sampat Kumar & Nancy David
- 4 John & Rachael Mathew, Lucas & Suman Patole, Lt. Col Bipin & Jacqueline Parkhe.
- 5 Suresh & Manik Chandanshiv, Ashok & Shashirekha Kotak, Sandip & Shalini Masih
- 6 Shiloh & Christina David
- 7 Arvind & Rachana Angre
- 9 Bathuel & Ruth Kale, Brig (Retd.) William & Grace Mephrath, Nitin & Rebecca Panhalkar
- 10 Sumant & Agnes Nerella, Sharad & Tilotma Tribhuvan
- 11 Melvin & Smita Joel, Edwin & Elizabeth Patole
- 13 Ritesh & Vaishali Gagale, Sharad & Renuka Bhalerao
- 14 David & Gladys Samuel, Brig. (Retd.) Janet Dean & G. Meghanath
- 15 Rodney & Alice Barrow, Bhalchandra & Denise Chakranarayan, Joseph & Rebecca Devappa, Ernest & Archana Gaekwad, Bruce & Althea Henderson, Sanjiv & Sangita Hiwale, Sudhakar & Sushila Jadhav, Sunil & Seema Khilare, Neelesh & Priya Patole, Sanjay & Sibil Vastrad, Chaitali & Abhijeet Pise
- 16 Ashok & Louiza Choudhari, Parag & Manjusha Londhe, Subhash & Aruna Shinde, Ashish & Kalyani Kale, Mary & Shanavas Kunju
- 19 Michael & Desiree Young
- 20 Milind & Preeti Noel
- 21 Abiezer & Shubhangi Jadhav, Neelima & Madhav Mehta, Cecilia & Kuldeep Singh
- 22 DSJ & Ewanjaline Franklin
- 23 Rev. Walter & Grace Thomas
- 24 Sudhir & Asha Jadhav, Ratnakar & Lalita Patole, Johnson & Shirley Waikar
- 25 Sharad & Cynthia Gangale, Bhaskar & Sunita Chakranarayan, Sushil & Anjana Salve
- 26 Nicholisa & Rohit Ranjan
- 27 Neelima & Shivakumar Lingam
- 28 Prashant & Archana Sathe, Rt. Rev. Vijay & Seema Sathe
- 29 Revd. Raju & Stella Bhagwat
- 30 Ashish & Neena Das Gupta, Rohit & Rupal Majerekar

Wishing 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 bless you!!!

Sunday Worship Services Schedule for May 2013

Date	Worship Services	
Sunday, 5 th May <i>Fifth Sunday after Easter</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The Spirit of truth and love is promised to the Church.</i>	1 st Reading: <i>Acts 15.22-31</i> Psalm: <i>67</i> 2 nd Reading: <i>Revelation 22.1-5</i> Gospel: <i>John 15.26—16.7</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service (Holy Communion) Conducting and Preaching by the Clergy.	
Sunday, 12 th May <i>Sixth Sunday after Easter</i> Ascension Sunday	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 st Reading: <i>Acts 1.1-11</i> Psalm: <i>21.1-6,13</i> Epistle: <i>Ephesians 1.15-23</i> Gospel: <i>Luke 24.44-53</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 19 th May <i>Pentecost Day</i>	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>The gift of the Holy Spirit.</i>	Old Testament: <i>Isaiah 44.1-5</i> Psalm: <i>139.1-12,23-24</i> 2 nd Reading: <i>Acts 2.1-11</i> Gospel: <i>John 20.19-23</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	
Sunday, 26 th May <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i> Trinity Sunday	8 am. & 6 pm. The Lord's Supper Service Theme: <i>God the Holy Trinity.</i>	Old Testament: <i>1 Kings 8.22-29</i> Psalm: <i>93</i> Epistle: <i>Romans 8.1-11</i> Gospel: <i>John 14.8-17</i>
	11 am. Contemporary Service	

Special Days of the Church Calendar in May 2013

- 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**
- 8 May - *Ascension Eve*
- 9 May - **Ascension Day**
- 11 May - Martyrs of Delhi (1857)
Krishna Mohan Bannerjea, Convert & Educationist
- 12 May - **Ascension Sunday**
- 18 May - *Pentecost Eve*
- 19 May - **Pentecost Day**
- 24 May - Charles & John Wesley, Evangelists (1788, 1791)
- 26 May - **Trinity Sunday**
Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop & Evangelist (604)
- 27 May - John Calvin of Geneva, Theologian (1564)

BAPTISM

KIARA ANGELA MASSEY, daughter of Collin and Bandana Massey (grand-daughter of Dennis and Joyce Massey) received child baptism in our church on Sunday, 21st April, 2013.

Let us welcome Kiara and uphold her and her parents in our prayers.

PRAY FOR - **Mrs. Dheera Das**, who was a very active member of our Church and has now settled in Gloucester, U.K. Mrs. Das has been licensed by the Bishop of Gloucester to serve as 'Eucharistic Minister' for a 3-year period at St. James' Church, Quedgeley, Gloucester. She will be administering Holy Communion on Sunday, April 29, 2013.
Remember her in your daily devotion!

A Deck of Cards

A different 'game' of Cards ! (a true story)

A British young soldier was sent to war. On a Sunday in the chapel, he was caught 'playing' with a deck of cards. He was summoned before the Commander – in-chief and asked to show cause why he should not be court - martialed, for such gross disrespect in the Lord's House.

He began :

Sir, When I open my deck of cards of cards -

I look at the King, and am reminded that the Lord God Almighty is MY king and watches over me.

The Queen is the venerated Mother Mary, who I greatly respect;

The Jack is the devil, always tempting me to stray from the right path.

The Ace represents the One Holy Bible and the Deuce that it is divided into 2 parts, the Old and the New testament;

The 3 symbolizes the Holy Trinity while the 4 refers to the Apostles - Mathew, Mark, Luke and John, who wrote the 4 Gospels.

The 5 represents the 5 wise and 5 foolish virgins , called for the feast, bearing lamps.

6 is the number of days in which God created the world, and the 7- is the Holy Sabbath, when He rested on the seventh day.

The 8 represents the 8 faithfuls , who were saved when the entire earth was flooded; Noah , his wife, their 3 sons and their 3 wives

And the 9 reminds me of the ungrateful lepers who received healing , 9 of the 10 thoughtlessly went their way

The 10 reminds me of the Great Commandments that were given to Moses on Mount Sinai.

When I look at my deck of cards, I count 365 spots – the number of days in a year. There are 52 cards – the number of weeks in a year and 12 picture cards, the number of months in a year and 4 suits, Spades, Hearts, Clubs and Diamonds – the number of weeks in a year , when I strive to worship the Lord through loyal and diligent service.

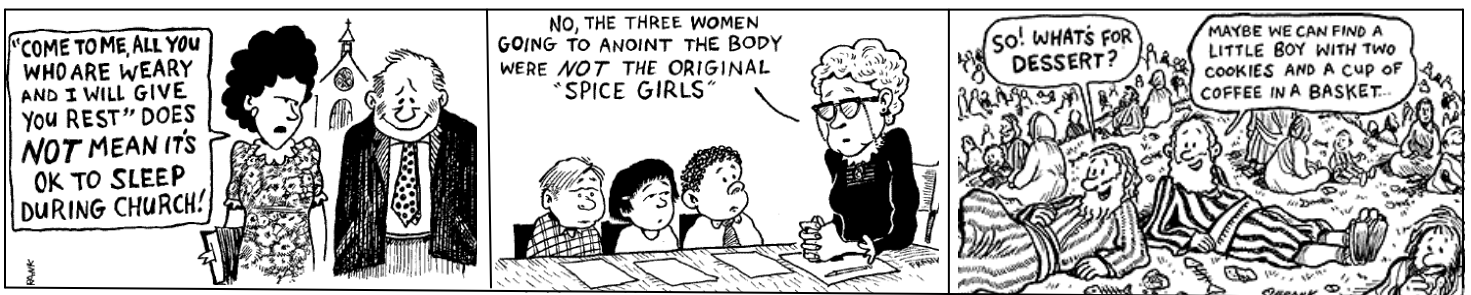
So , you see, Sir, my deck of cards - the only thing that I can carry everywhere, even at war, serves me not only as a Bible, an Almanac but also a Prayer Book!

The soldier was set free.

"Let not your good be evil spoken of" - Holy Scriptures

- Contributed by: Ms. Tara Pathak

A Lil' Biblical Humour.....



By and large, mothers and housewives are the only workers who do not have regular time off. They are the great 'Vacationless' class!!!