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MOTTO FOR THE YEAR 2019

“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is To keep oneself unstained by the world”. (James 1:27)

FROM THE DESK OF PRESBYTER

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Let us thank God for this new month of December and His faithfulness throughout the year. The month of December is a time to celebrate the incarnation of Jesus Christ, the Christmas.

Christmas is a time of spiritual reflection on the important foundations of the Christian faith. It's also a celebration. It's when Christians celebrate God's love for the world through the birth of the Christ child: Jesus. The Bible tells of his birth hundreds of years before, fulfilling prophecies.

For thousands of years mankind waited for the coming of

Christ; they longed for their King to arrive and free them from oppression. The Old Testament is full of prophecies, including this one from Isaiah 9. The Bible is full of Scripture pointing directly to the One who would save mankind from their sins.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. John : 6 7 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of this incredible act of love.

God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. "But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

Jesus was born in order to pay the price for the things we have done wrong: sin. God sent his only son to be the atonement for all our sins so that we would not be separated from God. Without Jesus, we would all die for our sins. We inherited our sin nature from the first human beings God created, Adam and Eve. While being fully God and yet fully man, Jesus came into the world as an infant to save us all.

The true meaning of Christmas is the celebration of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. We know that through belief in the Christ we are daughters and sons of God. Heaven will one day be our home.

In Christ

With love and prayers
Rejeev achen
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SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS FOR DECEMBER 2019

- Dec. 1 **ADVENT SUNDAY – HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY**
Thanksgiving for Harvest
 Deut. 26 : 1- 11 Mr. K. M. Mathai (Andheri)
 Psalm 65 Mrs. Nimmi Nicholas (Powai)
 II Cor. 9 : 6-15 Mr. P. J. Thomas (Malad)
 John 6 : 26- 35
- Dec. 8 **BIBLE SUNDAY-2ND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Word of God: Double Edged Sword
 Jer. 36 : 1-10 Mr. Sabu Oommen (Andheri)
 Psalm 118:89-96 Mr. Litha Manoj (Powai)
 Heb. 4 : 11-13 Mrs. Jessy Ninan (Kurla)
 Luke 1 : 5- 17
- Dec 15 **3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Promise of Immanuel
 Isa. 7 : 10-17 Mr. Jacob John (Mira Road)
 Psalm 98 Mrs. Bindhu Anilraj (Juhu)
 I Pet. 3 : 8-16 Mrs. Rachel John (Goregaon)
 Matt. 1 : 18-25
- Dec 22 **4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**
Preparation: The Lord is Coming
 Mic. 4 : 1-5
 Psalm 126 YOUTH MOVEMENT
 I John 4 : 7-21
 John 4 : 21- 37
- Dec 25 **CHRISTMAS**
Christmas: Grace upon Grace
 Deut. 6 : 1-9 Mr. Rajiv Nicholas (Powai)
 Psalm 20 Mrs. Honey Samuel (Kalina)
 Eph. 2 : 4-9 Mrs. Merry G. Daniell (Dahisar)
 Matt. 2 : 13- 23
- Dec 29 **FAMILY SUNDAY-1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**
Family as Faith Forming Space
 Gen. 27 : 11-29 Mr. Iype John (Goregaon)
 Psalm 127 Mrs. Manju Samuel (Kalina)
 I John 2 : 7-17 Mrs. Mercy Varghese (Andheri)
 Matt. 12 : 46- 50
- Dec 31 **YEARENDING**
Come the Lord is Good
 Nah. 1 : 1-15 Mr. P. J. Thomas (Malad)
 Psalm 34 : 1-10 Mrs. Mareena Mathew (Andheri)
 I Pet. 2 : 1-10 Mrs. Asha Thomas (Kalina)
 John 7 : 37- 39

- Jan. 1 **NEWYEAR – COVENANT DAY**
God's Continuing Covenant with all
 Gen. 9 : 8-17 Mr. C. O. Varghese (Kurla)
 Psalm 145 Mrs. Honey Samuel (Kalina)
 Gal. 4 : 21-31 Mr. Dilip John (Borivili)
 Luke 22 : 14- 23
- Jan. 5 **NEWYEAR**
Spirituality of Labour
 Isa. 60 : 1-7 Mr. John John (Kalina)
 Psalm 98 Mrs. Thaji Vijayakumar (Andheri)
 Heb. 1 : 1-12 Mr. Jiji Santhosh (Andheri)
 Matt. 8 : 5- 13

NEWS & NOTES

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER : The W.F. Prayer for the month will be held at Vakola church on Saturday 14th December, 2019 at 3.30 p.m. All W.F members are requested to attend the prayer.

COTTAGE PRAYER : Cottage prayer will be held at the residence of Mr. Sunny George, A-101 Sheetal Airwing CHS, Near KES School, Kalina, Santacruz (E), Mumbai-400098 on Saturday 14th December, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend the prayer.

CAROL SERVICE-2019 : Our Carol Service will be on Sunday 15th December, 2019. Our Holy Communion service will begin at 5.00 p.m. The carol service will begin at 7.00 p.m. Rev. Thomas K. Jacob of Marthoma church, Santacruz will be the chief guest. All members are requested to attend the service.

ANDHERI- POWAI- SAHAR AREA PRAYER : Area prayer will be held at the residence of Mrs. Rajamma Thomas, 07 Giri Apartments, J.B. Nagar, Andheri (E), Mumbai – 400059, Mob. 9821111487, on Saturday 21st December, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. All area members are requested to attend the prayer.

CAROL ROUNDS TO SENIOR CITIZEN'S RESIDENCES : There will be a Carol rounds visit to Senior citizen on Sunday 22nd December, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. All committee members, Choir Members, Youth Fellowship members and Women's Fellowship members are requested to join the carol rounds.

KURLA KALINA JUHU AREA PRAYER : Area prayer will be held at the residence of Mr. Samuelkutty, C-116, Pride of Kalina, Sundernagar, Kalina, santacruz (E), Mumbai - 400098 on Saturday 22nd December, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. All area members are requested to attend the prayer.

FASTING PRAYER : Fasting Prayer for the month will be held at Vakola

church on Saturday 28th December, 2019 at 10.00 a.m. All members are requested to attend the prayer.

DAHISAR GOREGAON AREA PRAYER : Area prayer will be held at the residence of Mrs. Merry G. Daniell, C-303/304, Anand Heritage, Anand Park Complex, Off New Link Road, Kandarpada, Dahisar (W), Mumbai - 400068 on Sunday 29th December, 2019 at 7.00 p.m. All area members are requested to attend the prayer.

WATCH NIGHT SERVICE-2019 : Our Watch night Service will be on Tuesday 31st December, 2019. Our service will begin at 11.00 p.m. The Holy Communion service will begin at 12.00 a.m, 2020. All members are requested to attend the service.

NEW YEAR SERVICE-2020 : Our New Year Service will be on Wednesday 1st January, 2020 at 7.30 a.m. All members are requested to attend the service.

DAHISAR GOREGAON AREA PRAYER : Area prayer will be held at the residence of Mr. K. M. Mathai, A-2/3, Vishal Mitra, Pragati Nagar, Goregaon (W), Mumbai - 400062 on Saturday 4th January, 2020 at 7.00 p.m. All area members are requested to attend the prayer.

ECUMINCAL CAROL SERVICE-2019 : The Ecuminical Carol Service by MECF will be in our church on Saturday 11th January, 2020 at 6.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend the service.

UNION CAROL SERVICE-2019 : The Union carol service of Malayalam churches in Mumbai & Pune will be held in Holy Trinity Church, Chembur on Sunday 12th January, 2020 at 6.00 p.m. All members are requested to attend the service.

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS

DATE KISS OF PEACE

Dec. 1 Mrs. & Mr. T. A. Varghese
Dec. 8 Mrs. & Mr. Reji Mathew
Dec. 15 Mrs. & Mr. Sabu Oommen
Dec. 22 Mrs. & Mr. Binu David
Dec. 25 Mrs. & Mr. Dilip Jacob
Dec. 29 Mrs. & Mr. Sunny George
Dec. 31 Mrs. & Mr. Prasad V. George
Jan. 1 Mrs. & Mr. Earnest Paul Daniell
Jan. 5 Mrs. & Mr. Joseph Edward

OFFERTORY

Mrs. & Mr. Kunjumon m. Isaac
Mrs. & Mr. Rony Thomas
Mrs. & Mr. George Mathen
Mrs. & Mr. Jijo V. Thomas
Mrs. & Mr. C. O. Varghese
Mrs. & Mr. Beryl John Thomas
Mrs. & Mr. Santhosh Mathen
Mrs. & Mr. Thomas Daniel
Mrs. & Mr. Viju P. Cherian

PRAYER FOR THE FAMILIES

“Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son”- John 14:13.

- Dec. 08 Mr. Aji P. Chacko & Family
Mr. George Mathew & Family
Mrs. Anu Jacob & Family
- Dec. 15 Mr. Jijo Varughese & Family
Mr. Sabu Oommen & Family
Mr. M. G. Zachariah & Family
- Dec. 22 Mr. Reji Mathew & Family
Mrs. Rajamma Thomas & Family
Mr. Vijay Kumar & Family
- Dec. 29 Mr. C. O. Thomas & Family
Mr. T. A. Varghese & Family
Mr. William Thomson & Family



HOLY COMMUNION ELEMENTS ASSIGNMENT

“Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” John 6 : 53-54

- Dec. 1 Mr. Beryl John Thomas & Mr. Cyril A. Thomas
- Dec. 8 Mr. Binu David & Mr. Dilip Jacob
- Dec. 15 Mr. Jacob John & Mr. P. J. Thomas
- Dec. 22 Mr. T. A. Varghese & Mr. Iype John
- Dec. 25 Mr. Earnest Paul Daniell & Mr. Viji Joseph
- Dec. 29 Mr. Binu David & Mr. Ivan Isaac
- Dec. 31 Mr. Sabu Oommen & Mr. S. Vijaykumar
- Jan. 1 Mr. Anil Raj C. & Mr. Joshua E. George
- Jan. 5 Mr. Samuel Thankachen & Mr. P. N. Ninan

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER 2019

**“God bless you and keep you, God smile on you and gift you,
God look you full in the face and make you prosper.”-**

Numbers 6 : 24 - 26

Dec. 01	Mr. Stephen Joseph	Mira Road
"	" Miss Anisha Sara Varghese	Kurla (W)
"	02 Mrs. Saramma Varghese	Kurla (W)
"	05 Mrs. Meacah Vinod	Panvel
"	" Mst. Andrew Thomas Cyril	Vasai
"	07 Mr. George Wilson	Nerul (E)
"	" Mrs. Sara Jacob	Andheri (E)
"	10 Mrs. Mini John Daniell	Malad (W)
"	11 Mr. Joju P. Ninan	Kurla (W)
"	" Mrs. Janice Abraham	Santacruz (W)
"	12 Mrs. Mariamma Richard	Andheri (W)
"	" Mst. Thomas Eleazar Hardy	Kalina
"	13 Mrs. Mariamma Johnson	Mira Road
"	16 Miss Sneha Manoj Hessa	Powai
"	17 Mrs Rachel John	Goregaon (E)
"	19 Mrs. Mercy Varghese	Andheri(E)
"	22 Miss Ruth Solomon	Thane
"	23 Mrs. Ruth Philip	Thane
"	24 Miss Christina Ann John	Goregaon (E)
"	25 Mrs. Valsa Soman	Kurla (W)
"	" Dr. Mrs. Neelam Grace Luke	Dadar
"	" Mrs. Sosamma Thomas	Juhu
"	26 Miss Samaira Margret Simon	Khandeshwar
"	27 Mr. Sumesh Simon	Khandeshwar (E)
"	" Miss Annet Williams	Nalasopara
"	31 Mr. Thomas Wilson	Nerul (E)
"	" Miss Robina Roy	Vasai

"	"	Mst. Ethan J. Korah	Andheri (E)
"	"	Mr. Praveenraj Thanickal	Thane
Jan.	01	Mr. S. Vijaykumar	Andheri (E)
"	02	Mr. K. M. Mathai	Goregoan (W)

*Wish You A Happy Birthday And
Many Happy Returns Of The Day*

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN DECEMBER 2019

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love". 1 Corinthians 13:13*

Dec.	4	Mrs. & Mr. Abraham Ottaplapkal	Malad (W)
"	12	Mrs. & Mr. Dilip Ezekiel Chalil	Malad (E)
"	16	Mrs. & Mr. Sabu Oommen	Andheri (E)
"	25	Mrs. & Mr. Richard Enos	Andheri (W)
"	"	Mrs. & Mr. Isaac Wilson	Kurla (W)
"	29	Mrs. & Mr. George Easo Daniell	Dahisar (W)
"	"	Mrs. & Mr. S. Vijaykumar	Andheri(E)
"	"	Mrs. & Mr. Saju Oommen	Andheri (E)
"	30	Mrs. & Mr. P. K. Johnson	Mira Road

*May God shower His blessings on you for
many years to come*

SPONSORSHIP

1. Mrs. Merry G. Daniell in loving memory of her beloved husband Late Mr. G. P. Daniell.
 2. Mr. John John (Kalina) in loving memory of his beloved father Late Mr. K. J. John
 3. Mr. Joshua Wilfred, Mr. Sacharia Wilfred and Susan Joseph in loving memory of their beloved father Mr. O. W. Wilfred.
- We express our sincere thanks to these families.