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Editorial...

Dear friends, we know many are fed up with the lockdown rules and regulations and it is in this season, St. Therese our patroness teaches us how to live amidst of these by spending her entire life within the four walls locking her down entirely for the lord and lived a life without any complaints and who from her own examples taught us that to please God we need not worry about the external actions.

Many are affected by this Sickness, so it's a botheration for the shepherds in the field who really care for the sheep. Being the brothers of St. Therese now is time for us to live a life according to the spirituality of her. It is the right time for us to live our motto in its fullness "Be little and Serve the little". Because of the Covid-19 many

are mentally depressed, spiritually drought and financially not sound etc.

We are called to share the love of God in such situations by giving our considerable time, prayers and financial support. Let us pray to Jesus to show his compassion and mercy on the world during this pandemic through the intercession of St. Therese.

St. Therese lived a hidden life and "wanted to be unknown" yet became popular after her death through her spiritual autobiography. In a way this lockdown has taken us to live a life within our own community. It is a special time for us to pray for the whole world, conversion of sinners as St. Therese did for Francine and much more than that it is a time for us to pray for ourselves and to deepen our own

spiritual life. She prayed for the whole world and saved many souls for Jesus. It is the right time for us to cast net and catch souls for Jesus especially those

going away from Faith. It is time for us to offer our own sufferings, difficulties, pains, etc. to save the souls. St. Therese promised us that she would spend her Heaven doing good on earth. It is our duty being the brothers of Therese to do good for all in this time of pandemic.

Dear friends, our good Lord does not expect us to do great works out in the field during the time of Covid but He expects us to follow the paths that our patroness has travelled. She did everything for the lord and she could find happiness in it.

She gave glory to God in every act that she did. It is a time for us too to give glory and gratitude to the Mighty Lord for guiding and protecting us in his powerful hands each day. So, to thank him with all our heart each one needs to find some time with the lord. It's a time to turn into our interior self, other than the external things

And let's wait for the Lord to act. It's a time of waiting. Though God promised Abraham for a child, he had to wait 25 years for its fulfillment. **Wait for God's ways...** If we act as we wish...then God may not act. Let us make this time a fruitful one and let's be strengthened in our spiritual life.



Editor

Fr. Bijo Kalayakkattil CST



Fraternal Musings



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HAPPY FEAST OF ST. THERESE

Dear Friends,

The month of October is very special for us. The first day of October is the FEAST OF OUR DEAR PATRONESS.

What is the message of St. Therese for us this year?

"I have the vocation of the Apostle. I would like to travel over the whole earth to preach Your Name and to plant Your glorious Cross on infidel soil. But O my Beloved, one mission alone would not be sufficient for me, I would want to preach the Gospel on all the five continents simultaneously and even to the most remote isles. I would be a missionary, not for a few years only but from the beginning of creation until the consummation of the ages".

I feel this is the message of Therese for us today. It is a call to rededicate ourselves individually and as community to Evangelize. Let us personally and as community find ways and means to spread the Good News to all.

October is especially dedicated to ROSARY Devotion. Let us through Mother Mary offer our People into the loving Hands of God. let us, this month give more time for the devotion of Rosary.

On 4th we remember the heavenly Birthday of Our Dear Valliachan. Please keep this day very special this year. Please offer the Holy Mass on this day as "Special Thanks Giving Holy Mass" for the great gift that we received this year – the signing of the New Contract with the Diocese of Jullunder.

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I take this opportunity to thank you all for your prayers, support and concern for me during my treatment days in Hospital due to Covid. Dear Fathers, Brothers and Sisters it was a time to experience the power of our community. I felt you all very close to me. Jesus helped me to offer all my sufferings for our Province and for the Conversion of Sinners. It was possible only because of your prayers. I pray to Jesus to reward you all for your love, prayers and support.

I feel Covid is not only a Physical sickness, it takes away our spiritual and mental energy. Sometimes we feel so lonely... The unseen support of Community through prayers is the strength in those tiring times. Let us every day pray for Covid Patients,

One day I was just thinking about the situation of the world today. There are lot of tension and anxiety, future seems bleak. I just prayed Jesus what is the solution.... Suddenly this words came to me...

"I AM THE WAY, I HAVE THE WAY"

This gave me lot of strength. I repeated it and I became so calm and even now I repeat these words.

JESUS IS THE WAY, JESUS HAS THE WAY, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT HIM, TURN TO HIM AND FOLLOW HIM.....

GOD BLESS US ALL TO FOLLOW JESUS AND JESUS ALONE!!!



Othiri snehathode swantham Alukkachan



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Official News

Death Anniversary of Fr. Pious Edasserilparabil CST

Death Anniversary of Rev. Fr. Pious Edasseriparambil CST was commemorated at Ferozepur on 13th July, 2020. Solemn high requiem mass offered for the Dead was presided over by Rev. Fr. Provincial and concelebrated by our priests from Punjab and Rajasthan. *Office of the Dead* and Special prayers were also offered at the tomb after the Mass.

Blessing of the Renovated Church at Bikaner

Renovated St. Xavier's Parish Church, Bikaner was Blessed by His Excellency Right Rev. Bp. Oswald Lewis in the presence of Rev. Fr. Provincial on 19th July, 2020. Special appreciation and thanks to Fr. Alwin Elavunkal, Parish Priest and Frs. Sebastian and Shibu. Fr. Dony Mullakariyil was installed as the new Parish Priest of St. Xavier's Parish Church, Bikaner on the same day.

Where Excellence is Tradition

Results 2020 of 10th and 12th brought much

delight and happiness to many pandemic-stricken faces. All our schools under ICSE, CBSE and State Boards patterns Harvested an outstanding result this year. Special appreciation to all who were blessed to be an effective instrument to bring dreams of many to an accomplishment.

Stay Home, Celebrate At home

Festival of Onam was celebrated with due significance in each individual Houses. It was really an occasion to grow stronger our bonds of love and fellowship. Though, we all are going through a very tough time owing to Covid-19, we never fail to share the joy of celebrating the birthdays and feast days of our fellow confreres, however, limited only to the respective communities.

Welcome Back

Fr. Abraham Poonolil who underwent a heart surgery last year in the month of December in Kerala, came back to mission healthy and rejuvenated after his treatment and rest. Thanks to everyone who remembered and prayed for him in his time of need.



News

A Iuva Tidings

Sravanolsavam-2020(onam)

Onam celebrations named 'sravanolsavam' 2020 was a sight for our sore eyes. This year, as the world is in the clutches of an epidemic, we had a limited but meaningful celebration. Brothers had the opportunity to compete with each other with enthusiasm and exuberance in the Onam games. And the delectable 'onasadhya' made the celebrations more delightful.

Independence -2020

August 15th was a joyful day not only for us but for all the Indians. We celebrated the 73rd year of independence of our motherland in our community with all the restrictions of covid-19. We began our programs by celebrating a solemn Syro-Malabar Malayalam mass. After the mass Fr. Namehoisted the flag. We had the inauguration of Literary and cultural Academy at 9:15 a.m. There was a webinar. It was useful to us to know more about the social media. Brothers made this day a colorful one through different programs. In the evening we had a friendly basketball match between 2nd years and 3rd year philosophy students.

Feast of priest – August 4th

Priest's day, popularly known as 'Vianney day' celebrations were the cynosure of August 4th. The celebrations began with the prayer session by 1st year philosophers. Fr. Jojo Varakukalayil and Fr. John Vdakkal offered the Holy mass in the auditorium and in the chapel respectively as per covid protocol.

Rev. Fathers shared the importance of a life of a priest. The celebrations were colourful together with the basketball match between 1st & 2nd year philosophers and the living group sharing session on the topic of priesthood. The evening celebrations commenced with the festal greeting message by Bro. Rajeev Vadakkedathu accompanied with the wishing song.

Teacher's day

MathaPitha Guru Daivam

We followed the same Indian tradition and honored our teachers. We had a grand function in the auditorium honoring our dear fathers & teachers. We held it at 11:55 am and had some cultural programs, dedicated to the teachers. Bro. Albert CSsR felicitated our dear "Gurus" and Fr. Manjush Srakath CST spoke representing al 'Adiapaks'.



Power House Samachar



St. Alphonsa Pray for us

"I am ready to suffer not only this but anything, let the Lord do with me as He wills".

On 28th of July we celebrated the feast of St. Alphonsa. Solemn Mass was celebrated by Fr. Shibin Kochilath and Fr. Master, Fr. Jidhin and Fr. Binu Concelebrated with him. In order to prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast we had Adoration and Novena for Nine days. It was a chance for us to imbibe the spirit of St. Alphonsa.

Festal Greetings to Fr. Varakil

"O Love which always burns, and is never extinguished, true charity! My God, set me all on fire".

On 27th of August Rev. Fr. Augustine Varakil, our Confessor, joined with us to celebrate his feast.

It was a remarkable day for us. Dear Father, your spiritual guidance and exemplary life is an inspiration for all of us. God bless you.



St. John Mary Vianney Pray for us.

"If you will show me the way to Ars I will show you the way to Heaven".

On August 4th we celebrated the feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the heavenly patron of all priests. In the morning we had solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Master, Fr.

Jidhin and Fr. Binu. After the Mass Rev. Fr. Michael, Fr. Augustine Varakil and FCC Sisters came over here to wish our dear fathers on their feast day. Let us pray that all the labour and toil a priest do may be centered in Christ.

Mother Mary, Mother India

"The present life is for eternity and our happiness is proportionate to our goodness on earth. Mary our Mother will help us to lead a good and holy life".

We solemnly celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Independence of our country. In the morning we had Punjabi Holy Mass with few parishners. Fr. Jidhin gave a beautiful and meaningful homily on that day. After the Mass the National flag was hoisted by Fr. Master. In the evening we recited Holy Rosary with great devotion. Let us hold Mary in our hearts because she will guide and protect us.

Corona special Onam celebration

Onam is the traditional festival of Malayalies, since it arouses the memories of a good pastime. As part of our onam celebration we had few "onakalikal" on 30th of August in which both fathers and novices were participants. On 31st of August morning Holy mass was celebrated by our dear loving fathers. In the afternoon Maveli has arrived our novitiate house and gave us a short message on the present condition of the world. "Onapookalam" was well decorated both in the refectory and in the Chapel. Rev. Fr. Michael Anikuzhikattil and FCC sisters joined with us for the celebration.

Together with them we enjoyed a sumptuous "Onasadya".

Together with the Lord

Retreat presents us a new enlightenment and spirit. It helps us to grow in holiness. On 21st September we commenced our second retreat in the evening. Rev. Fr. Varghese Kachapally of Jalandher Diocese was the retreat preacher, who carried us into the spirit of prayer. The retreat was for five days.

We wish you all a very happy feast of our Heavenly Patroness St. Little Flower. We assure you our prayers.

"IN THIS LIFE, WE CANNOT ALWAYS DO GREAT THINGS. BUT WE CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE".

"YESTERDAY IS GONE, TOMORROW HAS NOT YET COME. WE HAVE ONLY TODAY. LET US BEGIN".

"IF YOU JUDGE PEOPLE, YOU HAVE NO TIME TO LOVE THEM".

- ST. MOTHER TERESA





Theologians @ Malout.....

Little Flower Seminary is in great happiness. The brothers who had completed their Minor Seminary Formation in Little Flower College is back here with their theological perspectives. Vidyajyoti College of Theology, Delhi, was closed in the last march due to The Covid-19. The college reopened officially on August 10 and started classes via Google Meet. Theologians of Delhi gathered at Malout for their Theological studies and it is the first-time brothers are doing their theology online and out of their theologates.

All the best brothers for your studies.

The Pulse of Plus Two.....

'To acquire knowledge, one must study; but to gain wisdom, one must observe.' After the summer vacation, the two students of plus two returned to Little

Flower College, Malout to resume their studies. Fr. Rector and Senior brothers are taking classes for them. The presence of Fr. George and other fathers are a blessing for us for our spiritual nourishment.

Happy Feast Fr. Augustine....

St. Augustine said, "Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being. Do you desire to construct a vast and lofty fabric? Think first about the foundations of humility. The higher your structure is to be, the deeper must be its foundation." Fr. Augustine Varakil is also a vibrant missionary like St. Augustine the great. His humility, simplicity, and innocence make him unique and special in our community. We celebrated his feast day on August 28 with all pomp and glory. We also had a solemn high mass on the next day morning concelebrated by Fr. Augustine. Let his life be a blessing for many!

Onam 2K20.....

Onam is the time for Pookkalam; children on swings; tiger clad men with hunters behind them; people enjoying sadya with the whole family. But 2k20 Onam was shrunk to our Ashram community. We celebrated Onam with Holy Eucharistic Celebration in the morning and a sumptuous sadya prepared by Brothers and Fathers for the noon. We could not do many activities this year due to the Pandemic. We remembered and prayed for all the Keralites during Holy Mass on this Onam day.

A Day Out.....

St. Augustine says, "The world is a book and those who do not travel read only a page." Travels are a great time to refresh our minds and thoughts.

Fr. Sunny, the rector took all the theologians to Kotsameer and Bathinda as a one-day outing. The travel was indeed a great blessing for us to see the places as well to understand the Christian growth and our works in these places.

Journey with our Little Queen

The end of September is very special for us because these are the preparation days for the Feast of our little Queen, Therese. We began our Novena to St. Therese on September 22. Brothers and Fathers took gave Teresian messages for each day. We are looking forward, waiting for the great feast on October 01. May our patroness and dear sister shower her roses abundantly on our life!





Silver Jubilee Celebrations

The silver Jubilee of the First Profession of Rev. Sr. Shilpa PSA was celebrated in our Parish Church on 8th August 2020. Fr Tiyo was the Main Celebrant of the Thanks giving Eucharist. Fr Peter Vellam also joined us for the celebrations.



Birthday Celebrations

The Birthday of Fr. Tiyo was celebrated on 23rd August. The Ashram gathering of the Sikar and Ajmer Ashram also was conducted here on the same day. Frs. John Kudilil, Jijo Parokaran, Suneesh Ezholickal, Siril Pothen and Jobin Moolan were present for the same.

Diaconate Ministry.

Rev. Dn. Justin Vettikkeeruparambil was here for three months for his Diaconate ministry here. After his successful service and the completion of his online comprehensive examination he left for Kerala in the first week of September. A big thanks to Dn. Justin for his valuable service here.



Uproot of the most loved Rose plant

The transfer of Fr. Dony was a shocking news for the fathers as well as for the brothers. On 9th July both the batches of 1st year and 2nd year brothers gave him the farewell with eyes full of tears. Along with the colourful performances of brothers, there was a video presentation which gave the flash back of Fr. Dony's life in the KJMS. Fr. Alwin Elavunkal took charge as the vice rector on 8th of August and his feast day also was solemnly celebrated on the same day.

New Arrivals

Due to corona and lockdown the KJMS community became large in its number. The third year and second year minor seminarians who were suppose to go to Malout remained here and started re-cherishing the old memories with new learnings.

Now the three batches of brothers are together with joy and peace at the bank of Periyar. As the batches of seminarians increased Fr. Bino Pariyadan came from Malout to help in the curricular activities of the Seminary. The seminary is also blessed with the presence of new regents Bro. Tom and Bro. Justin, and Deacons Ajay, Brijeesh and Justin Vettikeeri.

Cor Onam

Though the world was silenced due to corona in the Onam season. To experience the joy and meaning of the Onam we in a small level celebrated CorOnam. Onam celebration was more colourful with three batches of minor seminarians along with fathers and brothers. Some of the parents of brothers also came to enjoy the games and onasadhya. There were group wise competition for onakalikal and pookalam.

Way of the Rosary

The day of the Immaculate Conception of Mother Mary was more graceful and blissful. There was solemn rosary procession with the fathers and brothers inside the seminary campus.

Inauguration of literary and cultural academy

The inauguration of "Pegasus" the literary and cultural academy was a colourful occasion with lots of cultural programme and with the presence of fathers from Genrlate and Capuchin Shanti Ashram. It gave us an opportunity to develop our talents. On every Thursday we are having our academies.

Independence Day Assumption of Mary

We celebrated the Independence Day and assumption of Mother Mary solemnly. Fr. Noble CST celebrated a solemn Holy Mass. After the Holy Mass, Brothers marched in parade showing reverence to Mother India. Fr. Rector hoisted the triune flag and sweets were distributed. After the flag hosting Fr. Bino inaugurated the talent board. Fr. Bino gave an inspiring message to the brothers regarding the development of our talents.

Retreat and monthly recollection

The minor seminarians had annual retreat of Fr. George Kuzhikkatu CST from 26th to 29th of July. Those were the days of prayer and spiritual development for the brothers.

To continue the spiritual journey, Fr. Bino led the seminarians through a monthly recollection for 2 days in the month of August. We also had our confession and house blessing on the same day.

Happy....Happy....Happy Feast

The buds of KJMS are busy with the preparation of the feast of St. Little Flower. An intense preparation for the feast has started with Meditation reflection by brothers and solemn Holy Mass and Novena by Fathers. These days of feast will help us to live in the spirituality of St. Therese. Happy Feast to all...



Article Spirituality And Community Life

"How great is my gratitude. What is he reserving for us in heaven if here below His love dispenses surprises so delightful?" Says St. Therese. The first word that she spoke was 'Heaven' and the last word that she concludes with is also the same, 'I will spend my heaven in doing good on earth'. She was for sure about her space in heaven. She believed this "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" Mt 18:3. Heaven was a concern for her. And it must be a topic for our thought too 'how to get in heaven?'"

And it was the same that Jesus came with his preaching, "Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" Mt 5:20. Jesus said this to his disciples who followed him. The scribes pride themselves on their ability to interpret the law correctly, and the Pharisees pride themselves on keeping the law in all of its detail. They represent the religious establishment in Israel.

Looking at them Jesus says, "Externally you are not disobeying any laws and looks perfect but what is there in your heart". So he said, "you honor me with your lips, but your hearts are far away from me" Mt 15:8. You seek the glory that belongs to God (6:2, 5). You teach human precepts as doctrines (15:9; 23:16-22). You fail to observe the weightier matters of the law (23:23). While you look presentable on the outside, "within you are full of hypocrisy and iniquity" (23:28). Jesus calls them hypocrites on a number of occasions (6:5, 16; 15:7). The greatest of their failures, however, is their spiritual pride.

And sometimes we are tempted to pray, "God, I thank you that I am not like these Pharisees" (Lk 18:11). When that happens, we have adopted their spiritual pride.

It was the spirituality the then religious leaders were following and Jesus was against it. And I feel, it continues even after 2000 years, a spirituality without proper conversion of the

hearts. Most often our focus is on the external activities. Externally we conduct big celebrations, road shows, rallies, processions, decorations, langar etc. Everyone wants to exhibit before others that they are doing something. And we are satisfied with the sound and setting. But the question is, are all these really helping the faithful to make a 'U' turn in their spiritual life? And we forget, if our internal dispositions do not alter any inner changes within, then the external acts that we do may not bring any long lasting effects and influence on others. Today's church is facing this threat all the more that we are more externally focused but do we realize the decline of spirituality from ourselves and from our faithful? So, spirituality without conversion of hearts is a danger!

The second aspect of the article focuses on the community aspect. As I mentioned above, if our spirituality is not proper, then we can't have a proper community life. Community life doesn't mean that a group of people staying together under the same roof. It is the communion of the hearts. Without communion, we can't have a community and religious life. We may be doing all the community activities together but if there is no communion or unity among you; then it's not community life. God doesn't look at our actions but our attitude; he looks at what is happening inside us. Like Therese, only when we recognize our nothingness, and the providence of God in our lives that we can have communion with others.

"Let us love, since that is what our hearts were made for, without love, deeds, even the most brilliant, count as nothing." Spirituality without conversion and community life without communion is not the mind of the Lord. To enter into heaven or to walk in the path of the Lord, our spirituality and communion must be repaired. May God bless and St. Therese shower her roses upon each one of us that we may be able to live a life that she lived.

Fr. Shan Joseph CST

Birthday Greetings

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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