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ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISHIONERS: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 will be officially closed in our Archdiocese on 28th December 2025 at See Cathedral, Old Goa. This year had been truly a year of grace for the Universal Church as well as for the Church in Goa. Throughout the Jubilee Year various Jubilees were celebrated in our Archdiocese many of which were held in our Cathedral. The Parish of See Cathedral, being a Mother Church of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman, stands as testimony of Hope:

St. Catherine of Alexandria, the Patroness of this Cathedral, is a **sign of HOPE** to young people, suffering Christians, persecuted subjects, defenceless and marginalized people under authoritarian regime, ignorant as well as those blinded by worldliness.

For centuries, this Parish Church has nurtured the faith and proclaimed God's Kingdom giving Hope to nations. So many missionaries had been sent by God who received their calling while praying in this Church. We have a wonderful example of **St. Joseph Vaz**, who was not only inspired by God while praying in this Church but was deputed by the Cathedral Chapter to various missionary trips including Canara and Sri Lanka. He became **messenger of HOPE** to faint-hearted Christians, warring ecclesiastical authorities, dictatorial regimes and people of other faiths.

The **Jubilee Year's celebrations in the Cathedral as occasions of HOPE**. The Jubilee Year 2025, under the theme "Hope does not disappoint us" (Rom. 5:5), began with the 18th solemn exposition of the Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier at See Cathedral. The 45 days exposition was truly an occasion of grace and God's blessings for many people all over the world, especially to the parishioners of See Cathedral Parish. Thereafter, throughout the year number of jubilee's were celebrated in the Cathedral-both Diocesan as well as parish. Every religious festivity impacted the participants and contributed towards reinforcing their Hope in God and His promises.

Pilgrims of Hope became bearers of HOPE. This Jubilee Year became an occasion for pilgrims from various parishes and different

walks of life, as the Archbishop had declared Cathedral Door as one of the Holy Doors, to enter and obtain plenary indulgences under given conditions. Besides, the Archdiocesan Jubilee Cross was stationed in the See Cathedral for Pilgrims to venerate and pray. These resulted in increased number of pilgrims visiting the Cathedral and praying. In the process, they not only cemented their faith and Hope but indeed became BEARERS OF HOPE to their families, parishes and society.

St. Catherine of Alexandria Parishioners from Pilgrims of Hope to become BEACONS OF HOPE: The parishioners of St. Catherine of Alexandria Cathedral have, in addition to the general Christ's faithful, responsibility to be the light house of Hope for the world. For, the Cathedral is not only visited by its parishioners but also Catholics from the Archdiocese, other parts of India and indeed from the whole world. In view of this, a jubilee committee of the Cathedral was established to focus on the above role.

Secondly, the parishioners of the Cathedral had a particular obligation to inspire hope to their family members, somudai and the neighbourhood as we possess the rarest opportunity to visit, pray and celebrate sacraments in the Cathedral, the Archdiocesan Light House of Hope.

Thirdly, Parishioners bringing Hope to the Pilgrims of Hope is best expressed by being a synodal church. To achieve this goal during the jubilee year, the parish administration has strived through various sub-committees under the Parish Pastoral Council and worked together keeping in mind the principles of synodal church such as participating, listening, discussing, discerning and collaborating with one another.

Fourthly, parishioners of the Cathedral are called to bring Hope not only to the living but even to the dead. Since Cathedral is one of the Holy places where plenary indulgence can be obtained, each of its parishioner could apply the said indulgence and send to heaven 365 souls (if one plenary indulgence applied per day to a soul in purgatory), thus becoming pilgrims of hope to the suffering members in purgatory.

The journey of the pilgrims continues even after the conclusion of the Jubilee Year. Let us continue to be the harbingers of Hope...

St. Catherine of Alexandria, pray for us .

Padr Vigar



(Rev. Can. Rosario Oliveira)

The Parish as a Family of Hope

Fr. Jason Keith Fernandes

(Editor in Chief)



How do we get a parish to function and operate like a family of hope? This is a question that challenges many parishes, and indeed, diocese. Our responses often seem to try and make the parish more “fun”. But this formula misses the point. We need to get to basics. Our Holy Mother Church teaches that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of Christian life. Therefore, any answer to our challenges, must necessarily involve the Eucharist.

Take, with this insight, the fact that the Christian is called to minister at the margins. In the context of the Eucharist, this must surely mean those members of our parish communities who cannot travel to the Church for the Eucharistic celebration and communion. In our diocese, it is the mind of the Cardinal Patriarch that these brethren of ours on the margins of health and mobility must be given communion once a week, and so the Blessed Sacrament travels out to them. If this is the mind of our Ordinary, then our hearts should burn with desire to realize this holy objective.

So far, so good. And yet, there is more that we can do in this ministry that would ensure that our parishes operate as families of hope. Thus far, this weekly travel of the Blessed Sacrament is a lonely affair with the extraordinary minister trudging off by herself. God bless their service! How wonderful it would be, and how much things would change, if this minister were to go, not singly, but in the company of a volunteer from the ward. Someone who, out of consideration not just for the minister, or the communicant, but for the sake of the dignity of the Blessed Sacrament, would ferry her in a four-wheeler. And how wonderful, if it were not just one person who travelled with the minister, but many, all caring for the dignity of the Blessed Sacrament.

If the dominical visit of the Extraordinary minister of communion becomes not a single affair, but one in which the entire ward participates in, I am convinced that our parish would start to operate more like a family of hope! Care for the Eucharist and care for our homebound brethren would ensure that it is not just the job of the minister or the ward leader, but a task that all of us feel obliged, and delight, to participate in, changing the character of our parish!



Journeying Together to the Manger: Parish A Community of Hope

Dr. Salvador Vaz
(Liturgical Animator)

‘Journeying together to the Manger’ is a metaphoric phrase, for the shared spiritual path of Christians. The journey is often tied to the Advent and Christmas season, a time of preparation and reflection inviting Christians to let Christ be born anew in their hearts, emphasizing the message of humility, unity, seeking God and peace and rendering service to the downtrodden, marginalized and less fortunate brothers. In essence ‘Journeying together to the Manger of Jesus’ is an invitation for the Christian community to unite in their shared pursuit of deepening and knowing Jesus, worshipping and following Him the humble Saviour born in Bethlehem.

It is possible to ascribe different attributes to this metaphor.

Spiritual journey: The phrase uses the physical journeys of figures in the nativity story. Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the census, the shepherds to the stable and the Magi from the East as a metaphor for the Christian life as a spiritual pilgrimage.

Unity and community: Journeying together highlights the concept of synodality (walking together as the people of God) and Christian fellowship where believers support one another in the shared faith journey putting aside differences of colour, wealth etc. To focus on their common goal ‘Christ’. The concept of walking together is a strong theme in ecumenical movements amongst diverse Christian denominations.

Humility and Accessibility: The Manger is a feeding trough for animals is a symbol of Jesus ‘humble birth’ and His willingness to come to humanity in a loving way. The Angels told the shepherds that they would find their newborn Messiah and Lord lying in the manger. (Luke 2:12). They went in haste and found the child in the feeding trough. (Luke 2:16). Journeying towards it signifies a call for believers to embrace humility, simplicity, poverty and attention to the needs of the poor, downtrodden, recognising that Christ is accessible to all, regardless of their status.

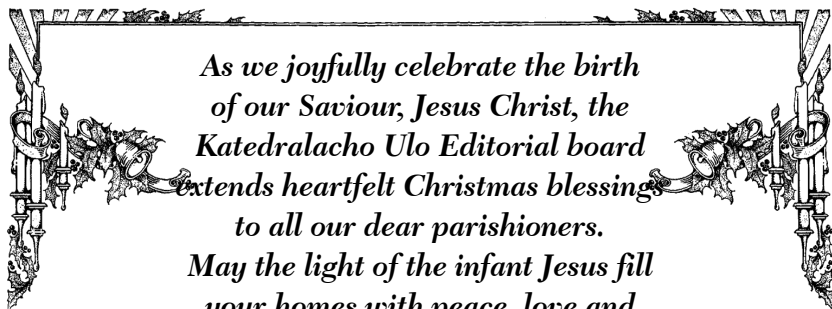
Seeking Christ: Like the shepherds and the Magi who actively sought the new born King, the phrase encourages believers to actively and persistently seek relationship with Jesus, who is often referred to as the Bread of life (John 6:35), or spiritual sustenance, fitting the manger’s function as feeding place.

Journeying together towards the manger serves a metaphor for collective hope, unity, shared human and spiritual experience with a Parish community as they anticipate the joy and peace the Christ child brings. The mission of

Community of hope is to help create and sustain Christian communication of volunteered lay pastoral caregivers united in prayer and equipped for and serving in pastoral care ministries.

The community of hope through the Parish Pastoral Councils – body of service oriented members from every Parish offer worship, continuing education, encouragement and spiritual nurturing. Community members work in balance and harmony in prayer, worship, serving others through pastoral care ministry organ department like hospice care, hospital, prison and sick visit, food drives, fund raising events, cater to migrants, Eucharistic ministers bringing communion to the home bound or hospitalized. The only agenda we have is to alleviate the suffering in the world with the gift of our presence, compassion and listening ear.

Community of Hope, is hand and feet of Christ working selflessly with spirit of humility and meekness, listening rather than interrupting, offer ourselves to serve others without expectations thereby journeying together to the Manger **for greater glory of God.**



*As we joyfully celebrate the birth
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the
Katedralcho Ulo Editorial board
extends heartfelt Christmas blessings
to all our dear parishioners.
May the light of the infant Jesus fill
your homes with peace, love and
lasting hope.*



**As we step in to the New
Year, may the intercession
of our patroness,
St Catherine of Alexandria,
guide us on the path of
faith, wisdom, and unity.
May the Lord bless every
family of our parish with
good heath, renewed
strength, and abundant
grace throughout 2026.**



The Holy Family: Pilgrimage of hope for our times

Christopher D'cunha

St Francis Xavier Somudai

The Holy Family:

Jesus, Virgin Mary and St. Joseph are the members of the Holy Family. The Holy Family is presented as the “very first pilgrims of hope”. Thousands of years ago the Holy Family made a pilgrimage, a journey to Bethlehem. Mary and Joseph went with faith and trust where they were called. We have to remind ourselves that this faith and trust doesn’t mean they weren’t afraid, concerned or anxious nor the journey was easy. Yet they did not complain or were unhappy as they always accepted their lives as a gift from God.

The Holy Family shows love that remains steadfast even through difficult times like the flight to Egypt to keep Jesus safe, their journey to Bethlehem. They were always faithful to God through their acceptance of God’s will. Their love for God strengthened their love for one another. The Holy Family demonstrates the importance of forgiveness which can be seen through the life of Jesus. They teach us patience, compassion, trust and mutual respect, which are essential for building strong relationships. They show that a family is a sacred community of love and sharing that can make you face all life’s challenges easily.

Pilgrimage of hope for our times:

Life has not changed much even today. The families even today have to go through similar situations which the Holy Family had to go through. These issues can strain relationships and create a tense home environment. We stay together as a family in the same house but yet we are always far away from each other. Parents don’t have time for their children and the children don’t have time for their parents. We give preference to our egos and our positions and even go to extend of comparing our wealth, spiritual life with each other. This only increases our distance between each other as a family and also with our somudai and parish as a whole.

The Holy Family can be a great help to us. Only if we read about them (Bible), understand their ways, their togetherness, their sacrifices, their respect, their trust and their love for each other. We can learn about unconditional love, prayer, forgiveness, and the importance of faith in overcoming challenges. From the stories of Jesus we can learn how to act and how to obey, how to love and how to pray, how to forgive and always be friends. Our family can imbibe the lessons of the Holy Family and become solidly rooted in the virtues that build up both the family and the world. Their lives provide a model for families to prioritize reconciliation and place God at the center of their relationships.

The Joy of Proclaiming Christ at Christmas

Marcelina Feds e Pereira

Lectors Ministry



“The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory.” – John 1:14

Christmas is the season when this divine truth of John 1:14 fills our hearts with awe and wonder — God chose to become one of us. For a lector, this mystery holds a unique and sacred joy. To stand before the congregation and proclaim the Word during Christmas is to echo the very first proclamation of the angels: “I bring you good news of great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10).

Each reading of the Christmas liturgy carries the radiant message of God’s love. When a lector gives voice to these words, it is not simply a reading — it is an act of faith. The lector becomes a messenger, allowing God’s living Word to touch and transform hearts. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light” (Isaiah 9:2); through the lector’s proclamation, that light continues to shine within the community gathered in worship.

This mission calls for prayerful preparation. Before proclaiming, the lector listens to the Word interiorly — allowing it to dwell within the heart. Only then can the Word be spoken with conviction and grace, drawing others into the mystery of Emmanuel — God with us (Matthew 1:23). The joy of proclaiming Christmas lies in this encounter with Christ. As St. Paul reminds us, “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).

At Christmas, the lector’s voice becomes a sacred encounter: the living Word, spoken in faith, makes Christ present once again among His people. May every lector find renewed strength and joy in this mission — to proclaim with love, clarity, and reverence the eternal truth that still transforms the world: “Today is born for you a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:11).



The Eucharist: Source and Summit of Our Hope

Ayres Rosary D'Souza Raimondo

Liturgical Animator

The Eucharist stands at the heart of Christian life, celebrated as both the **source** and the **summit** of our hope. In this sacrament, Christ gives Himself fully—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—nourishing His people and drawing them into the mystery of His saving love. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol; it is the living presence of Christ among us, sustaining believers on their journey and assuring them of God's unfailing promise of eternal life.

Jesus Himself instituted the Eucharist as a pledge of hope. At the Last Supper, He took bread and said, "This is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me" (Luke 22:19). Through these words, Christ offered more than a ritual; He offered the very gift of Himself as the eternal food of hope. In receiving the Eucharist, Christians are united intimately with his sacrifice on the Cross, where hope was born for all humanity. Through this sacrament, the victory of Christ becomes present to us again, renewing our strength and confidence in God's saving plan.

The Eucharist is our **source** of hope because it is Christ Himself who feeds us. Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (Jn. 6:35). In Holy Communion, the deepest longings of the human heart—for love, forgiveness, and meaning—are fulfilled. Many believers experience this personally as the Eucharist heals our wounds, restores our dignity, decisions become clearer and also reminds us that we are never alone. Even in moments of darkness or uncertainty, Christ becomes our sustenance, guiding us with His presence. A person struggling to forgive may suddenly feel the grace to let go. Another, overwhelmed with fear, may find courage rising within. These experiences reveal the Eucharist working within, shaping the believer from the inside out. The saints, too, witnessed

this power.

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux said, “After Holy Communion, I no longer felt my own weakness—Jesus was there in my soul.” For her, the Eucharist was strength in fragility.
- St. Teresa of Calcutta drew hope for her mission from daily Mass. She wrote, “The Eucharist is my daily food and my all-in-all.”
- St. Padre Pio, who lived the Mass with deep devotion, proclaimed, “It would be easier for the world to survive without the sun than without the Holy Mass.”
- St. John Paul II testified: “In the Eucharist, Christ gives us the very body which He gave up for us on the Cross—the source of our hope.”

Their lives show how the Eucharist transforms hearts and leads to heroic love. As St. Paul says, “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). Communion strengthens this Christ-life, enabling ordinary people to reflect extraordinary love.

At the same time, the Eucharist is the “**summit**” of our hope because it points us

toward eternal life with God. Jesus promises, “Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day” (John 6:54). Each celebration of the Eucharist is a foretaste of the heavenly banquet lifting our hearts beyond earthly struggles.

Finally, the Eucharist sends us forth to be hope for others. Nourished by Christ’s love, we are called to become instruments of peace, compassion, and justice in the world. As St. Paul reminds us, “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body” (1 Cor. 10:17). When the Eucharist transforms our actions, words, and relationships, we become living witnesses of Christ’s presence—signs of hope for the world - a hope that does not fade.

Let us embrace a deep love for the Eucharist and entrust Christ with the direction of our lives, for in Him we find our ultimate source, summit, and hope for eternal life.



Proclaiming God's Word from the Ambo to the World

Trevor Vaz
Lectors Ministry

When I first started reading at Mass, my plan was to read clearly, not fumble, and get back to my seat without tripping. The readings were beautiful, but to me they felt like words on a page. As I grew in faith, something changed. I began to see serving as a lector as a way to serve the congregation. I shifted from rehearsing words to seeking the Word within them. And when I stood at the ambo again, I wasn't just reading anymore. I was proclaiming. I could feel it, and I think the congregation could too. That's when I realized we hear the Word and nod, but does it move us enough to live differently Monday to Saturday?

The Word wasn't meant to be confined within church walls. It's meant to touch every part of our lives, our relationships, our work, and the choices we make, even the ones that seem insignificant. When Jesus said, "You are the light of the world... let your light shine before others" (*Mt 5:14, 16*), he wasn't talking about guarding your lit candle during processions like it's the Olympic torch. He meant our lives should preach. Every decision, every action becomes a kind of sermon.

I could talk about relationships, charity, or humility. Instead, let's look at something we often overlook in faith, which is caring for our environment. Genesis shows we were meant to be custodians of creation. Yet somehow, environmental conservation has been separated from spirituality, as if it were optional or political rather than biblical. Look at what we're destroying, from agricultural land meant to feed communities to forests cleared for short-lived gains. We treat God's creation like it's ours to exploit, not ours to protect. When our choices, driven by greed or carelessness, rob future generations of fertile soil, clean air, and thriving ecosystems, we're failing them.

The ambo is where the Word is proclaimed. The world is where it is lived, in our homes, in our neighbourhoods, and everywhere we go. This month, choose one simple act for the environment and dedicate it to God. Use less plastic, save water, or plant a sapling. Let your life echo the true meaning of the Word. The world is watching, whether we realize it or not. Every choice we make preaches a sermon. What message is your life proclaiming?

Let us not just read the Word. Let us cherish it, ponder over it, and ingrain it within us.

Voices Of Faith: Power Of God's Word In Times Of Uncertainty

Goretti Dsilva

Lectors Ministry



We hear many things, we see many things, we feel many things, we experience many things... and it can go on. The things that we experience also talk to us and many a times they either encourage or discourage us.

What is FAITH? Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. This is our favorite scripture and it speaks to us a lot, especially in times of UNCERTAINTIES.

Here are some scriptures that we remind ourselves of every moment, and these are the voices of Faith that help us.

- JOSHUA 1:8 - Meditate on the word of God day and night. Joshua was faced with some mighty issues, so the Lord instructs him that when the time comes, I will instruct you, I will guide you. Personally, when we face certain issues, we leave it in the hands of God and we have seen that we have gone through easily.

- PROVERBS 18:21 - Life and death are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. All these years, we were not aware of this, but now after knowing, we are very vigilant not to plant a wrong seed. Words are seeds, they reap harvest, words discourage a person or they edify a person. When the downfall comes in our life, what we have sown, accordingly we reap the harvest.

- JEREMIAH 32:27 - "Behold, I'm the God of all flesh, is there anything too difficult for me?" How do I go to God? Do I have a relationship with God? Jeremiah was chosen to talk to the people, but he wasn't ready, he was giving excuses, so God tells him, "What you have to say, I will put those words in your mouth. Trust Me."

- JOHN 2:5 - "Do Whatever He Tells You" (Wedding at Cana). When we hear of marriage, immediately 2 people come to mind. They have a relationship with each other, time comes to form a family. At the wedding in Cana, Mother Mary was already present, Jesus was invited. Do we invite Jesus in our marriage? When Jesus

is present in a marriage, it becomes a covenant. We must always remember that 2 people getting married are imperfect, we cannot expect a perfect answer from an imperfect partner. MARRIAGE IS A SACRAMENT - it is an eternal covenant, not a contract between man and woman. Invisible Grace comes to the couple through visible signs which are established by Jesus and approved by the Church. Therefore, it's a Sacrament.

- PSALM 22:14 - "I am poured out like water and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax: it is melted in the midst of my bowels". A nurse of another faith said to me, "Ma'am, you were uttering something?" I said yes, words from the Bible, and she said, "The fall could have led to something serious, but it remained only till dislocation because of your prayers."

From the time of my husband's fall, till the X-Ray and other investigations and placing of the shoulder in the joint, we were continuously reciting with faith the above scripture and adding to it, "Lord, with the pain that you bore in your sinless body, my husband's bones are healed and aligned." We were sent home after 3 hours. We thank God for instilling this faith in us. Each day, there's improvement.

Report by the Parish Youth

As the month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, the parish youth decided to conduct the rosary every Friday throughout the month. The rosary was open to all parishioners, and a few members attended each week.

The service began with a hymn, followed by the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After the recitation of the rosary, the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was conducted.

On the final Friday, the rosary was led in English. The prayer service concluded with fellowship for the youth, providing a meaningful opportunity for bonding and spiritual growth.

Overall, the October Rosary devotion was a prayerful and enriching experience for all who participated.



Alice Gonsalves

Welcome



With joy and gratitude to God, we, the Parish Priest, Assistant Parish Priest, Priest in Residence, and all the parishioners of St Catherine of Alexandria Parish, warmly welcome

Sem. Valente Jesus Da Costa
to our parish community.

Hailing from Carmona and a graduate in Commerce from St. Xavier's College, Mapusa, Sem. Valente is currently pursuing his priestly studies at the Patriarchal Seminary of Rachol and has completed his philosophical formation. We are delighted to have him journey with us during this period of pastoral experience.

May St. Catherine of Alexandria, our patroness, intercede for him as he continues to discern and grow in his vocation. We assure him our prayers, support, and encouragement. May his time in our parish be fruitful, grace filled, and enriching for both him and our entire community.

*A warm and heartfelt welcome,
Sem. Valente!*

Jubilee Year 2025: A Pilgrimage

2025 being the Jubilee year the members of St. Augustine Somudai embarked on a pilgrimage to the Monastery of Pilar on 8th November. As per the guidelines laid by the Archdiocese of Goa and being encouraged by the Parish priest Fr. Rosario Oliveira, and with the assistance of Ms. Gracy Pinto, Mr. Macjoe Rebello & Ms. Sandra Pinto got into action to organize this most awaited day.

The Pilgrimage commenced with Fr. Edison Fernandes, sdb, Benaulim leading through a deeply insightful recollection on the topic, “Our Spiritual Journeys and the Beatitudes”. He challenged us to reflect



on how we continue to grow in so many areas of life – Physically, emotionally and professionally – yet often remain infantile in our faith. Through a creative and relatable comparison with various stages of human development, he explained, calls us to a new depth of trust, understanding, and relationship with Jesus. The reflection beautifully concluded with a meditation on the Beatitudes and the four levels of prayer, showing how spiritual maturity means moving from merely saying prayers to living in relationship with God. It was a truly enriching and thought-provoking experience, reminding us that our faith like our life, is meant to grow, mature and bear fruit.

Theresa D'souza (St. Augustine Somudai)

2025 being the Jubilee year the members of Our Lady of Light Somudai proceeded on a pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel, Deussua as a part of the Jubilee Year celebrations. This Chapel is listed as a jubilee year site to gain indulgence. We began



the journey with prayers recited by our PPC ward leader Mr. Oscar Menezes who motivated us to go with a spiritual mindset. Rosary was conducted by Emilia and everyone prayed together. We were marveled by the beauty and the holiness of the place and the beautiful surroundings. Our Somudai spent time in prayer, rosary and placing our petitions at the feet of St. Anthony. Finally after clicking pictures and enjoying some snacks and tea, we left for home with a truly spiritual and enriching experience.

Diogo Rodrigues (Our Lady of Light Somudai)

2025 being the Jubilee year, the ward members of St. Alex Somudai proceeded for a pilgrimage to St. Anthony's Chapel, Deussua. A total of 28 members attended the pilgrimage. The journey began with the recitation of the Divine Mercy Rosary. Once at the centre all queued up to enter through the Jubilee door with hymns. Sr. Ayres led the pilgrims with prayers that were designed specially for the Pilgrimage to the Holy Door which included the scripture reading from the letter to the



Romans 5, 1- 5, passages from Psalm 122 (121), Psalm 83(84), Psalm 23(24), the 'I believe' and the Litany of Saints. After having an enriching and a prayerful experience, we all proceeded to 'Noble Nest' (a trust in collaboration with Caritas)

a home for the elderly as planned and who were eagerly awaiting to welcome us. We were welcome with nostalgic Konkani songs by one of an enthusiastic inmate. Ms. Merlyn the caretaker gave us pamphlets about the work that they have been doing over here. Though we had not gone prepared to entertain them, we managed to sing some songs along with them which they too enjoyed and cherished. This deed also helped us in gaining indulgence as while on a pilgrimage we are supposed to perform an act of mercy. I thank Sr. Ayres who led us to this place and also all my ward members who came enthusiastically out of their busy schedule for this Jubilee pilgrimage 2025.

Menino Menezes (St. Alex Somudai)

Third Death Anniversary

In loving memory of



Pedro Bartolomeu Pacheco (Babit)

Dhauji Road, Old Goa

There will be an Eucharistic Celebration for the soul
of our most beloved Pedro Pacheco (Babit) at Se
Cathedral, Old Goa, Friday, 2nd January, 2026 at 7 am
followed by prayers at the grave.

Offered by his wife: Ana Maria

Children: Savita / Joel, Samira / Eldridge, Shelton

Grand Children: Jasiel, Jovian, Ezekiel

पेरिसवासी आशा के तीर्थ यात्री

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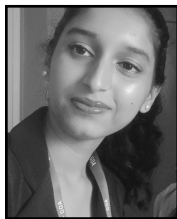
झक्या तुम नहीं जानते कि तुम परमेश्वर का मन्दिर हो, और परमेश्वर का आत्मा तुम में वास करता है? **झ**

इसका मतलब है कि विश्वासियों के रूप में हम स्वयं परमेश्वर का मन्दिर हैं और उसका पवित्र आत्मा हम सब में वास करता है।

पेरिशवासी वे लोग होते हैं जो किसी चर्च या धर्म-समुदाय से गहराई से जुड़े होते हैं। वे केवल धार्मिक गतिविधियों में ही भाग नहीं लेते, बल्कि एक-दूसरे के साथ विश्वास, प्रेम और सहयोग की भावना बनाए रखते हैं। पेरिशवासी समुदाय हमेशा एक परिवार की तरह होता है, जहाँ हर व्यक्ति दूसरे के सुख-दुख में साथ खड़ा रहता है। इसी कारण उन्हें आशा के तीर्थयात्री कहा जाता है, क्योंकि वे अपने जीवन की यात्रा में हमेशा उम्मीद और भरोसे के साथ आगे बढ़ते हैं।

आशा किसी भी व्यक्ति के जीवन का सबसे महत्वपूर्ण आधार होती है। जब कठिनाइयाँ आती हैं, तब यही आशा हमें मजबूत बनाती है और सही रास्ता दिखाती है। पेरिशवासी इस आशा को परमेश्वर से प्राप्त करते हैं और उसे अपने जीवन में जीते हैं। वे प्रार्थना, सेवा और सद्भाव के माध्यम से अपनी आस्था को निरन्तर मजबूत करते हैं। जैसे तीर्थयात्री किसी पवित्र स्थान की ओर बढ़ते हैं, वैसे ही पेरिशवासी आत्मिक शांति और अनन्त जीवन की ओर अग्रसर होते हैं।

अंत में, पेरिशवासी आशा के तीर्थयात्री इसलिए कहलाते हैं क्योंकि वे हर परिस्थिति में विश्वास और उम्मीद को धामे रहते हैं। वे अपने जीवन, समाज और विश्वास-समुदाय को बेहतर बनाने के लिए लगातार प्रयास करते हैं। उनकी यही सकारात्मक सोच और निःस्वार्थ सेवा-भावना उन्हें आशा के सच्चे यात्री बनाती है।



Rini S. Lobo
Parish Youth

The Childlike Spirit: A Path to Heaven

Jesus' words in Matthew 18:3, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven," invite us to reflect on the qualities that make children special. It's not just their innocence, but also their curiosity, excitement, and lack of attachment to material possessions that we can learn from.

Children, unlike adults, haven't really felt the cruelty of the world, and so are often non-materialistic and find joy in the smallest of things. They are curious to find out and question things, unlike grown-ups, who slowly got silenced. They are also most often the most excited and energetic about anything, even if it means getting a balloon, making new friends, or being appreciated. Their laughter is genuine, their emotions unmasked, and their hearts unburdened by ego or greed. They live entirely in the present moment, something most adults spend their whole lives trying to relearn. They are also the next generation, which means that raising them right means improving the generations ahead. Every value taught, every kindness shown, ripples forward through time, shaping the kind of world we leave behind. To nurture a child is, in essence, to nurture the soul of humanity itself.

So, the Bible verse does not say that it's only children who belong to the kingdom; rather, it's those with a child's spirit: the joyous, unfiltered curiosity, excitement, and purity of heart. Together, let's nurture our inner child and relearn the art of wonder, simplicity, and love that once came so naturally to us.

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REPORT

Rosary prayer service at the Cemetery

Hema Menezes
Liturgical Animator



On the 7th of November, the Liturgical Animators led the parish community in a prayerful recitation of the Rosary at the cemetery.

The service began with a dignified **procession from the Cathedral to the cemetery**, during which parishioners walked carrying with them intentions for the deceased loved ones. Upon reaching the cemetery a **brief introduction** was given inviting everyone to reflect on the Christian hope of eternal life. As a part of observance, the faithful were reminded of the opportunity to gain **plenary indulgence** for the souls in purgatory in accordance with the Church's norms during the month of November.

The assembly then joined in the recitation of the **Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary**, led by the liturgical animators with devotion, reflecting on the Resurrection, Ascension, and Descent of the Holy Spirit, Assumption of Mary, and her Coronation as Queen of Heaven- mysteries that remind us of Christ's victory over death and the promise of eternal life. Each decade was offered with specific intentions for departed parishioners, forgotten souls, and all waiting for the joy of eternal life. Devotional hymns deepened the prayer experience.

Following the rosary, the community prayed the **Litany calling out to Almighty God, Mother Mary and our beloved saints**, imploring mercy for the faithful departed in granting them eternal rest.

This was followed by a **Scripture reading from the First letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (15: 22-23)**: "For as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ." The reading set a profound tone of resurrection faith.

The service concluded with a final prayer and blessing, leaving parishioners united in faith, remembrance, and hope.

The Liturgical Animators express heartfelt gratitude to God for making this effort a great success which allowed the parishioners to unitedly pray for the suffering church.



REPORT

Liturgical Animators' Jubilee Pilgrimage- a Faith sharing Experience

Cleta Souza

Coordinator-Liturgical Animators

Jubilee Pilgrimage, was indeed a much-awaited act which we finally undertook on the 12th of November. With due preparation starting from meaningful confessions, preparing para-liturgical services, to arrangements of the transport and meal, it was all taken care of with the support of my Exco members and assistance of fellow participants.

We started early morning invoking Mother Mary's intercession, celebrating the Eucharist and departing with well-wishes and blessings from our Parish Priest Fr. Rosario Oliveira.

Visit to the Blessed Sacrament in adoration at Holy Cross Shrine, Bambolim, was spiritually enlivening. And the following route and visits to the Holy Spirit Church, Margao, and then at St. Anthony's Chapel at Deussua, through the Jubilee Doors, were faith enriching experiences which assured plenary indulgence.

A simple yet joyful lunch was shared strengthening bonds of friendship.

The visit to the Clergy Home at Margao was planned as Work of Mercy. We were welcomed by Fr. Jose Roque Gonsalves, Director, who also briefed us about the situation of each inmate Priest. It was emotionally moving and evoking strong mixed feelings of love, empathy and sadness, all in one. Our beloved Priests, not very old and old, who rendered their services to the flock of the Lord, in their healthy and active days, some dearly known, were a sight to ponder and reflect. Yet, they were seen overflowing with faith and hope, no complaints, seeking our prayers for them at this phase of their life. One note I made to my mind and heart, that, we should frequently visit these brothers of ours, in Christ. Thank the Lord for their gift of lives, their services rendered and pray unceasingly for granting them power of endurance, hoping in Christ, and also for all those who are taking care of them.

I take this opportunity to thank the Parish Priest, all the Liturgical Animators and our prayer partners for making this journey a fruitful and memorable one.

Sharing from the heart...

Agatha Alfonso

This pilgrimage was truly a journey of faith and reflection. Visiting the sacred sites of Holy Cross Shrine, Bambolim, Holy Spirit Church in Margao, and St. Anthony Chapel in Deussua, filled my heart with peace and gratitude. Each place had its own quiet beauty — a reminder of God's presence in every corner of our lives.

But what touched me most deeply was my visit to the Clergy Home in Margao. Meeting the priests there, was a heart-warming and eye-opening experience. Their simplicity, dedication, and unwavering faith left a lasting impression on me. Listening to their stories reminded me of the quiet sacrifices made in service to God and His people.

This pilgrimage renewed my spirit and strengthened my faith, reminding me that true holiness is found not only in grand journeys, but also in humble hearts that serve with love.

Effy Ferrao

I am so glad that I got the opportunity to be a part of this Spiritual journey of jubilee year 2025. Thank you all the members of Liturgy Committee.

Doris Gomes

November 12, 2025 is a day to remember. It marks the jubilee pilgrimage of liturgical animators of Se Cathedral. The journey began at 6:30 am at Se Cathedral. Then we visited the Holy Cross Shrine, Bambolim, Holy Spirit church, Margao, St. Anthony's Chapel, Deussua, and lastly the Clergy Home, Margao. The whole pilgrimage ended around 7:00 pm. I consider myself very fortunate to be part of this journey of faith with my seniors to share in their experience and spiritual richness. It was organized so well that I felt the presence of God throughout. Visiting the Clergy Home and spending time with the priests, listening to them, knowing their situation was a different experience altogether. I urge our parishioners to visit the Clergy Homes as often as possible. I take this opportunity to thank the Liturgical Animators' Co-ordinator and her team, for being so considerate and loving and most importantly helping me grow in faith. I'll cherish these moments forever.

Linda Veliath

On 12th Nov. 2025, I had the opportunity of attending Jubilee Pilgrimage (Plenary indulgence) with the Liturgical Animators. It was a full day programme covering South Goa (Holy Cross Shrine, Bambolim; Holy Spirit Church, Margao; St Anthony's Shrine at Deussua, and Clergy Home, Margao). It was a wonderful experience and enriching spiritual journey. I thank Lord Jesus for His graces and blessings. Finally I want to thank the Coordinator for organising this spiritual pilgrimage.

Nataline L. Caiado

I could not imagine what the pilgrimage visit to the holy places would be like. Would it be tiring? Will I face some difficulties may it be while travelling or discomfort throughout the journey? It invoked me! "Do not be afraid for I am with you" Isaiah 41:10

With deep sense of purpose of our pilgrimage, we prayed in group as well as individually at the Shrine of Holy Cross in Bambolim, followed by our visit to Holy Spirit Church in Margao. The Chapel of St Anthony, in Deussua is adorably decorated, and the pictures around depicted the miracles of St. Anthony, urging us to seek miracles in our lives too.

Visit to Clergy Home, "Christ the King," in Margao, was heart touching experience. Ruminating over sighs of elderly priests, longing to be with people, or people to visit them, one would ponder, how could I help them. May God give them strength and courage. Hope our visit was a solace to them.

At the end, it was delightful and spiritually enriching experience.

Maria Desouza

The Jubilee Pilgrimage was overall a very good spiritually experience, and an opportunity for us to earn plenary indulgence. I felt truly blessed to join this pilgrimage.

The visit to the Clergy Home as a work of mercy was indeed an eye opener to make us realise how much we care for the Priests who surrender to God and sacrifice their all in the service of God. It certainly provoked me to have this glance on Pilgrims of hope. "NO PRIESTS NO EUCHARIST. While Parishioners are encouraged to nurture their spiritual wellbeing, Priests are expected to embody strength, patience and availability at all times regardless of their inner struggles and yet they are judged harshly by us." "Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial" ... (James 1:12)



Somudai Ghoddun – Sevadhormik Sevok bandun haddtat Yatrekarachi Firgoz

Lancy Menezes

Sevadhormik Sevok

Missachi bhatt zaun asa bhavartiancho somarombh zhoim Igorjent ekttovlolim bhavarthi sangatim gaionant bhag ghetat, sangatim ubim ravtat, ekvottan dimbi moddtat, sangatim Devachea Povitr jevnant vantto ghetat, Iadnikan ucharlolea magnneak sangatim zobab ditat. Punn halinchea kallar Igorz firgozkarnim bhoron porian aslear Iadnikachea magnneak zobab diunk choddxea zannamchim tonddam ugtinch zainant. Zobab diunk, lokanchim tonddam zodd zal'lim dixti podttat ani hea khatir Misachem bolidan Porjecho somarombh koso zaina ani fokot Padrichich somorombhnni koxi dison ieta.

Zali sumar 2 vorsam, Sevedhormik Sevokancho (Liturgical Animators) pongodd amche firgojent Fr. Rosario hannim ghoddun haddla, hem tumi pollelanch astolem. Sevedhormik Sevok zaun asat vangddi je Igorzmaten Kristanvacho bhavarth odhik khol korunk vinchun kaddleat and Jezuche xikovnnen Sevadhorm odhik orthaborit korunk zaun asa tanchem mukhel karya.

Tanchi zababdari mhol'lear Sevadhormachi mandavoll bore toren manddun haddunk. Ek eka misachea bhagacher bariksannem lokx ghalun, bhavarthiank ho Povitr Missacho somarombh khexe porim orthaborit korunk zata ani bhavarthiank Devacho khol onnbhov koso diunk ieta, ho zaun assa tanchi mukhel usko.

Tanchi zababdari mhol'lear :

1. Iadnika sangata boson Sevadhorma babtint bhasabhas korun, vixoi vinchun kaddunk, ek somarombh koso orthaborit korunk zata tachi yevzonn korop.

2. Sevadhormik calendar-achea adharan aitarachi vo disachea misachi mandavoll polleun, vachpa kaddun, fest zalear festachi vachpam, vo kherit somorombh assa zalear tea khatir kherit vachpam kaddun Iadnikank adhar diunchi zababdari.

3. Zomlolea bhavartheank favo tea vellar, Iadnik prarthon korta tednam favo tem margdorxon diunk ani he porim Povitr jevnnak tanchi toiar korunk adhar diunk.

4. Lector's/Vachpam korpi mon'xam moriadichi nhesonn ghalun

asat ki na, vachpianchim practice konnem ghetlea ani ti bore toren Devachem Utor vachtoli ki na, hi zobabdari tannim gheumchi goroz.

5. Lectors vachop korta zalear tannim apnnem poilim Devachem Utor somzun gheunchi goroz, zalearuch ti dusreank bore toren porgot'tolim, hachi khatri Sevdhormik Sevokani (Liturgical Animators) korunk favo.

6. Gayon mamdall vo cantor assa tache laguim khoincho zobab gavun vo zobab ucharun zalear, vicharun Iadnikak sangchi zababdari.

7. Misachi bhatt korunk adhar ditoleo vastu, zaum missal, sevadhorm, soro, kals, Udok, adi sakistanvank vicharun teo sarkeo zagear dovorleat kai na, hem polleunk Sevadhormik Sevokachi zobabdari.

8. Sound systems sarko asa kai na, tem ek dis adim eun polleun dovorchem, ani sarko na zalear Padr vigarak sangchi goroz.

9. Vachpa adim vivronn diunchi goroz zoi tankam vachpacho hetu gomon eunk adhar mellta.

10. Magnneachi mon'xam aschi goroz, zhoim magnneantlean Devachem mon ollkhun gheun, noveo ievzonneo manddun haddunk, ani porjek otmik vatten Deva sorxim haddunk, hoch zaunk zai tancho husko.

11. Dusrea pongoddam sangata mogan, huskean, gunngunnastana kam korpi monxam asunk goroz. Aplo faido nhoi punn porjek kitem borem poddtolem, hanv jem korta tem porjek Deva sorxim lagim haddta kai na, ho proxn ami amkanch vicharunk favo.

12. 'Adi atam sodam sorvodam Amen', Hem ami adim he bhaxen kortalim, ani tem tech porim zaunk zai, tantunt koslem sudharop eunk zaina, oslim vankddi chintnam bhair uddoun Povitr sobhecheo novea xikvonneak ugtea monan mandun gheun aitem mon aschi goroz.

13. Kamacho chodd bhar asa zalear ani vell na tednam, koslea vaurak odik moll poilim diunchem ho nirnnoi gheunk goroz.

14. Ek Varshik manddavoll (yearly planner) korchu goroz, zhoim mukhel husko zaunk zai, Igorjent ietolea dor eka bhavartheacho bhavarth koso vaddouncho.

15. Hi podvi zaun asa nhoi dusreancher aplo odhikar cholounchi podvi punn seventlean, khalteponnan, mogan dusreank ami Deva sorxim koxem oddunk zata, tacher upai sodhunk goroz.

Thoddkeant mhol'lear Devachem Utor porgottunk ani bhavartheancho bhavarth vaddounk gorjecheo vastu tharear ghalunk, dor eka bhavartheak odhik Jezu sorxim lagim haddunk, hoch zaun asa dor eka Sevadhormik Sevokacho usko ani zababdari.

Lord, I wait for You.

Jesus,
I wait for You with a hopeful
heart,
like dawn waiting for the sun.
like a candle waits for flame.
With quiet hope,
with steady faith,
I trust Your coming light.
Steady my steps,
quiet my fears,
and fill my waiting with Your
peace.
Let every moment draw me
closer
to Your light,
Your promise,
Your love that never fails.
For every promise You made
is a seed already growing
in the garden of my heart.
Amen.

From **Garreth Desa**
Zomo Guttachea Rosa

Waiting for Jesus with Hope

At Christmas, we wait for Jesus with
hope in our hearts. Jesus brings love,
joy and light to the world. Our hope
grows when we pray, show kindness
and share smiles. He fills our days
with happy surprises and his love twin-
kles in us like a shiny Christmas star !

From **Gareth Monteiro**
Zomo Bodveanchi Ranni

Waiting for Jesus with Hope..

Lord Jesus,
In the quiet moments of my day,
teach my heart to wait with hope.
Let Your light guide my steps,
Your peace calm my worries,
and Your promise strengthen my spirit.
I wait for You with trust,
knowing You come with love,
always on time, always faithful.
Amen.

From **Garreth Desa**
Zomo Guttachea Rosa

Preparing Our hearts for Baby Jesus

Christmas is a joyful season filled with lights, music and celebrations, but it's true meaning is welcoming baby Jesus in our hearts. Waiting for Jesus with hope means to live in a way that reflects his love. We prepare for his coming by doing acts of kindness like sharing with others, helping at home and school, praying sincerely and treating everyone with respect. These small actions make our hearts a peaceful and warm place for Jesus. Hope is a powerful light that guides us even when our life feels difficult. When we place our hope on Jesus, we feel a deep sense of joy, comfort and strength. Christmas reminds that Jesus came to bring peace to the world and we can continue his work by being patient, forgiving and thankful. Every kind word and action can become a way of spreading his light to others. Christmas teaches us that even simple everyday kindness can have a strong impact. When we comfort a friend who is upset, forgive someone who hurt us or include someone who feels left out, we share the love that Jesus shared at his birth. By doing these things our heart becomes like a stable in Bethlehem, humble and welcoming to receive Jesus with love and hope.

From **Francis Monteiro**
Zomo Guttachea Rosa

PARISH LITURGICAL PLANNER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER'2025

| <u>SUNDAYS</u> | | | | |
|-----------------------|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Date | Celebration | 7:00 a.m. | 10:00 a.m. | 4:00 p.m. |
| 07/12/25 | 2 nd Sunday of Advent Jubilee of Educators | Khuris Milagr | Our Lady of Light | St. Catherine |
| 14/12/25 | 3 rd Sunday of Advent | Our Lady of Three Necessities | St. Domingo | St. Paul |
| 21/12/25 | 4 th Sunday of Advent | St. Augustine | St. Joseph Vaz | St. John Facundo |
| 28/12/25 | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph Mass for Holy Infants / Innocents | Liturgy Committee | St. Ignatius | Archdiocese (Closing of the Jubilee in the Archdiocese) |

| <u>WEEKDAYS</u> | | | |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| Date | Celebration | Time | Responsibility |
| 03/12/25 (Wed.) | St. Francis Xavier, Pt., solemnity | 7:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 05/12/2025 (Friday) | Sacrament of Holy Communion for the sick & elderly | | Priests |
| 08/12/2025 (Monday) | The Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. | 7:00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 22/12/2025 (Monday) | Confessions | 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. | Liturgy Committee/ Liturgical Animators |

| CHRISTMASTIDE | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|----------------------------------|
| 24/12/2025 (Wed.) | <i>In the evening:</i> Vigil Mass of Christmas | 11.30 p.m. | PPC |
| 25/12/2025 (Thursday) | The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day), solemnity. | 08.00 a.m. | St. Alex |
| | | 10.00 a.m. | SFX |
| 26/12/2025 (Friday) | St. Stephen | 7.00 a.m. | Daily Mass |
| 27/12/2025 (Saturday) | St. John, Ap. & Ev., feast Mass for the Elderly and sick | 8.00 a.m. | Senior Citizens' Associatiion |
| 29/12/2025 (Monday) | Family Day Mass <i>(to be followed by fellowship – Family Day)</i> | 7.00 a.m. | Family Apostolic Association |
| 31/12/2025 (Wed.) | New Year's Eve (Eucharistic Adoration and Solemnity – Holy Mary, Mother of God. | 11.00 p.m. | P.P.C. |
| 01/01/2026 (Thursday) | New Year's Eucharistic Service (Holy Mary, Mother of God) | 08.00 a.m. | Our Lady of Piety |

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DAILY READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2025

Intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer

Intention: For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

| Date | Readings | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------------|
| 01/12/2025 MONDAY | Is. 2:1-5 (or 4:2-6); | Ps. 121 (122*): 1-2. 3-4a. (4b-5. 6-7) 8-9; | | Mt. 8:5-11 |
| 02/12/2025 TUESDAY | Is. 11:1-10; | Ps. 71(72*): 1-2.7-8. 12-13.17; | | Lk. 10:21-24. |
| 03/12/2025 WEDNESDAY | Jer. 1:4-9 or 1 Cor: 9:16-19.22-23; | Ps. 70 (71*):1-2. 5-6. 8-9. 14-15ab | 2 Cor. 4:7-15; | Lk. 10:1-16. |
| 04/12/2025 THURSDAY | Is. 26:1-6; | Ps. 117(118*):1+8-9.19-21.25-27a; | | Mt. 7:21.24-27. |
| 05/12/2025 FRIDAY | Is.29:17-24; | Ps. 26 (27*):1.4.13-14; | | Mt. 9:27-31. |
| 06/12/2025 SATURDAY | Is. 30:19-21.23-26; | Ps. 146(147*):1-2.3-4.5-6; | | Mt. 9:35 - 10:1.5a. 6-8. |
| 07/12/2025 SUNDAY | Is. 11:1-10; | Ps. 71(72*): 1-2. 7-8. 12-13.17; | 2 Rom. 15:4-9; | Mt. 3:1-12. |
| 08/12/2025 MONDAY | Gen. 3:9-15.20; | Ps. 97(98*): 1.2-3ab. 3cd-4; | Eph. 1:3-6.11-12; | Lk. 1:26-38. |
| 09/12/2025 TUESDAY | Is. 40:1-11; | Ps.95 (96*):1-2. 3+10ac. 11-12a. 12b-13; | | Mt. 18:12-14. |
| 10/12/2025 WEDNESDAY | Is. 40:25-31; | Ps. 102(103*): (103*):1-2.3-4.8+10; | | Mt. 11:28-30. |
| 11/12/2025 THURSDAY | Is. 41:13-20; | Ps.144(145*): 1+9.10-11.12-13 ab; | | Mt. 11:11-15. |
| 12/12/2025 FRIDAY | Is.48:17-19; | Ps. 1:1-2.3.4+6; | | Mt. 11:16-19. |
| 13/12/2025 SATURDAY | Hebr.: Sir. 48:1-4.9-11; | Ps. 79 (80*):2 ac +3b. 15-16. 18-19; | | Mt. 17:10-13. |

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| 14/12/2025 SUNDAY | Is. 35:1-6a. 10; | Ps. 145 (146*): 6c-7.8-9a. 9bc-10; | Jm. 5:7-10; | Mt. 11:2-11. |
| 15/12/2025 MONDAY | Num. 24:2-7. 15-17a; | Ps. 24(25*):4bc- 5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9; | | Mt. 21:23- 27. |
| 16/12/2025 TUESDAY | Zeph. 3:1-2.9- 13; | Ps. 33(34*):2-3.6- 7.17-18. 19+23; | | Mt. 21:28- 32. |
| 17/12/2025 WEDNESDAY | Gen. 49:1-2. 8-10; | Ps. 71(72*): 1-2.3- 4ab. 7-8. 17; | | Mt. 1:1-17. |
| 18/12/2025 THURSDAY | Jer. 23:5-8; | Ps. 71(72*): 1-2. 12-13. 18-19; | | Mt. 1:18-24. |
| 19/12/2025 FRIDAY | Jdg. 13:2-7.24- 25a; | Ps. 70(71*): 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17; | | Lk. 1:5-25. |
| 20/12/2025 SATURDAY | Is. 7:10-14; | Ps. 23(24*): 1-2. 3-4ab.5-6; | | Lk. 1:26-38. |
| 21/12/2025 SUNDAY | Is. 7:10-14; | Ps. 23(24*): 1-2.3- 4ab. 5-6; | Rom. 1:1-1, | Mt. 1:18-24. |
| 22/12/2025 MONDAY | 1 Sam. 1:24-28 | Ps. 1 Sam. 2:1.4-5. 6-7.8abcd; | | Lk. 1:46-56. |
| 23/12/2025 TUESDAY | Hebr.: Mal. 3:1- 4.23-24; | Ps. 24(25*):4-5ab. (25*):4-5ab. 10+14; | | Lk. 1:57-66. |
| 24/12/2025 WEDNESDAY | 2 Sam. 7:1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16; | Ps. 88(89*):2-3 (89*): 2-3.4-5.27 + 29; | | Lk. 1:67-79. |
| | Is. 62:1-5; | Ps. 88 (89*):4-5. (89*) : 4-5.16-17.27 + 29; | Ac. 13:16- 17.22-25; | Mt. 1:1-25 (or 18-25). |
| 25/12/2025 THURSDAY <i>(midnight)</i> | Hebr.: Is. 9:1-6 | Ps. 95(96*):1-2a. 2b-3.11-12a. 126-13; | Tit. 2:11-14; | Lk. 2:1-14. |
| 25/12/2025 THURSDAY | Is. 52:7-10; | Ps. 97(98*):1.2-3ab. (98*):1.2-3ab. 3cd-4.5-6; | Heb. 1:1-6; | Jn. 1:1-18 (or 1-5.9-14). |
| 26/12/2025 FRIDAY | Ac. 6:8-10, 7:54-59; | Ps. 30(31*):3cd-4. 6+8ab. 16bc+17; | | Mt. 10:17- 22. |
| 27/12/2025 SATURDAY | 1 Jn. 1:1-4; | Ps. 96(97*): 1-2. 5-6. 11-12; | | Jn. 20:2-8 |
| 28/12/2025 SUNDAY | Sir. 3:3-7. 14- 17a; | Ps. 127 (128*):1- 2.3.4-5; | Col. 3:12-21; | Mt. 2:13- 15.19-23. |
| 29/12/2025 MONDAY | 1 Jn. 2:3-11; | Ps. 95(96*): 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6; | | Lk. 2:22-35. |
| 30/12/2025 TUESDAY | 1 Jn. 2:12-17; | Ps. 95(96*):7-8a. (96*):7-8a. 8b-9.10; | | Lk. 2:36-40. |
| 31/12/2025 WEDNESDAY | 1Jn. 2:18-21; | Ps. 95(96*): 1-2. 11-12. 13; | | Jn. 1:1-18. |

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