Divine Mercy Chaplet
(for private recitation on ordinary rosary beads)

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., The Apostles' Creed.

then on the Our Father Beads say
Eternal Father,
I offer You the Body and Blood,
Soul and Divinity
of Your dearly beloved Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ,
in atonement
for our sins
and those of the whole world.

On the Hail Mary Beads say
for the sake of His sorrowful passion
have mercy on us
and the whole world.

In conclusion Three Times say
Holy God, Holy Mighty One,
Holy Immortal One,
have mercy on us
and the whole world.

(from the diary of the Servant of God
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GOD BLESS

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GOD BLESS
One of my companions had the habit of pelting pebbles at anyone and anything. As time passed I realized that he was doing it when he was jobless, like noon time when all are free to walk around and say the private rosary. That is one of the time kept aside for personal prayer and reflection. At that moment a sight like this is distracting and disturbing. It would be something like that dog which can’t eat the grass and don’t let the cow to eat.

Time passed on, and his habit as well. During a winter season I realized and amazed that he pelted pebbles only at noon time; and he picked only five at a time and pelted only five at a time. The little stones when it was picked up and pelted away that would make a total count of $5+5=10$. Which means it is now time to shift to the second decade of the Rosary. So he makes another fetch of five pebbles to throw away to count another decade.

"Something like a scale fell down from the eyes of St Paul and he could see". A similar thing happened to me, I could see; mere pebbles carefully picked and cautiously thrown away are his rosary beads…

Thank You, God of little things, for revealing the beauty and value of little things on this little planet.

benny palliparampil
May 1st announces the workers day. I extend cordial greetings to all the workers on this Day of the workers. There are many who work for the welfare of the workers. St. Joseph the worker, patron of the laborers may bless all of you and help you to progress in your life endeavors. Work is an indelible Character of human being and proceeds from the very person of him/her who has been created in the image and likeness of God (Gen 1:26-27). Dignity of labor has to be acclaimed, affirmed and promoted in the hearts of Indian people. It is equally important that we pay the right wages and living wages to the laborers and especially to the unorganized laborers.

According to the latest estimation in India, there are 487 million workers, the second largest after China. Out of these 94 % (457 million) are unorganized or informal workers. Unorganized workers are those who have no job security, Social security and legal protection. There are workers who are engaged in the various works in the unorganized sector as well as the informal or casual workers in the organized sector. All the unorganized workers are poor people who live below or above poverty line with a BPL card. Even if they work hard to make the both ends meet, they fail to achieve a decent standard of life.

In order to facilitate the unorganized workers to join the schemes of the Government, CBCI office of labor encouraged different diocesan partners to establish worker’s facilitation centers. In collaboration with Pension Fund Regulatory Development Authority of India a programme is launched called Mazdoor Suraksha Yojna for the benefit of the un-organized sector workers.

It is the moral duty of all the church leaders to look into the conditions of the workers in our bishop’s houses, Presbyteries, Convents, schools, Hospitals and other institutions. Primary concern must be to give a just and living wage for every worker and treat them with dignity and concern. Moreover they should be given sufficient holidays, specified hours of work and other facilities. Make sure that no child is employed in our institutions.

This situation has impelled people to migrate to other places for better life and better prospects. This has caused human trafficking, migration in search of jobs and become refugees to another strange place. Despite of the problems, risks and difficulties great number of migrants and refugees are forced to live in slums and in unhygienic conditions of life. Our Holy Family took flight to Egypt and sought refuge in a remote place(Mt. 2:13-14).

In this month of May many days we celebrate the Feast of Mother Mary. This month is dedicated to Mother Mary!!! Divine Mother is not happy with this situation of the world. Moreover many countries are experiencing scarcity of water and water sources are drying out because of the change of climatic conditions in this world. I conclude with the quotation from Pope Francis “Migration can offer possibilities for a new evangelization, open vistas for the growth of a new humanity foreshadowed in the paschal mystery: a humanity for which every foreign country is a homeland and every homeland is a foreign country.” Let the mercy and compassion of Mother Mary help us commit ourselves for caring for the migrants and refugees and unorganized laborers. “I was a stranger and you welcomed me” Mt.2:35).

+Peter Parapullil
Bishop of Jhansi
### WALLACE JACOB

**STORY OF CREATION & ITS CONNECTION WITH GOSPEL OF JOHN**

A description of creation:
In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the power of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, “Let there be light” – and light appeared. God was. Then he separated the light from the darkness, and he named the light “Day” and the darkness “Night”. Evening passed and morning came.

**SECOND DAY:** God commanded, “Let there be a dome to divide the water and to keep it in two separate places” – and it was done. So God made a dome, and it separated the water under it from the water above it. He named the dome “Sky”. Evening passed and morning came – that was the second day.

**THIRD DAY:** God commanded, “Let the water below the sky come together in one place, so that the land will appear” – and it was done. He named the land “Earth”, and the water which had come together he named “Sea”. And God was pleased with what he saw. Then he commanded, “Let the earth produce all kinds of plants, those that bear grain and those that bear fruit” – and it was done. So the earth produced all kinds of plants, and God was pleased with what he saw. Evening passed and morning came – that was the third day.

**FOURTH DAY:** God commanded, “Let lights appear in the sky to separate day from night and to show the time when days, years, and religious festivals begin; they will shine in the sky to give light to the earth” – and it was done. So God made the two larger lights, the sun to rule over the day and the moon to rule over the night; he also made the stars. Evening passed and morning came – that was the fourth day.

**FIFTH DAY:** Then God commanded, “Let the water be filled with many kinds of living beings, and let the air be filled with birds”. So God created the great sea-monsters, all kinds of creatures that live in the water, and all kinds of birds. He blessed them all and told the creatures that live in the water to reproduce, and to fill the sea, and he told the birds to increase in number. Evening passed and morning came – that was the fifth day.

**SIXTH DAY:** Then God commanded, “Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small” – and it was done. So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw. Then God said, “And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small”. So God created human beings, making them to be like him. He created them male and female. Evening passed and morning came – that was the sixth day.

Is there any connection between Genesis and The Gospel according to John?
The opening sentences in The Gospel according to John are:
“Before the world was created, the Word already existed; he was with God, and he was the same as God. From the very beginning the Word was with God. Through him God made all things; not one thing in all creation was made without him. The Word was the source of life...”. When we read the first chapter of Genesis, we realize the importance of the WORD. Everything was created as per God’s command or word. God only commanded and it was done. According to John 1: 14, “The Word became flesh and full of grace and truth, lived among us. We saw his glory, the glory which he received as the Father’s only son”. According to John 1: 17 – 18, “God gave the Law through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, who is the same as God and is at the Father’s side, he has made him known”. John 1: 29 says, “The next day John saw Jesus coming to him...”
John 1: 35 says, “The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples...”
John 1: 43 says, “The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee”.

John 2: 1 says, “Two days later there was a wedding in the town of Cana in Galilee”. If we assume the day in John 1: 29 to be a Monday, then the day in John 1: 35 would be Tuesday, the day in John 1:43 would be Wednesday and the day in John 2:1 would be Friday.
During the wedding in Cana, Jesus asked the servants to fill the jars with water and then he told them to draw some water out and take it to the man in charge of the feast who felt that it was the best wine. Thus we see that Jesus only commands and the work is done.

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The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary was instituted in honor and to thank Our Lady for the protection of the Church. The faith that the Church expressed is that Mary is the protector of the Church. The recitation of the Rosary is a means of experiencing Her loving care. The Rosary as we know is nothing but faith, contemplation of Christ’s life and glorification and of Mary’s intimate association with Jesus.

It may be an exaggeration to say that the Holy Rosary is the most popular devotion among Catholics. It is a simple and at the same time a sublime prayer. It is simple because anyone in any circumstances can pray the Rosary, it is sublime because it is on the essential Christian mysteries and therefore it sums up the final and definite phases of our history of salvation.

The Rosary derives its great power and efficacy from the fact that more than any other it is a prayer of faith having its origin deep in the creed of the Apostles, and commemorating the mysteries of faith based on the truth of the Gospel. Along with the mysteries the Rosary is the Gospel story in brief recalling the lives of Jesus and Mary on earth.

The Rosary is a prayer both of praise and petition. The “Our Father” was taught by Christ Himself; we glorify God’s goodness and His generousities, call Him our Father, and seek His blessings through the intercession of Mary His Mother and our Mother. Then we hail Her who has found favor with God, who was made by Him extraordinarily full of Grace in order that the fullness of grace might be poured out on all. The constant repetition of the Angels salutation, ”Hail Mary” instills in the person who recites it, a confidence of approach to Mary which in turn has the power exciting Her Virginal heart to have pity on us.

There are two elements in the Rosary meditation on the mysteries and vocal prayer. This combined prayer requires a special kind of attention, if we are to profit from this devotion when recited meditatively the Rosary animates our faith, inspires our hope and kindles our love. For those who are unable to attend daily Mass, the Holy Rosary can be a spiritually refreshing substitute.

The Rosary is a sure means for preserving the home and strengthening family life. The family Rosary recited by the members together can act as a strong binding and uniting force, strengthens the faith and unity of the family. The Rosary is an effective means of promoting world peace. At Lourdes and at Fatima Our Lady reportedly insisted that the faithful should say the Rosary.

So as we pray and contemplate Mary in the light of Her Son, let us renew our devotion to the Rosary. Let us make it a point to recite daily with attention and meditation at least a part of the Rosary. A family that prays together stays together. Let the Rosary become for us a means for family union and personal growth in genuine Christian love.

-Mrs. Muriel Ellis
Introduction

I am the servant of the Lord and let it be done to me according to your word. These words not only signify the surrender of Mother Mary to God but also her state of absolute freedom and the perfect love of God. Because a person who is free alone can surrender oneself unreservedly to God and a person who is in love with God alone will have the freedom to lay down everything before God. It was possible for her because she was free and loved God above all; she was deeply rooted in the word of God. Here we shall reflect on the freedom of Mother Mary.

Freedom

What is freedom and how people understand it today? Bishop Fulton J. Sheen speaks about 3 kinds of freedom. a) Freedom is the right to do whatever I please: A drunkard spending all his money on alcohol even when the family does not have anything to eat. b) Freedom is the right to do whatever you must: the stone that we throw up has the right to fall down because it is subject to the gravitational force. c) Freedom is the right to do whatever we ought to do: it implies goal, purpose, morality, law of God.

The Freedom of the New Eve

The freedom of the New Eve is certainly higher and more perfect than that of the Old Eve, which pleased and displeased God respectively. By choosing to eat the forbidden fruit Eve offended God's love, violated the divine law and stood opposed to truth. She committed sin and became the slave of sin. The very love which makes us to choose something, makes us spurn the rest, says Fulton J. Sheen. Whereas Mother Mary through her fiat manifests the real freedom which is animated by love, governed by the law of God and guided by the spirit of truth. Moreover real freedom does not offend the love of God and neighbor, violate the commandments and contradict or oppose the dictates of truth. It is always at the service of truth. Mary removes the stain brought about by Eve. And the source of her freedom was her communion with God and his word. As the Psalmist says I treasure your word in my heart, so that I may not sin (Ps 119:11), Mary treasured the word of God in her heart. Healthy soil is essential for a healthy tree.

Conclusion

Lord Jesus always chose to do the will of the Father. My food is to do the will of my Father who sent me… (John 4:34). Often we are the prisoners of our own choices. We have reflected the freedom of Eve more often than that of Mary, and wounded God’s love and remained opposed to the spirit of truth. The word of God therefore gives us the invitation to become the free daughters and sons of God. If you continue in my word you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free (John 8:31-32).
Mother

Oh! Mother, so prudent and venerable. You are great and incomparable to any modern scientific inventions, for you are blessed both with spiritual blessings and a dedicated task of grooming children.

Your presence itself proves the very existence of mankind and your honest and qualitative image portrays a picture of God himself in a home, you are dwelling in. We children feel safe, secured, happy and protected in your loving presence. The divine power in you generates courage and strength to confront all environmental obstacles coming in the way of our up-bringing and the valuable possession of a beautiful loving and caring heart which takes care of all the children of God coming into this world through your flesh and blood. Your touch itself is both spiritual and medicated for it reliefs us of all our pains and sufferings, glorifies and brighten our whole physical and mental system. It is rightly said that God cannot be everywhere so he has created Mother. We have not seen God but we have all seen our dear Mother. You are the one who has brought us this wonderful world by the blessings of Almighty God. So mother you are like God to us. Let us all love, care and worship our Mother and never ever hurt her sentiments, disobey or disrespect her for any of our selfish motives.

Oh! Mother you are adorable, we all love you, adore you and care for you and we will all obey, love, respect and worship you as long as we live.

-Vivian Vincent

Post Resurrection is a Journey in Humility for All

The Lenten season is over, but what must have touched most of us was the Lords' humility to bear the cross and carry it forward to Calvary, amidst jeers and insults and to be ignominiously nailed on two wooden planks erected as a cross. Humility made him obey his Father's wish to save the world. Humility dismissed his great role as God and to come to earth to free mankind from sin and sufferings. Humility takes even small things seriously. Humility puts a hand to nothing extra but simply takes what is there. Whether that be food, clothing or understanding. Easter is a celebration of life. God created us with a mandate to embody his love and compassion for the whole of creation. It is a mockery to celebrate this festival and still remain oblivious of the impact Christ's journey had on us. Easter is an invitation to venture beyond the narrow range of our self centered way of life and live a meaningful humble life. Not one that comes from getting but from unselfish giving. The lesson taught by Jesus himself when he undertook that journey to Calvary. Concretely, if we Christians identify with the lowly and oppressed in our county we shall serve as catalysts in bringing about true faith and acceptance of the Lord. So let this Easter season open our hearts and make us firm believers that God's death and resurrection can help us change ourselves and others. A journey we can again and again undertake with the Lord until we can be an example of love and humility for others.

-Sara Flower.
MARY QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY

O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today
Month of May is at hand. At this moment are we thinking only of May flowers, summer holidays, beaches, ice-creams, and summer fruits, summer camps, keeping cool and what not. What about the devotion to Mary our Mother? Is it slowly but surely fading from our hearts? Let us remind ourselves that the month of May is dedicated to Mary-Mother of God and the most powerful weapon of our Christian Faith the Holy Rosary.

When Our Lady appeared to Bernadette she insisted on the daily recitation of the Rosary and told her that it could even convert pagan countries. Let us not go to bed without saying the Rosary. The Joyful mysteries the most beautiful mysteries are thought provoking with one event leading to the other from the time Mary has been chosen to be the Mother of god to the time her beloved Son Jesus Christ grows up and starts preaching in the Temple. We all know that anyone who flees to her protection will never be left unaided. Inspired with this confidence let us not let the month of May go by without saying the Rosary and singing her praises. Make the most of this beautiful month.

-Brenda Flower.

AN OLD TREE WITH A STAR DISH

Beside the rail track on the way from Delhi to Mumbai stood a tree that sheltered few huts of few laborers. The hut was of plastic roof that was pegged from ground to the pole that stood tall at the centre. Of course a house that was affordable to one who earned a hundred after some work.
The Story takes a twist when one notices a brand new dish that served TV channels, just on the trunk of the tree. The wire hung loose to the hut beneath the tree. The hut has no strength to hold the metallic dish; they could not afford a strong building but fit enough to hold their entertainment.
The question is where the world is heading? There is not enough to eat. Not enough to secure the life well. Not enough to live a dignified life even to such degree that even when one is having a fragile roof. Even in this situation looking for a luxury that is miserably fixed…
This Mr. Fix is everywhere in our society. For example: painfully alone still uploading smiling selfies; beauty may be not be up to the standard of beauty queens, so get fixed for a while by a beautician; Status may be married still behave as single; could be parent of a child still behave as a collegian; high school may be on still behave as an adult.
Well…, 'well-fixed' by Mr Fix. That’s why it is said that we are all scientists with Mr Fix Certificate from the University of Jugaad. Is it not too fragile like the plastic roof of a house under a tree?

-Cletus, Mumbai.

LONE & TIRED BABIES GO 'COLLEGE'

A KG child with a heavy bag and sleepy head resting on the rickshaw was heading to '……College'. The head that is resting on the iron bar swings well with the jerk on the journey. Satisfied with the swing from rickshaw, sleeping well as if the mother is swinging with lullabies, contented with the iron pillow, the baby is at its own world journeying. When the so called college completes after some years, will they not be satisfied with iron fist, all in one mobile, un-connected family, my own world…? Probably!

-TheBee
I do not believe that glamour per se is evil, may be evil but not necessarily-not automatically evil. The problem with glamour is that it is surface. It is the shiny patina, the thin veneer or appearance that makes something appear good and beautiful. Yes, that which truly is good may shimmer or glitter with a glamorous sheen. Beauty of skin can go deeper than skin deep, continuing down to the marrow. But here is the catch: That which is truly good or authentically beautiful does not need the shimmer of glamour to attract. Evil indeed does.

So often evil does seem attractive. Literature about good people leading virtuous lives is hard to write. Some people joke—or perhaps they are serious—that they would prefer to go to hell and hang out with the interesting characters of history rather than to experience the infinite boredom of heaven.

If these people are reacting to the self-righteousness of those who are smugly and boringly pious, then it is hard to disagree. They are in fact seeing through another veneer of glamour—religious glamour—now worn thin. This is the falsehood of believers who try to project goodness while avoiding the hard interior work of allowing God's goodness to purge and forgive them in secret. Of course I am drawing a stark contrast in order to make a point. A properly Christian and orthodox worldview sees evil as a nothing, not a something. Evil, according to Augustine and Aquinas, is wholly parasitic on the good. I thus speak starkly of "the good" and "the evil" here but do not draw a stark contrast between "good people" and "evil people." Evil people must still enjoy dignity and goodness in some way in order to exist and function at all. And good people, in order to solidify their virtue, must be ever keen to ferret out their remaining dark corners of self-deception—ever quick to cry out for God's grace. To name these complexities simply fills out further our picture of why evil needs glamour in a way that good never does.

Consider the celebrities who catch our eye on magazine covers as we go through the checkout lanes in grocery stores. None could rise to such prominence without exercising real God-given talents. Their acting abilities, their athleticism, their musicality, their business acumen—even the marketing finesse that accentuates their glamour in order to catch our eyes—these are goods. And often the best of celebrities are truly generous and caring people. But would we really want to hang out with most of those on magazine covers as close friends? Be careful: this is a trick question. “Hang out,” probably, because we would like to bask in their celebrity glamour for a while, perhaps taking in the perks of a stimulating party life and then carrying home an autograph or memento. But all that is the continuing allure of glamour.

My question is whether we would want to spend time as close friends with those concerned first with maintaining their image. Close friendship implies something deeper: the reliable intimacy of abiding, trustworthy relationship, with the promise that our friends will hold our best secrets with confidence and meet our worst faults with compassion. If we actually buy one of those magazines, delve deeper into the pages and reflect on the stories, we may not be so sure about the answer. So often we will find stories of betrayal, pettiness, infidelity, jealousy or a loneliness or insecurity from which fame and wealth were supposed to insulate. Would these really be the intimate friends upon whom we would want to rely?

I would never want to deny that underneath some glamour lies authentic good. But I do think we may confidently say this: The more a person (or a culture) pursues surface beauty, shimmering glamour or magazine-cover prominence as ends in themselves, the less reliable will be that person's hidden qualities. Fame is not known as a condition that makes it easier for people to be better, kinder, more compassionate or deeper human beings. But does it make someone happier? That, I suspect, is the rub. That is the temptation. It is why so many pursue glamour. All things being equal, sure, I guess I would like to be a “better” person, but all things are not equal. Becoming better takes work. It might even require suffering. The people Christians hold up as the best—the saints—sometimes got there through martyrdom. “No thanks!” we say.

One could pursue a parallel line of inquiry about the difference between superficial pleasures and deep happiness or authentic joy. The confusion of happiness with pleasure surely reinforces our culture's confused infatuation with glamour as the key to happiness. But I actually do want to defend pleasure—at least the exquisite though subtle and subdued pleasures that one can discover only by rejecting the glamour of evil.

Extract from Gerald W. Schlabach a professor of theology at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn., and the lead author and editor of "Just Policing, Not War" (Liturgical Press).
A YOUTH SPEAKS ABOUT CLOTHS

Both men and women should bring glory to God in their manner of dress. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we read: “A woman shall not wear an article proper to man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s dress; for anyone who does such things is an abomination to the Lord your God.” (Deut 22:5) The key to understanding what constitutes modesty in dress is to examine the attitudes and intents of the heart. Those whose hearts are inclined towards God will make every effort to dress modestly, decently and appropriately. Those whose hearts are inclined towards self will dress in a manner designed to draw attention to themselves with little or no regard for the consequences to themselves or others. Lately, a young boy told me; he went for confession before Mass and attended the Mass devoutly and was going for the Communion. Suddenly a young woman pushed into the line from the pews just in front of him. Some strong smell from her irritated the young man’s nostrils and the woman’s bare back distracted his thoughts. The boy said apologetically: after communion, I was seeing the lady’s back instead of talking to Jesus.

“Women should adorn themselves with proper conduct, with modesty and self control, not with braided hairstyles and gold ornaments or pearls or expensive clothes but rather as befits women who profess reverence for God with good deeds” (1Timothy 2: 9-10).

St. Peter in his first letter addresses the women in the following words: “Your commitment should not be an external one; braiding the hair, wearing gold ornament, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition which is precious in the sight of God.” (1Peter 3:3)

While Peter and Paul specifically address the need for women to dress modestly, the same teachings apply to men as well.

At a retreat the priest gave many examples of holy men and women who dedicated their lives to the service of God and how they too should live a holy life. Some of the youth asked the priest: Father tells what to do. We make all good resolutions here, but as we go out, we see girls with tight jeans, low neck shirts, sleeveless dresses exposing their thighs etc. without knowing, bad thoughts come to us. “The priest had no answer.

‘Let us listen to Jesus’ words: “Whoever causes one of these who believe in me, to sin, it would be better for him( her) to have a great millstone around his (her) neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe to the world because of things that cause sin… woe to the one through whom they come.”

Dear friends in Christ, in this year of mercy, let us review our life. Why do I dress? Whom do I want to attract? Do I consider my body the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’? What is the root cause of rapes, molestation, harassment, pornography etc prevalent in our society? Who is responsible? Who has to be blamed?

In truth let’s not blame. But adorn ourselves - men and women - with the attitude of decency. Thus our attire shall become a crown that speaks purity, peace and glory.

-M Thomas
CHURCH IS NOT A PLATFORM FOR FASHION AND FUSION

Many churches and religious places in foreign countries have stipulated dress codes. We in India should also have similar rules. All churches in India should follow proper dressing rules. In Mumbai, especially in churches at Bandra and Dombivili, women dress up scantily, and there are chances of people getting distracted.

The Church should issue strong warnings to parishioners to follow a particular dress code when they enter the church for Mass and other prayer services. While the worshippers of other religions leave their footwear outside, which is too much for us Christians to expect, at least following a dress code should be strictly followed. The Church is a place of worship and not a place to show off one’s fashionable clothes.

I remember my mother and sisters covering their heads with a veil whenever they went for Mass when I was a little boy. Why can’t the same tradition be followed even today?

Women, who attend the four-days of retreat at Tabor Ashram and Tabor Bhavan at Kalyan in Mumbai and also the one-day prayer services on Saturdays, are told to dress up decently. No low-neck blouses and short T-shirts with the hips exposed are allowed. Women are sent back home and not allowed to sit in the prayer hall if they are seen wearing these type of clothes. We should not ape the west and follow foreign style of dressing.

All churches in India should follow the rules of Tabor Ashram/Tabor Bhavan. The Church is the House of God and not a place for fashion.

We should remember that we go to church to celebrate the Mass with Jesus Christ. It was Jesus Christ who celebrated the first Mass with His disciples during the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday (the day before Good Friday) 2016 years ago when He broke bread and gave it to His disciples saying, “Take this and eat, this is my body.”

In the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 22, verse 5 we read: “A woman shall not wear man’s clothing, nor shall a man put on a woman’s clothing; for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord your God.”

Again in 1 Timothy, chapter 2, verses 9 and 10 we read: “Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness.”

But today we see men wearing women’s clothing and women wearing men’s clothing. Isn’t it strange? Some men even wear earrings and put on bangles. They think its fashion. What they do not know is that they are committing a very grave sin --- a sin which will never be forgiven unless and until you repent for it from the bottom of your heart.

Some people even don’t switch off their mobile phones during Mass. The loud ringing of their mobile phones disturbs not only the priest standing at the altar celebrating the Mass, but also the congregation who are deep in prayer.

-Jubel D’Cruz, Mumbai
The bells of Angelus opened the first tabernacle of the history
Therein entered the WORD that was made flesh
Angel Gabriel confirmed the holy presence of the divine,
Saying, “Hail Mary full of grace the Lord is with you”.
Mary welcomed into the Temple of God – her body
The Incarnate Son of God the Father
By bowing down in adoration the most Holy Sacrament
Saying, “Be it done unto me according to Thy word”.
Elizabeth, her cousin gazed into the depths and found
The invisible God in Mary as she whispered,
“Blessed are you among women,
And blessed is the fruit of your womb”.
Excited, hilarious was he who leaped in the womb of the mother
Feeling the near presence of the divine.
There the first Eucharistic adoration held
Before a church could be erected, an Altar to be built.
Mary the living Tabernacle of the most holy,
Preserved the Sacrament, within the heart so holy
Praised and worshipped the presence
With and through Jesus her divine son.
She bore Him up and brought Him up to our midst,
And gave Him away to the people of God
She remained humble enough to be with the people of God
in fellowship meal and in Eucharistic adoration.

“Do as He tells you” exclaimed Mary the mother
Who fathomed the divine in Jesus the human.
“Do this in memory of me” commented her Son
In return before He could return to the Father.
A long line of mystery…….divine
Joyous, glorious, luminous …..For you and me
Tied up with beads of sorrows and pain
That makes the journey to Calvary “Salvific”.

PRAYER ALIGNS OUR WILL TO GOD’S WILL

It is difficult for our minds to grasp the fact that the Son of God had to learn obedience. It was through that intense time of prayer at the Gethsemane that His will became perfectly aligned to the Father’s will, even to the point of being obedient unto death. So also in our lives, very often, we may enter into a time of prayer where our will is not totally yielded to doing His will. But as we go through a time of prayer in the Father’s presence, very often we emerge, having our will perfectly aligned to His will.
We come from our time of prayer saying, “Lord, let your will be done.”

Prayer is not only helps birth, shape and form God’s purposes in the unseen realm until it is ready to be released in the natural, but prayer also helps us to align our will to the Father’s will, so that we are ready to carry our His purpose on the Earth.

"Giving Birth to the purposes of God",
Ashish Raichur.
Only John faced a natural death

Mother Teresa once said: “Suffering is nothing by itself, but suffering shared with the Passion of Christ is a wonderful Gift. The most beautiful gift, a token of love”. True believers go to Church because they love God and want to be saved from their sins. Jesus Christ died to save us from sin and the disciples of Jesus died to spread the Gospel around the world. Christian life is not the life of roses. It is full of trials, tribulations and temptations, but whatever it is we must know that our Lord Jesus Christ also suffered and we are not alone in our suffering.

Suffering tests our faith. In the book of James chapter 1: 2-4, it is written, “Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. In Matthew chapter 10, Jesus calls his twelve disciples and gave them instruction to preach the message of truth. They were also given the power over demons and disease; this was to attest the legitimate claim of Jesus to be the Messiah. All the disciples of Jesus suffered trials and tribulations. They were brutally executed by beheading, crucifixion, stoning and other bizarre killing, except John, he was the only one who died a natural death. The disciple paid this prize for believing in the Lord Jesus Christ and for preaching his Holy words, but their ultimate prize is the eternal life in the Lord Jesus Christ. What happened to the disciples after the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ? Where did they all go? How did the disciples of Jesus die? The Bible does not give details of how the disciple of Jesus Christ died except for Judas Iscariot (who betrayed). Therefore we have to rely on the early Church historians, and secular historians as the majority of them agree on how each disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ died.

Judas Iscariot- He betrayed Jesus by handing him in exchange for 30 pieces of silver. After realizing of what he had done, he hanged himself to death. Andrew – He was crucified on an X- shaped cross in Greece. While he was hung he preached the Gospel until the time of his death. Bartholomew – He preached the Gospel in Asia. He was badly beaten, flayed alive and crucified upside down with his head facing downwards. James (son of Zabedee) – He died by stoning in the town of Jerusalem when he was preaching. It is said that the stoning failed to kill him so the Jews busted his head with a club. John ( brother of James and son of Zabedee ) – He was thrown into a drum of hot boiling oil but miraculously nothing happened to him, he was then imprisoned on the island of Patmos. Later he was freed and he returned to Edessa in modern Turkey to establish church there. He was the only disciple to die peacefully. Simon (the Zealot)- He was crucified in Persia during his Gospel mission. Matthew – He was arrested while preaching the Gospel in Ethiopia and died a violent death. He was beheaded and his body was chopped apart with an axe. James (son of Alpheus) - He was thrown from the pinnacle of the temple and then beaten to death. This was the same pinnacle where Satan had taken Jesus during temptation. Simon Peter- the Roman emperor Nero ordered his crucifixion. Peter requested to be crucified upside down, as he felt that he was not worthy to die in the same way as Jesus Christ the Lord. Philip- He was crucified in the town of Hierapolis, with his head facing down and then finally he was stoned to death. Thomas- He was the disciple who came to preach the Gospel in India. He was stabbed with a spear during his missionary trip to establish the church. Jude Thaddaeus- He went to preach the Gospel to Persia. He was been martyred when he refused to deny his faith in Jesus Christ. Matthias- He was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot; he was stoned and then beheaded.

The disciples were the witness of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and thus were willing to die for the cause of spreading the Gospel to the world. Matthew 5:10, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven”. As true Christians and believer we will have to hold on to every ounce of belief that we have on our Lord Jesus Christ and his living word to endure to the end, as we know that even though we die, we shall be resurrected from the death on Judgment Day when our Lord Jesus Christ will come in his full Glory. “He will wipe away every tears from their eyes and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away”. Revelation 21:4.

“Let the message of Christ in all its richness, fills your lives teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing Psalms and Hymns and Spiritual songs to God, with thankful heart”. Colossians 3:16
"I am planning to stop going to the church." Says a Church goer. He wrote: “I attended 50,000 church services in my life time. I sang more than 60,000 hymns. I did more than 80,000 prayers and I attended 20,000 Bible studies. So now, I am planning to stop going to the church.” In reply, the Editor wrote, “I understand all your experiences and all your logical explanations about not going to the church. I want to share something which is equally important and it helps you understand the importance of a church in the life of Christian." He shared his experience. “In his life time, he ate 55,000 dishes prepared by his wife, 80,000 drinks he drank and ate more than 20,000 snacks. But the most important thing is that I need all of these food and drink material today also for my physical body to exist on this earth. So, as my physical body needs earthly food to survive, my spiritual life needs the Living Word to survive in my Christian life.

In Acts 11.26 it is written, for a whole year, Barnabas and Saul met with the church and taught great numbers of people. The disciples were called Christians first at Antioch. Paul and Barnabas spent time with the church of Antioch for one year, and people of other faiths recognized disciples as Christians. What a wonderful example from the Early Church. Church is the community of believers where everybody is equal in the fellowship with God and with fellow believers without any caste, color, creed, country difference. It is a place where believers learn and meditate the Word of God, give praise to the living God, thank Him for what He has done and submit intercessions, petitions, and confession to Lord Jesus Christ and uphold each other in Christ Jesus. Joel Osteen said," You can be committed to church, but not committed to Christ, but you cannot be committed to Christ and not committed to church.

We should observe some things when we come to the church. We testify Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and only God, We testify Lord Jesus Christ is the way, truth and life. We testify that Bible is the living Word of God. We testify that we worship the Lord who can hear our prayers, and answer it according to His will and plan, that He is the creator, sustainer and controller of the world and He gave His only begotten Son Jesus Christ to die for everyone, so through Him we get eternal life. What an amazing picture of the Early Church. Is it not exciting when all the people are united, breaking the bread participating in Lord's Supper and spend the time in prayer? Indian Christianity is famous for education, health and service, but it has never been famous for spirituality. Why? We are having the Word of God, we know the way of eternal life; even then, we have failed to portray the living Christ. It seems that we have become good social workers, but failed to be Spiritual leaders. The only reason is that the Church is not given the importance. We have to be very careful that churches and Christian organizations should not be changed into social complexes. It should stand for a spiritual heritage that shows the way of Salvation and eternal life for everyone. A famous artist was asked to paint a picture of a dying church, which would be a warning to the erring members. It was expected that he would paint a small and humble congregation in a dilapidated building. Instead, he painted a stately edifice with a rich pulpit and magnificent windows and near the door, an offering box, marked ‘MISSIONS’ with the contribution slot blocked by thick cobwebs.

We have to understand that our fight is not physical, but with power of darkness which is in the spiritual realm. We can defeat them only by the power of the Word of God and the spiritual weapons, prayer and fellowship.
Due to some reason or the other, I had not visited the prison for some weeks. On 9th March As soon as I entered the gate at Jhansi little Krishna spotted me. He darted towards me with great anxiety, got hold of my hand, jabbering in his childish manner something I did not understand, almost dragged me towards the mat where he and his mother sleep, forced me to sit down and said in a reprimanding tone, “madam where were you all these days, my exams are going on, tomorrow is ‘English writing.’

He said it all in Hindi in one breath and then stopped; took a deep breath and suddenly took his school bag poured out all his books in front of me. From among those books emerged two little pencils, perhaps each was about two or three inches long. By now, Krishna was sad, he said softly, “Mera pencil chota hogaya, kal English writing hai.” There were tears in his eyes. I was stunned!

Krishna had come to the jail with his mother and grandmother, when he was hardly one year old. He grew up there within the four giant walls, cut off from the rest of the beautiful world where children enjoy running and playing games with their peer groups, play with toys, balls and balloons; climb trees and clamber on swings; catch butterflies and birds and above all celebrate their birthdays with soft drinks and ice creams. Krishna had no such privilege as he grew up with adult women and security guards as his daily companions.

When we started the prison ministry, we used to teach him alphabets, counting etc. Fr. Valerian agreed to admit Krishna in his School and thus Krishna was registered as a student of L.K.G in CKC Academy. His final exams were going on. It was important for him to do well because Miss had promised that if he did well, he will go to the first class. Unfortunately, I had neither pencil nor easer in my hand that day. I felt helpless. Then, luckily my companion Sr. Gloria had a pencil in her bag. I took it from her and gave it to Krishna. His eyes brightened up, he was ready to revise ABCD….. And the spelling of his own name ‘KRISHNA’, to write “I am four years old.” The syllabus was complete; he was equipped for the battle “ENGLISH WRITING”.

He looked at me with a broad smile and noticed on my chain a small medal of “Divine Mercy Jesus’ along with my CJ cross. He held the medal in his hand and asked ‘Yesu Bhagawan?’ I said, ‘ji.’ He told me ‘mere pas bhi hai Yesu Bhagawan.’ Then he showed me a medal on his neck with two other religious objects. I looked at it, it was a medal of Our Lady. Some sisters must have given it to him. In my heart, I prayed to Our Lady to take care of Krishna and to give him a bright and promising future. He too is making atonement for the sins of his parents. Yesu Bhagawan is also the Savior of Krishna and so many children who share the punishment of their parents in jails all over the world. I prayed in my heart, “For the sake of His sorrowful passion and death, have mercy on Krishna and all the children living in jails.”

MERA PENCIL CHOTTA HOGAYA!!!

-Sr. Mary C. J.
A STORY SELDOM SPELLED

TWO DIFFERENT LANDS BUT ONE CAMPUS

That is what one can see at St Jude's Shrine. The Shrine which was actualized into today's reality has go its spiritual and material significance. However, it is always a beauty un-noticed that the Church facing the Bishop's House and the Bishop's House facing east is situated in the same campus with a virtual boundary running through that is actual. The Cantonment boundary ends at this area between the Shrine and the Bishops house. That is the reason one can notice two metallic gates at both of the path ways in front. And that speaks of a boundary line. Two different lands, but one campus. Thus the land that the church is facing would be mostly of green land with lots of trees where as at its rear would be a land that is mostly covered with concrete buildings.

-as narrated by Fr Sunny James.

THE REWARD OF BEING A TEACHER

Being a teacher is a fantastic feeling. It is rewarding to see students understand something that challenged them in the past. It is gratifying to know that when students walk out of your door they know something about the world bit more because of our effort as a teacher.

Now a day’s teaching is getting more and more complex and challenging. Expectations are too high from the part of administration, parents and even the children themselves. Teaching can be challenging at times as the level of patience and perseverance is diminishing simultaneously behaviors like rudeness, argumentation, disobedience and short temper is on the up-rise. But as long as a teacher really cares about her students and want to help them both with the materials in class and their struggles outside class it can also be very rewarding.

As a teacher it can also be that indescribable exhaustion that hits the mind, body and heart not just every day but every week and every month. Most teachers have to handle a class with anywhere between 40-50 students. Their primary role then gets reduced to herding children than teaching them. The salary of a normal teacher in India is far below from a person working for a descent company. This affects the quality of people who takes teaching as a career. Maintaining order and discipline in society that shows less respect towards a teacher or school staff is like stopping wild fire with few buckets of water.

Even then at the end of the day when a child walks out with wisdom and understanding, he or she is taking a better hold in the society to which we are sending them back. And that is the greatest of all the gift that a teacher gets back. To sum up the most significant element that being out there to be a teacher is nothing but a complete satisfaction.

-Reena Jacob
**Spiritual Memory**

Each of us has a unique and special purpose for being here in this world. However we need to slow down from our fast-paced-life to discover that personal purpose. We need to create moments of quiet solitude to connect with our inner self, practice meditation to recognize our true nature; and to listen to the voice of wisdom that resides within each of us, so we can recollect our core purpose.

Once we can identify purpose and commit to living it, we start to experience greater inner strength, peace and happiness. Aligning our life to our soul’s purpose makes the human journey effortless and vastly more meaningful. It also helps the soul progress on its own eternal journey towards becoming one with the source.

*’My Qualification is Common Sense’ Says: BR BERNADINE (1927-2016)*

Br Bernadine Keeramthadathil was born on 23rd April 1927 at Vadakara in the Diocese of Pala in Kerala, to late Mr. & Mrs. Kurian and Annama. He joined the Congregation of the Franciscan Brothers of the Blessed Sacrament in 9th June 1945 and made his first profession on 10th March 1947 and final profession on 16th November 1974. He did excel in all spheres of religious life throughout his formation.

Br. Bernadine worked as an enthusiastic missionary and has given his very best towards evangelization in Jhansi, Pakdilpur, Kerala, Allahabad, Delhi-Khera Khurd, Dumrikhas, Malipur and Indara.

A vibrant community man with deep rooted prayer life. He was also happy and witty man. Once a junior brother asked what is your qualification and Br Bernadine replied that my qualification is ‘common sense’. And he worked wonders with his life. On 20th March 2016 he died of a massive heart attack. May his soul rest in peace.

-Br. Ignatius Podimattam CMSF

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**Bible Quiz for Children – 5**

1. Who were the women who accompanied Jesus and His disciples and helped in their ministry?
2. Who was Herod’s steward?
3. In the parable of the sower (Ch 8) what does the seed stand for?
4. What are the two parables that Jesus speaks about in Luke Chapter 8?
5. Luke mentions 4 miracles in Chapter 8. Which are they?
6. Who of the disciples went with Jesus to Jairus’ house?
7. State whether the following statements are true or false.
   a) When the storm arose in the sea, Jesus was alone in the boat.
   b) Jairus was an official of the synagogue.
   c) When Jesus went to Jairus’ home, his daughter was sleeping.
   d) Jesus said: “My mother and my brothers are those who preach the Word of God.”

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**THE EFFECT OF THE WORD ON OUR MINDS:**

For the Word of god is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

*(Hebrews 4:12)*
Some of the Liturgical Objects and Its Purpose

Stoup - The holy water fountains or bowls at the entrances of the church.
Baptismal Font - This is a pool or vessel of water in which people are baptized. It reminds us of our baptism, when we were washed clean of sin and became a member of God’s family.
Sanctuary - Sacred part of the church where the Altar, Lectern and presidential chair are located.
Tabernacle - The cupboard where we keep the consecrated bread.
Crucifix - A cross on which is the figure of Jesus.
Altar - The structure on which the Eucharist takes place.
Chalice - The cup that contains the precious Blood of Christ.
Ciborium - A container that holds the body of Christ.
Corporal - Its name comes from the Latin word ‘corpus’ meaning a ‘body’. It is a square of white cloth, on which the chalice and paten are placed during the Mass, to catch particles of the Blessed Sacrament, should any fall from the vessels. The corporal is placed on the altar either before Mass begins or during the preparation of the gifts.
Humeral veil - A long rectangular garment, held by a clasp at the front, worn by a priest or deacon when carrying a Ciborium or Monstrance containing the Blessed Sacrament.
Paten - A saucer-like disk which holds the bread which becomes the Body of Christ.
Cruet - Small jug that contains water or wine for the Mass.
Ablution Cup - is a bowl over which the priest washes his hands during Mass.
Pal - The stiff, square, white cover that is placed over the paten when it is on the chalice.
Finger Towel - is used by the priest to dry his hands after the hand washing.
Purificator - A linen cloth used by the priest or deacon to dry the chalice after washing and purifying it.
Pyx - Small container (Greek meaning ‘box’) that holds the consecrated Host taken to the sick.
Host - The consecrated Body of Christ.
Thurible - The special vessel which holds burning charcoal and into which incense is placed. The device holding the incense is called the "boat.”
Incense - A substance that gives off clouds of sweet smelling smoke when sprinkled onto burning charcoal.
Incense Boat - So called because it is usually shaped like a boat, it contains the incense, which will be burned in the thurible.
Sacramentary - The book containing the prayers said by the priest during the Mass.
Lectern - The desk from which the readers, deacon and priest proclaim the readings.
Lectionary - A book containing all the scripture readings for Mass. It is placed on the lectern before Mass begins, or it may be carried in the entrance procession.
Monstrance - A metal container on a stand. It is used at expositions and benedictions of the Blessed Sacrament. It may be plain or very elaborate, but it always has a little glass window through which you can see the host.
Lunette - A crescent-shaped clip made of gold or of silver-gilt, which is used for holding the Host in an upright position when, exposed in the monstrance.
Confessional Box - Here we meet with the priest to confess our sins and, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance, receive God’s forgiveness in the prayer of absolution.
The colors that signify:
Green - Worn during "Ordinary Time." Ordinary does not mean ordinary in the sense of common or normal. Ordinary means counting, as in the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Red - Worn on Passion (Palm) Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost Sunday, and on the Feast Days of Martyrs including the Apostles and Evangelists.
Violet - Worn during Advent and Lent or at Masses for the dead.
White - Worn during the Christmas, Easter seasons and celebrations of Mary, the Angels, Saints who were not martyrs, All Saints, Birth of John the Baptist, Chair of Peter, Conversion of Paul, St. John the Evangelist and is the preferred color for Masses for the dead.
Rose / Pink - Worn on the 3rd Sunday of Advent and the 4th Sunday of Lent.

-Josey D’Costa
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From the Devotees

My sister Mrs. Shirley was hospitalized due to Stroke and clots in the brain. She was on ventilator for 4-5 days with no hopes. I prayed to my patron saint, a helper in hopeless cases. The Saint never failed to hear my humble prayers and brought my lovely and only sister back to life. This is a miracle which my saint has performed. Thank You St Jud.

-Maureen Jackson, Australia

Thank you St. Jude for curing me of breast cancer and also for helping me to come out of the depression I was in after my husband’s demise. Continue to shower your blessings on our family, and praying for a favor with the sure confidence and trust that it will be granted through your intercession, for you are the Saint who is the hope of desperate cases interceding for us through our Lord Jesus Christ.

-D Briggs, Bangaluru.

Through the intercession of St Jude our son Nijo passed MBA 2015 with good marks. And me who am working as a staff nurse in Saudi Arabia got renewal of the contract Diploma General Nursing, which the Ministry of Saudi Arabia was not giving to the Diploma General Nursing. We all believe this miracle happened through the intercession of St Jude. Thank You St Jude.

-Catherine Jose, Thrissur, Kerala

I thank St Jude for the successful modification of my house with the Blessings of St Jude. And also I thank St Jude for the help to select a new job.

-Isidore Rodrigues, Juhu, Bombay

My Sincere thanks to Our Lord Jesus, Mother Mary, St. Jude, St. Alphonsa and St. Elias Chavara for helping us detect appendicitis and a successful surgery thereafter of my eight year old grandson which had remained undetected of a number of years.

-D. Sequiera, Mumbai

A story in silence...

Answers to Quiz-5:
1. Mary Magdalen, Joanna, Susanna
2. Chuza
3. The Word of God
4. Parable of the sower and the parable of the lamp under a bushel
5. Calming of the storm; Curing a possessed man of Gerasenes; healing a woman with hemorrhage; Raising Jairus’ daughter to life
6. Peter, James & John
7. a) false  b) true  c) false  d) false. -Sr. Mary CJ
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