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"How beautiful are the feet of those who bring the Good News."

[Romans: 10:15]





Presbyter's Desk

But God demonstrate His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us". [Romans.5:8]

Dear all Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We have entered into another Lenten season. Lent is a special journey of transformation. It is a season of preparing spiritual our growth. Let us use the season of Lent to truly seek the Lord; the one who is longing to be found. It is the time of renewal of our faith in Jesus Christ. In the Bible there is no a particular word of Lent. According to our church calendar Lent is the 40 days beginning on Ash Wednesday and leading up to Easter Sunday. Sundays themselves are not counted in these forty days, as they are generally set aside as days of renewal and celebration. In the Old Testament history also we can see some significance about forty days. The rainy episode of Noah (Genesis 7:4), Mount Sinai episode of Moses (Exodus 24:18), Israel people's forty years' wilderness experience also showing its importance. In the Gospel we can see Jesus' forty days fasting in the wilderness, the forty days Jesus spent on the earth after his resurrection, and so much more. Forty days has been used by God represent a period of trial, testing and preparation. Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Through the above Bible portion [Romans: 5:8] St. Paul gives us a great hope in Jesus Christ. Because he talks about the great love of God. Here the death of Christ is a demonstration of God's Love. We all are sinners by birth. The Bible explains the sinfulness of humanity. It is not just in theory or in practice but by nature. The chain of Adamic sin continues through generation to generation. Paul tells us "There is no difference for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" [Romans 3:23]. Jesus died on the cross to save us from sin and death. It reveals us the unconditional love of God Almighty. God's love for us is not based on our attractiveness to God. We love people because they love us. That is how we love, but that is not how God loves. He does not love us on the basis of what we do or how we do it. God has abundant love towards His people. We have to realize the marvelous and comprehensive love of God through the death of Christ on Cross. God's Love is based on the fact that "God is Love" [1 John: 4:7]. God Shows His love in a surprising way. Through Jesus Christ we got salvation and Justification. God's grace is the only way to justification and salvation. Through His death on cross he paid our penalty. Let us listen Jesus more seriously. In this Lenten season we should spend more time for prayer and Bible study. It brings more blessing to our day to day spiritual life.

I wish you all a grace-filled Lent.

NEWS & EVENTS

Almanac for the month of March 2023

Date	Name of Sunday	Theme	Lessons
March 05	5th Sunday Before Easter Women's Sunday	Women as Change Makers	Num. 27:1-11 Acts. 16:11-15 Psalms. 119:57-64 Luke. 1:46-55
March 12	4th Sunday Before Easter	The Accepting Christ	Hosea. 2:14-23 Phile. 1-21 Psalms. 87 Matt. 15:21-28
March 19	3rd Sunday Before Easter	The Liberating Christ	Exod. 3:1-13 Gala. 5:1-12 Psalms 82 Luke. 13:10-17
March 26	2nd Sunday Before Easter Passion Sunday	Cross and the Restoring Christ	Job. 42:10-17 Eph. 2:1-10 Psalms 126 Mark 10:46-56
April 02	Palm Sunday	Christ: The King of Peace	Zech. 9:1-12 Eph. 2:11-22 Psalms. 24 Mark. 11: 1-11

- 1) Our lent started with a prayer on Wednesday the 23rd February.
- 2) On 19th February, there was a peaceful protest at the Jantar Manthar against the atrocities on Christian institutions and believers. Few members of our church have participated in the event.
- 3) On 26th February, members from our youth and some seniors visited the Amrit Udyan (Mughal Garden).
- 4) As we are approaching financial year closing, kindly clear all your dues before the month-end. You can contact our treasurers to know your dues.



March 1	Mr. Mathew George & Mrs. Annie Mathew
March 27	Mr. Christin Joseph & Mrs. Raaga Christin

Birthday Greetings To

March 2	Mr. Saju Mathai	S/o Mr. T.V. Mathai
March 5	Dr. Prabhu Kishore	
March 10	Mr. P.C. George	
March 10	Mr. M.A. Jose	
March 11	Mr. Jinsu Koshy	S/o Mr. Koshy K. Koshy
March 13	Mr. Jeeven Jacob	
March 13	Mr. Ashwin Varghese	S/o Mr. Jovi George
March 16	Mr. Aju Koshy	
March 27	Mr. Ben V. Mathews	S/o Mr. Anish C. Mathews



Mughal Garden Visit



Felicitation of Dr.Sivakumar on his new book.



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