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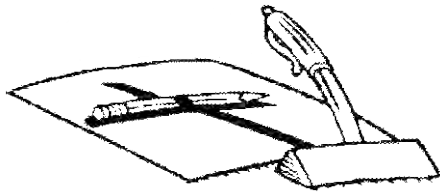
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“We are an Easter People, and Alleluia is our song.”

Lent is a time of grace and renewal in Christ. It begins with Ash Wednesday, where ashes are imposed on our foreheads with the reminder, "Remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return," inviting us to repent and believe in the gospel. Lent is an inward journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Our parish's vision statement is to connect people to God, to each other, and to outreach. To facilitate this inward journey, we start with retreats in different languages, pilgrimages, confessions, inner healing retreats, youth retreats, and 40 hours of adoration conducted by various communities and associations.

The culmination of Lent is the Holy Week, starting with Palm Sunday - where Jesus enters Jerusalem triumphantly. On Maundy Thursday, we're invited to love God, love people, and serve the world. Good Friday focuses on Jesus's crucifixion for love, while

Easter celebrates the glorious triumph of life and love. This experience of love remains only an emotional feeling if not coupled with a true understanding of Christ's love for humanity.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of Christianity. Referencing Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain."

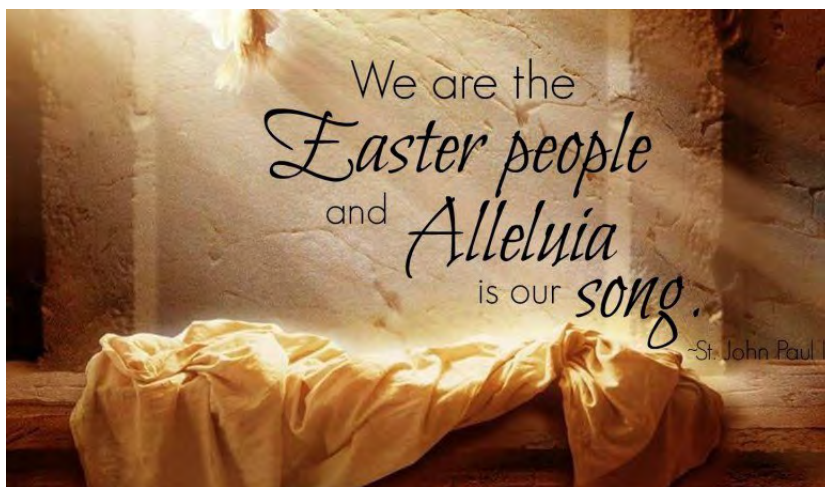
Easter is everything. Jesus's death frees us from sin, and His resurrection ensures new life for us. Easter calls for celebration, but it's also a time for prayer.



Just as we celebrate the Incarnation on Christmas and recall the cross during Lent, Easter is a time to rejoice in the empty tomb - Jesus's resurrection. His rising from the dead fulfils Scripture's promises, conquering sin and death. Without His resurrection, Jesus would be seen as merely a prophet or teacher, not the Son of God, the Messiah. With His resurrection, Jesus opened heaven to all of us.

As Easter People, Alleluia is our song. Happy Easter to all parishioners! May everything we think, speak, and act be filled with love for God and neighbour. Today, as pilgrims in search of hope, we turn to you, Risen Jesus, for you are Life itself. It is only right, with all the powers of our heart and mind, to praise You, Father, and Your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

-Rev. Fr. Lawrence D'Cunha OCD



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DATE	CELEBRATION	MASS TIMINGS
21 st to 22 nd March 2024	40 hours of Adoration	Eucharistic Celebration at 6.00 A.M. (21 st March) Eucharistic Celebration at 9.00 P.M. (22 nd March)
23rd & 24th March 2024	Palm Sunday	Saturday: 5.00 P.M. & 6.15 P.M. Sunday: 6.45 A.M. (Konkani) 8.00 A.M. - Procession with the Palms, 9.00 A.M. (Church), 9.00 A.M. (Hall), 11.00 A.M. & 5.00 P.M.
28th March 2024	Maundy Thursday	5.30 P.M. & 8.00 P.M.
	Adoration "being with Jesus for an hour"	10.00 P.M.
	Blessed Bread will be available at the Church	
29th March 2024	Good Friday Services	5.00 P.M. & 7.30 P.M.
	The Way of the Cross	7.00 A.M. Konkani 8.00 A.M. English by youth 9.30 A.M. - a talk on the passion of our Lord 10.30 A.M. Malayalam 11.30 A.M. Marathi 12.30 P.M. Tamil
	The Divine Mercy Novena	3.00 P.M.
30th March 2024	Easter Vigil	8.00 P.M.
31st March 2024	Easter Day Masses	8.00 A.M. (Konkani); 9.30 A.M. & 11.00 A.M.
	Easter Ball Conducted by PYC	At the St. Joseph Hall from 5.30 P.M. to 10.00 P.M.
7 th April 2024	Divine Mercy Feast	Saturday: 5.00 P.M.; 6.15 P.M. Sunday: 6.45 A.M. (Konkani); 8.15 A.M.; 9.40 A.M.; 11.15 A.M.; 5.00 P.M.
20 th April 2024.	First Holy Communion	4.00 P.M. There will be no mass at 5:00 P.M. 6.15 P.M. will be there as scheduled
21 st April 2024	Sunday	6.45 A.M. (Konkani); 8.15 A.M., 9.40 A.M., 11.15 A.M. & 5.00 P.M.

Requesting all the parishioners to park the vehicles at the Holy Cross Convent School on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil day.

Kindly do not bring your vehicles on the church ground during the first two mass on Palm Sunday.

- Fr. Lawrence D Cunha OCD (Parish Priest) 9th March 2024

EDITORIAL

'Embracing the New Self in Christ'

As we joyously celebrate the triumphant resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, the theme "Jesus has Risen: Embracing the New Self in Christ" beckons us to reflect upon the profound transformation that accompanies this sacred event. The resurrection isn't just a historical moment; it is an ongoing invitation to shed our old selves and embrace the new creation that emerges in the light of Christ's victory over death.



The apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesians (4:24), encourages us to "put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness." This verse encapsulates the essence of our journey as Christians – a continuous process of renewal and rebirth. The resurrection isn't just a one-time event; it is a transformative power that reverberates through our lives, shaping us into reflections of God's righteousness and holiness.

In a world marked by constant change and challenges, the concept of embracing a new self might seem daunting. However, the resurrection narrative teaches us that, through Christ, we are not bound by our past

mistakes, shortcomings, or the burdens we carry. Instead, we are called to rise above them, just as Christ triumphed over the grave. Embracing the new self is an ongoing process, a dynamic journey of becoming more Christ-like each day.

It calls for a conscious commitment to align our thoughts, words, and actions with the teachings of our risen Lord. In this transformative process, we are invited to cultivate virtues that mirror the divine attributes of love, compassion, and humility. The resurrection, then, becomes not just a historical event but a living reality that shapes our character and defines our identity.

This Easter, let us not only celebrate the resurrection as a historical event but immerse ourselves in the transformative power it holds for our lives. May we be renewed in spirit, radiating the light of Christ's resurrection in every corner of our existence. As we put on the new self, may we shine as beacons of hope, living testaments to the boundless grace and love that emanate from the empty tomb. We hope this edition of the Tidings may help each of us to transform and live a new life in the resurrected Lord.

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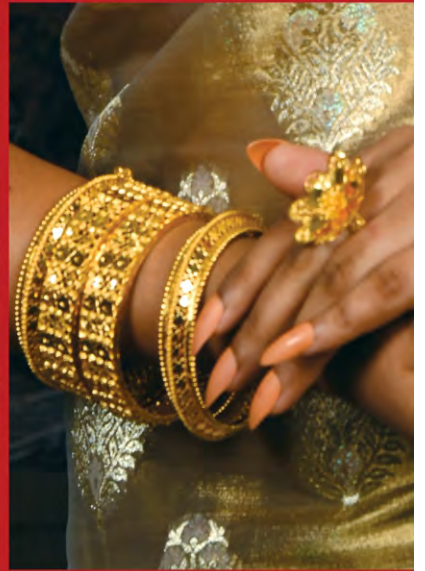
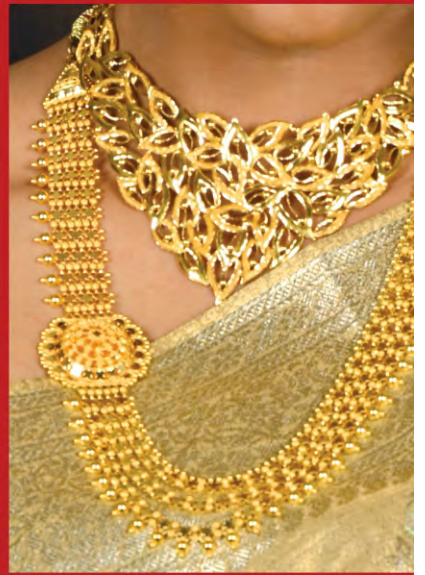
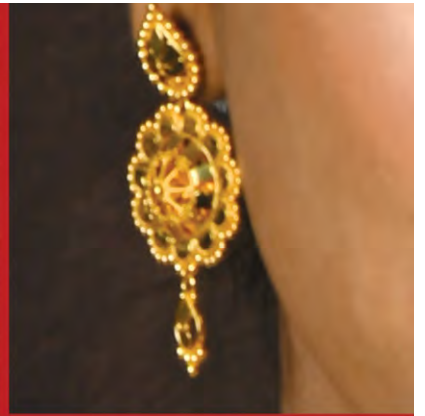


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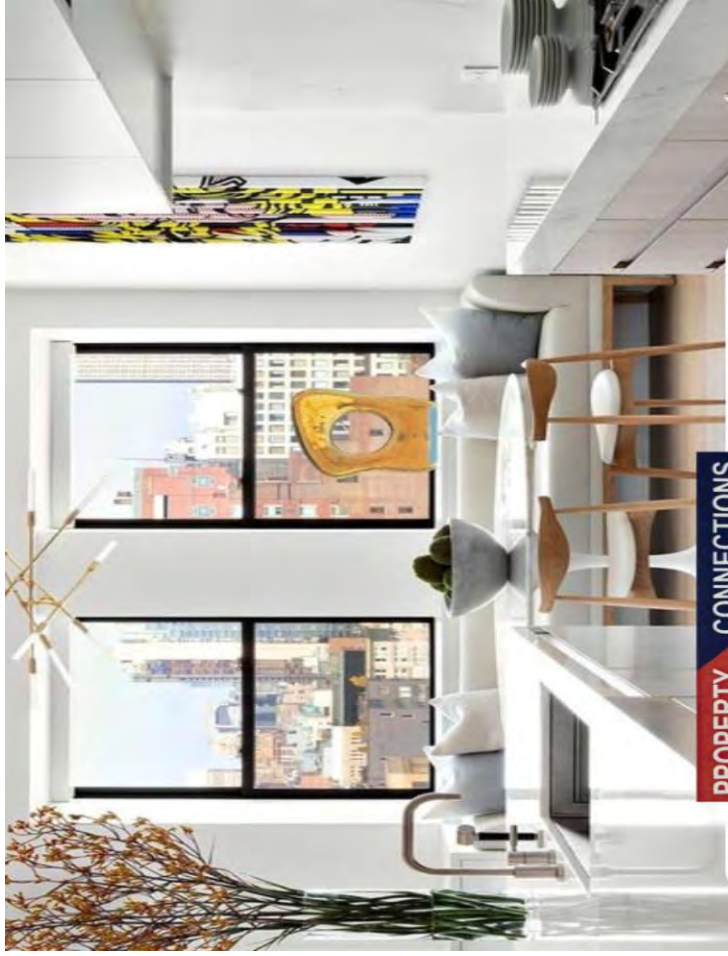
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Embracing the New Self in Christ: Celebrating Easter

As Easter approaches, Christians around the world prepare to commemorate the most significant event in their faith: the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This pivotal moment in Christian theology marks the triumph of life over death, symbolizing hope, renewal, and the promise of salvation. At the heart of this celebration lies the profound message of "He is Risen,"



inviting us to embrace a new self in Christ.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ signifies not only His victory over sin and death but also the invitation for us to partake in His divine life. As the apostle Paul eloquently expresses in Ephesians 4:24, that we are called to "*put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.*" This transformative journey entails shedding the old self, characterized by sin and brokenness, and embracing a renewed identity rooted in righteousness and holiness.

Embracing the new self in Christ is a continual process of spiritual growth and renewal. It requires surrendering to God's transformative power and allowing His grace to work in our lives. Just as Jesus emerged from the tomb gloriously transformed, so too are we called to rise from the ashes of our past selves and walk in the light of Christ's love and truth.

The resurrection serves as a profound reminder that through Christ, we are made new. It is a testament to God's unfathomable love and His redemptive power to restore and renew all things. As we reflect on the significance of Easter, we are invited to examine our hearts and lives, seeking to align ourselves more closely with the example set forth by Christ.

Embracing the new self in Christ involves a radical shift in perspective and priorities. It means striving for true righteousness and holiness in thought, word, and deed. It entails embodying the values of compassion, forgiveness, and selflessness exemplified by Jesus during His earthly ministry.

Moreover, embracing the new self in Christ empowers us to live with confidence and purpose. It instills a sense of hope and assurance in the midst of life's trials and uncertainties. Knowing that Christ has conquered sin and death, we can face each day with courage and faith, trusting in His promises and walking in His light.

As we celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us remember the profound significance of "He is Risen." Let us embrace the new self in Christ, striving to live lives that reflect His love, grace, and truth. May we be transformed by the power of His resurrection and shine as beacons of hope and renewal in a world longing for redemption.

-Rev. Fr. Ashwin Rohan D'Silva OCD

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Sustaining Lenten Transformation: Moving Forward in Faith

As the Easter season approaches, Christians worldwide reflect on the transformative journey of Lent, a period of spiritual renewal and preparation leading up to the celebration of Christ's resurrection. During Lent, we engage in prayer, fasting, and acts of repentance, seeking to draw closer to God and cultivate a deeper relationship with Him. The changes wrought within us during this sacred season must not be fleeting; instead, they should serve as a catalyst for ongoing growth and spiritual transformation.



Lent is a time of introspection and self-examination, an opportunity to confront our shortcomings and turn away from sinful habits and behaviours. Through prayer and repentance, we seek

God's forgiveness and mercy, allowing His grace to cleanse and renew our hearts. The changes we experience during Lent are not merely superficial; they penetrate to the core of our being, reshaping our attitudes, priorities, and desires.

As we emerge from the Lenten season, it is crucial to recognize that our journey of transformation is far from over. The changes wrought within us during Lent must be sustained and nurtured in the days, weeks, and months ahead. We must not allow ourselves to relapse into the old ways of sin and complacency but instead press forward in faith, continually striving to live lives that honour and glorify God.

Sustaining Lenten transformation requires intentional effort and commitment. It involves cultivating spiritual disciplines such as prayer, Scripture reading, and fellowship with our brethren. By remaining rooted in God's Word and seeking His guidance daily, we can navigate the challenges and temptations that threaten to derail our progress.

Moreover, sustaining Lenten transformation entails embracing a mindset of ongoing repentance and renewal. We must be willing to acknowledge our shortcomings and seek forgiveness whenever we fall short of God's standards. Through humility and contrition, we open ourselves to the transformative power of God's grace, allowing Him to work in and through us to effect lasting change.

Furthermore, sustaining Lenten transformation necessitates a willingness to step out in faith and

obedience to God's will. As we seek to live lives characterized by righteousness and holiness, we must be willing to follow wherever God leads, trusting in His wisdom and providence. This may require us to make difficult choices or sacrifices, but the rewards of walking in obedience to God far outweigh any temporary discomfort or inconvenience.

As we journey forward from Lent into the Easter season and beyond, let us resolve to sustain the transformation that God has begun in us. Let us commit to living lives that reflect the love, grace, and truth of Christ, bearing witness to His redemptive power and transforming

presence in our lives. May we press on in faith, *"confident that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"* (Philippians 1:6).

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St Joseph's Sunday school activities report for 2023-2024

Ephesians 3:17- So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love.

New beginnings

The Eucharistic celebration marking the beginning of the new SS academic year on 18th June 2023 was themed 'Rooted in Christ'. Each catechist of Sunday school, Pre baptism, RCIA, and Youth animators placed a leaf, a flower representing their students and members on the tree rooted in God's word. Symbolically each catechist surrendered their students and members in the loving care of Jesus in the beginning of the new academic year.

At the commissioning prayer prayed by the Celebrant, catechists lit their candles from the paschal candle and pledged their selfless commitment towards their ministry.

Under the guidance of Rev. Fr Pawan Saldanha, Spiritual Director of Sunday school, various activities were conducted at Sunday school which are as follows:

❖ **Training, Recollections and other activities for Catechists:**

- At the onset of Sunday school, Mr. Avil Noronha conducted a refresher course for catechists on how to conduct the lessons/classes and how to make the class more interactive and creative.
- A short, hands-on training session on how to generate, share, and review Google Forms was conducted by catechists for catechists. It served as a refresher course for those already familiar with Google Forms and was beneficial for those who weren't. Overall, it was a successful attempt to help catechists become more tech-savvy, especially considering the post-COVID lifestyle. The plan is to offer similar short courses in the future.
- FHC & Confirmation catechists attended a training session in Mahim on the subject of LGBTQ+ to understand the Catholic Church's and secular perspectives on this topic.
- Two catechists have completed the Catechist Training Course (CTC) offered by the Diocesan Catechetical Centre in Bandra, which began in June 2023. The Sunday school team ensures Catechists get a chance to enrich & update themselves on a regular basis with courses such as the CTC which caters to catechists in particular.

- Fr. Pawan Saldanha, Deanery Coordinator organized recollections at the deanery level in coordination with the DCC team. This year, recollections were conducted for the Mira-Bhayander deanery on specific topics. The first recollection, titled '**Desiderio Desideravi**' (With Desire I Desire), was conducted by Rev. Fr. Reagan D'souza, who provided the teachers with a brief overview of the liturgy. He simplified the document, which is over 20 pages, for the catechists, making us aware of and giving us a summary of what Pope Francis wishes to convey to the faithful. The next recollection was conducted at Divine Mercy Church by Rev. Fr. Allwyn Nazareth. It focused on the book '**The Joy of Lent**' by Pope Francis and discussed the role catechists need to play to understand the children more deeply, rather than just teaching and leaving. Catechists are called to be formators.
- Teachers' Day celebration: a day for catechists to unwind, conducted by the youth with songs, dances, and games. Refreshments and gifts were generously given to the catechists by the parish team.
- Catechist's evaluation meeting to understand the group's workings and provide feedback for improvement.
- For the first time, Bible quiz based on the gospel of Mathew was conducted, and the top three performers were felicitated with trophies.
- Prizes were given to the catechists with 100 percent attendance.
- A catechists' picnic was organized to relax.
- ❖ **Activities for children**
- Parents day celebration had SS children participate in collaboration with the youth group.
- **Nativity novenas and Feast day** for Sunday school children were conducted, with the liturgy being handled by students. This was followed by the presentation of gifts to the Infant Mary, which were then passed on to the needy in the parish. Additionally, the children received sweets, which were generously provided by a parishioner every day. On the feast day, the children went home with sugar cane and other goodies provided by the parish team.
- **Faith Celebration day (FCD);** A Deanery level event, with participants from neighboring parishes of Divine mercy, St Jerome, Our lady of Nazareth & St Joseph's being the host parish. 500+ children

attend the inter parish event. The 5th and 6th grades focused on the topic of Bible Heroes, while the 7th and 8th grades explored Theology of the Body. The 9th and 10th grades delved into the topic of vocation, aligning with the regular Sunday school curriculum as per internal discussions. The aim of the FCD event is to expose children to various faith-building topics. The event featured presentations, dances, skits, and charts prepared by the children, which were the highlights of the event.

- **Bible Quiz:** Given the positive response to the online family Bible quiz during COVID times and the quiz conducted last year for Sunday school children, the enthusiasm among the children to participate this year was very evident. With approximately 600+ participants from 5th standard to the Confirmation classes, we had initiated the Bible quiz focusing on the Gospel of Matthew. The organizing team aimed to encourage children to read and reflect on the Bible, which, of course, was complemented by a small pat on the back. Keychains were distributed in the classrooms as rewards for the top performers of each online quiz, and certificates/trophies were awarded to the winners of the offline quiz.
- **Christmas Day celebration** for Sunday School students at Mount Carmel School, including the church hall and terrace, featured performances and games for students from 1st standard up to the Confirmation class.
- The **Way of the Cross** was conducted by Sunday school children on Thursdays. Additionally, a special Way of the Cross was conducted by the catechists before the children's Holy Mass on Sunday.
- The higher classes also had common sessions on current topics like peer pressure, the theology of the body, and 'Who Am I?' conducted by our catechist, Mr. Benno Fernandes.
- Vigils were also conducted by zonal animators/coordinators for students of First Holy Communion and Confirmation
- The **Sunday School Catechism exam** was held at the end of the term. Toppers were awarded certificates and trophies in the church, while consolation prizes were given out in the classroom itself.

- To encourage children to attend Sunday school, certificates for 100% attendance were given to students of all grades.
- A **farewell and thanksgiving Mass** was organized for the students of Std X in the month of December, and the toppers of the Sunday school exam were felicitated.
- The Confirmation students had a two-day retreat conducted by Bro. Victor.
- 174 candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation on 3rd February 2024.
- ❖ **For the parents:**
 - Parenting sessions for parents of First Holy Communion (FHC) and Confirmation candidates were conducted by Dr. Dinu Matthews and Sister Patricia, respectively.
- ❖ **Abig Thank you**
 - Fr, Lawrence D'Cunha, Parish Priest and the team of priests.
 - Pastoral helpers, Eucharistic ministers, the techno team, the LCD team, the AV team, the Bible quiz committee, altar servers, the children's choir (with a special mention for their practice every Sunday), and all those who assist in decorating the altar every Sunday. Special thanks to the Sunday school liturgy team, the sacristan, the Deanery Sunday school coordinator, and everyone else who has contributed to the smooth functioning of Sunday school.
 - Sisters for Holy Cross Convent School and Fathers for Mount Carmel School.
- ❖ 154 students will be receiving **First Holy Communion** on 20th April, 2024.

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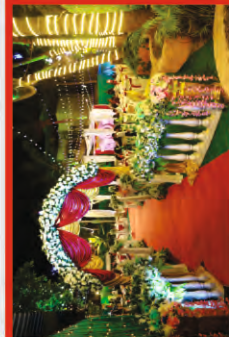
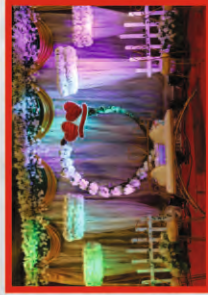


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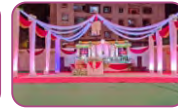
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Empowering Youth: A Vibrant Journey of Faith and Fun of St. Joseph's PYC

The Parish Youth Council (PYC) at St. Joseph's Church has been actively engaged in various enriching activities, fostering the holistic development of the youth in our community. Here's a recap of the events that have happened during the past months and a few huge events that are in the pipeline.

From June to December, the PYC at St. Joseph's Church orchestrated a dynamic array of events aimed at nurturing the overall development of the youth. From the exhilarating 'St. Joseph's Finest' talent show to the heartwarming 'Parents Day' celebration, each event was meticulously planned and executed. Adventurous 'trek to Takmak Fort' and 'Gameathon' tested physical endurance and fostered bonding among participants. The spirituality of the youth was enriched through monthly 'Alabare' sessions centered on the theme 'The Fruit of the Holy Spirit,' complemented by insightful discussions on youth mental health. Hosting the Deanery Youth Day brought together youths from neighboring parishes, fostering community and faith-sharing. The 'Mega Rosary' and 'Euphoria-2' events showcased vibrant displays of faith and unity, while the 'Parish Games 2023', a highlight of the year, saw widespread participation and inclusivity. Through these diverse activities, the PYC continues to create a vibrant and spiritually enriching environment at St. Joseph's Church.

Noel Nights (December 16): A Christmas evening where parishioners gathered for Christmas-themed songs and dances, accompanied by a spectacular backdrop crafted by the PYC's creative team.

Conquest (January 26th & 27th): Conquest, an annual PYC event, typically involves various competitions among the NYGs centered on biblical themes. However, this year saw a refreshing twist: instead of forming teams from among the NYGs directly, teams were composed from the groups of NYGs under the supervision of their respective animators. The event featured four engaging competitions:

i. **Divine Expressions:** Youth were tasked with interpreting biblical scenarios through the medium of art and craft, fostering creativity and spiritual reflection.

ii. **The Way You See It:** Teams engaged in a spirited game where they performed biblical scriptures in a charades-style format, challenging others to guess the scripture, promoting teamwork and biblical knowledge.

iii. **Know Yahweh's House:** A quiz focusing on church history and liturgies, testing participants' understanding of their faith and promoting deeper engagement with church teachings.

iv. **Individual Quiz Contest:** Following an Alabare session, a quiz was held specifically on the 1st and 2nd letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians, encouraging individual study and reflection on biblical texts.

These events not only encouraged camaraderie among the youth but also facilitated a deeper exploration of biblical teachings and their relevance in everyday life.

Alabare Sessions (Last Saturday of January and February): Theme-based sessions focusing on the Fruit of the Holy Spirit, with a special blessing for participants in the Mega Drama during the February session.

PYC Party (11th February): A fun-filled gathering combining the final PYC meeting of the term with games, dances, and valuable feedback sessions.

Weekly Way of the Cross (Every Friday): Youth from various NYGs collaborated to present meaningful Stations of the Cross, offering parishioners an opportunity for reflection and spiritual growth.

Journey of Joy- Lenten Youth Retreat (March 17): With an aim to reflect during this Lenten season, the PYC in partnership with the Lilly of the Valley prayer group organized this retreat that featured interactive talks on various topics relevant to youth like relationships, career, anxiety, etc., and had vibrant praise and worship sessions by the YU4C gospel band, which concluded with a youth mass and adoration.

Looking ahead, the PYC has some exciting events planned:

Good Friday Way of the Cross (March 29): A meaningful play depicting the passion and its relevance in today's time, with efforts underway since Ash Wednesday to ensure its success. Do come to witness



this event live on the Church grounds on 29th March 2024 at 8:00 am.

Easter Ball (March 31): Join us for the Easter Ball on March 31st! Organized by the PYC, it's a night of glitz and glam at the church. Open to all parishioners, bring your friends and family for a fun-filled evening of dancing and celebration. See you there!

Overnight trip (April 13 – 14): Join us for an exciting overnight trip to St. Mary's Villa in Khandala on April 13th – 14th! It promises loads of fun, games, and unforgettable memories. Don't miss this chance to kick off your summer with outdoor adventure and bonding. Sign up now for an experience you'll cherish forever.

Mega Drama (August 2024): In celebration of the Parish's 25th Jubilee, the PYC is putting up a large-scale production involving a substantial team of actors, singers, musicians, writers, dancers, creatives, and so many more. Auditions have concluded, and preparations are in full swing, promising an unforgettable event with professional sound, lighting, and setup. Sponsors for the same are welcome.

The seamless execution of these events and those to come is attributed to the dedicated efforts of our Youth Director, Fr. Ashwin Dsouza, and the dynamic Parish Youth Animation Team (PYAT) led by Mrs. Prema

Mathias, our Youth Coordinator. Together, they work tirelessly to ensure the smooth functioning of all activities mentioned above.

In essence, the PYC of St. Joseph's Church has been actively fostering a blend of fun, talent, and community spirit. From Fun and laughter to prayer and spirituality, we're committed to making St. Joseph's Church a vibrant and spiritually enriching place for all.

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Sometimes, someone reminds us, or we ourselves make it a point to keep a check on things to be renewed. As all these belong to the material world, it's necessary to think about the question, "What about the renewal of our spiritual lives?"

We, the Parishioners of St. Joseph Church in Mira Road, are very blessed. Our Parish is dynamic, with many ministries and associations, offering various opportunities to serve. We are all called to serve God's purpose. At the same time, God has given us the freedom of will to decide how best we can use this calling to serve Him and His people. In the initial stage of our service, we are full of zeal and passion to serve the Lord. However, in due course, it becomes routine for us, and we tend to forget the actual purpose of our calling. As humans, this is natural. At a later stage, there might be moments when pride takes control of us, and we feel that the ministry cannot exist without us.

"Understand that God may use you extensively, but He is powerful enough to carry on His work without you."

In the Old Testament, Saul was chosen and anointed by God, but his disobedience and pride caused his own destruction. An ordinary shepherd boy, David, became the king of Israel - a man after God's own heart.

In the Gospel of St. Luke, Chapter 2, verses 34-35, Simeon gives a prophecy to Mary, saying, "This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too."

This shows that Mary's obedience was not only for the decree of Mother of God but also for her willingness to suffer with Christ. Mary walked with Christ, fulfilling His ministry with humility, without any complaints. She never wavered and continued doing the will of God.

When we focus only on the material aspect of ministry, it becomes mundane. We seek fame, the limelight, opportunities, and we put Christ out of our lives and ministries. Any true believer will eventually face unjust



suffering. If we are genuinely following Christ, there will be seasons where we find ourselves on the receiving end of accusations and slander. It may happen in our homes, workplaces, and within the church. These trials are a real challenge.

1 Peter 4:13 says, "But rejoice in so far as you share Christ's suffering, that you may also rejoice and be glad when His glory is revealed."

It's not that believers in Christ lack faith, but in our everyday activities, we have forgotten the essence of faith. In our trials and tribulations, and in all the opportunities we have in our church, at home, and at workplaces, we have to be honest with what we face. We are not yet in heaven, so our faith is still being tested. It is not revealed in some extravagant worldly experience but in the rough tussle of our everyday life. The testing of true faith will make us more like Jesus. We will be able to love, serve, and comfort others, only when we allow Jesus to reveal Himself in our hearts.

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08-12-2023	Agnelo	Gloria
09-12-2023	Sunny Minchekar	Railine Preethi D'Silva
09-12-2023	Rinaldo Tauro	Lolita Noronha
09-12-2023	Mervyn Francis Patrao	Jovita Correa
10-12-2023	Pranav Mohna	Diana D'Costa
10-12-2023	James Jackson Nazareth	Angelina Fernandes
10-12-2023	Sameer Subhashchandra Jain	Concetta Fernandes
15-12-2023	Karan John DeSilva	Vijayalaxmi Mudaliar
16-12-2023	Royston Maxie Pereira	Pearl Coelho
17-12-2023	Mario D'Cruz	Harshada Chawhan
17-12-2023	Sohail Suresh	Leny Joy
20-12-2023	Govind Sabrinathan Mani	Magdalena Menezes
22-12-2023	Punit Sanjay Bhandari	Stanzia D'Souza
23-12-2023	Leroy D'Mello	Sharal Jane Fernandes
23-12-2023	Pratik Keshavaraya Pai	Merlin Rodrigues
23-12-2023	Silvester Conrad Sequeira	Angela Joseph
26-12-2023	Merwyn Savio Anthony Fernandes	Clarissa D'Mello
28-12-2023	Joseph Fernandes	Gwendolene Antoneta Antonia Saviola Martins
29-12-2023	Favian Glen Fernandes	Alisha Mascarenhas
30-12-2023	Raphael Montgomery	Nina Mary Murray
30-12-2023	Pradeep Neri Monteiro	Roslin Sylvia Lobo
30-12-2023	Christopher Anthony Mergu	Gwendolyn Chris Jacqueline Rodricks
30-12-2023	Karan Rajpakshe	Simran Mascarenhas
06-01-2024	Kris Fernandes	Shiny D'Souza
06-01-2024	Jobin Joseph Kalapurackal	Walentina D'Souza
07-01-2024	Romeo George Ferrao	Stella Nathaline Fernandes
07-01-2024	Merlin Strahan Ferrao	Steffie D'Souza
13-01-2024	Alson Silvester	Carol Ribeiro
14-01-2024	Jackson Rocky Crasto	Mona Lisa Martis
14-01-2024	Wisdom Yayra Kodjo Abutiate	Jennifer Dsa
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04-02-2024	Dylan Aaron Pinto	Sylvia Macwan
10-02-2024	Clinton Fernandes	Karen D'Souza
11-02-2024	Sheldon Nester Cornello	Supriya Shashikant Bankar
11-02-2024	Clifton John Pais	Swapna Muley

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. *1 Corinthians 13:4-8*



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BURIALS

Date	Name	Age
04-12-2023	Charles Fernandes	73
07-12-2023	Francis Abreo	66
07-12-2023	Felix Fernandes	52
14-12-2023	Sebastian Cardoz	75
16-12-2023	Lioly Taylor	72
24-12-2023	Hilda Rodrigues	82
27-12-2023	Anthony Francis Cardoz	66
31-12-2023	Roy Kurian	69
01-01-2024	Francis D'Mello	71
13-01-2024	Cynthia Fernandes	65
13-01-2024	Savio Domnic Vaz	52
14-01-2024	Marita Rocky Castelino	59
14-01-2024	George Augustine Gomes	81
19-01-2024	Rocky Anthony D'Souza	46
19-01-2024	Theresa Rodrigues	90
21-01-2024	Narsi Gokhul Patel	74
22-01-2024	Julie Fernandes	74
29-01-2024	Trisa Jois	60
02-02-2024	Louise D'Cambra	79
03-02-2024	Helen D'Souza	89
09-02-2024	Judith Mabel Pinto	67
09-02-2024	Anthony Pascoal Gonsalves	76
14-02-2024	Lily Gasper D'Souza	77
18-02-2024	Irene Juliet Michael Francis Menezes	63
18-02-2024	Linet Edward D'Souza	56
19-02-2024	Natalina Fernandes	84
19-02-2024	Jeanette Pinto	61
22-02-2024	Apolina Francis D'Cruz	71
22-02-2024	Thomas D'Souza	89
23-02-2024	Maggy Andrews	90
24-02-2024	Augustine Kumar Nadar	66
28-02-2024	Emmanuel Atu	75
28-02-2024	Celestine Alphonso	77



1 Corinthians 15:42-44

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; and it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

Revelation 21:4

'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

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
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
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