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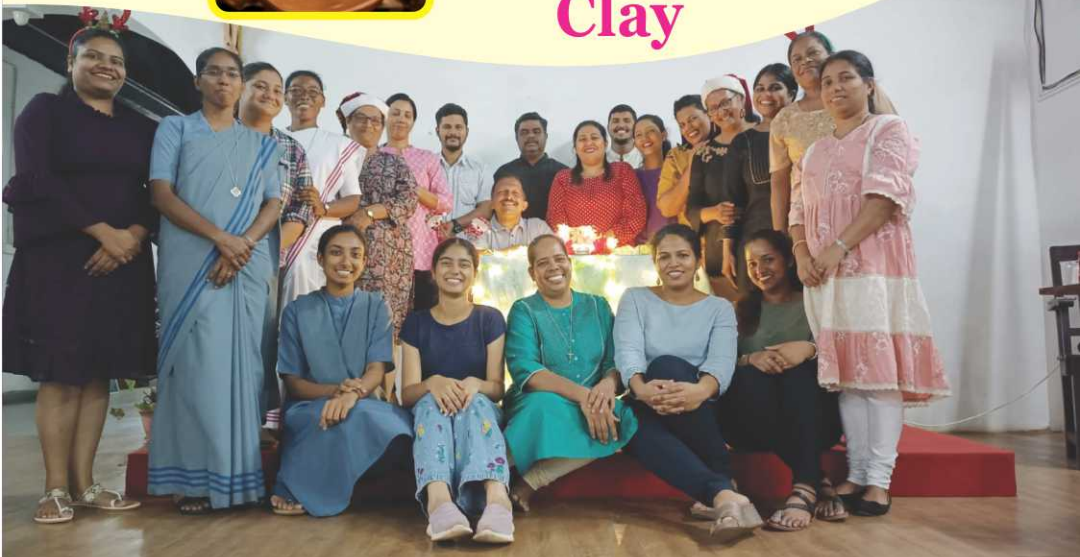
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**I Am the  
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## MONTH'S MIND



*"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith" -2 Timothy 4:7*

*Luis Cabral*

There will be an Eucharistic celebration for the soul of our beloved on **Thursday,**

**8 February 2024 at 8:00 am at Se Cathedral Church, Old Goa.**

Offered by his loving wife; **Elvina (Lucy)**

**Pires, Children: Glean, Orvil, Sarah/**

**Lino, Grandson: Evren**



## Vigaracho Sondex

Fr Rosario Oliveira



**M**hojea mogall Firgozkaramno, Febrerachea mhoineant ‘dotonicher’ kherit lokx ghatlolem ami polletanv. Hea mhoineache 04ter amchea Goy-Damanchea maha-prantant ami ‘dotonicho’ vo Jezuche vollkicho dis monoitanv ani amchea hea Santa Katarinachea Katedralant ami hea mhoineachea 11ver ‘dotonicho dis’ somarombhtanv. Vorsan voros ‘dotonicho dis’ somarombhun ami ‘classint doton’ xikovpacho visov ditanv punn doton sompoinanv. Khorem mhuller ak’khea vorsant ani ak’khea amchea jivitant ami Devachi vollokh ghevun ani bhavartant vaddonk goroz. Oslea bhavartant vaddonk amkam khub zonnacho adar mell’ta:

**Jezu Sondexkar:** Jezu hea sonvsarant ailo bori ani xubh khobor porgottunk. To amkam disandis hi bori khobor porgottit asa. “Mon bodlat ani Xubhvortoman mandun gheiat” mhunn amkam ulo marta. Tachem Xubhvortoman ami svikarunk, Sorginchea Rajeachi bori khobor mandun ghevunk, Devache gutt vollkunk ani povitronnak pavoit ti vatt dhorunk To amkam xikoita.

**Avoi-Bapui Sondexkaram:** Avoi-Bapaink Dev bhurgim dita tednam tankam ek kaido Dev ghalta to mhuller tannem team bhurgeank Kristi bhavartan vaddouk. Code of Canon Law states, “Before all others, parents are bound to form their children, **by word and example, in faith and in Christian living**. The same obligation binds godparents and those who take the place of parents” (Can. 774, §2, CIC). Bhurgim zolmant ietat tednam tim Kristi bhurgim mhunn zolmant ienant punn **soimbik bhurgim** (natural children) koxim zolmotat. Bautisma vorvim tim **Kristi bhurgim** zatat. Zaita pavtti Kristi avoi-bapui aplea bhurgeank soimbik vatten vaddouk khub thokos ghetat punn Kristi bhurgim koxim vaddouk fattim urtat. Oslim bhurgim aplea avoi-bapaikui mandinant ani Devachea-i mogan vaddonant. Tim Devak sanddlolim bhurgim koxim jietat ani jivitant moddam-tufana uprastat tednam tim guspotat ani niraxiponnan jivit sartat. Avoi-bapain ek monan dovrunk zai: **Jem kitem avoi-bapui odik molachem mhunn dortat ani zacho tim odik mog kortat, tench tumchim bhurgim apnnaitat.** Jim avoi-bapui duddvancho vo sonvsarachea vostuncho vo voddponnacho odik mog kortat, tanchi bhurgim vadd’toch toxench korta. Punn jim avoi-bapui Devacho chodd mog kortat ani Devachea

vostunk odik mol ditat, tanchim bhurgim fuddarak hench kortat. Hem sogllem tim avoi-bapaiche dotonichea vorgant xinktat.

**Iadnik Sondexkar:** Bhavatachi xikovnn diunk bhurgeank, tornatteank ani vaddloleant, dhor eke firgojechea gonvllleak zobabdari asa. Khore Kristi xikovnnen ani Kristi jivitache chalin tancho bhavart jivo korunk, to favo te porim somorombhunk ani porgottunk adar diunk favo.

**Dev-Sondexkaram:** Dev-sondexkaranak, Padr Vigarache sohokari zaun aple firgojent, bhurgeanchea ani vaddloleanchea kristanvacho bhavart kholaunk, Povitr Sobhen porgott keloli dhormik xikovnn xikouk ani tankam sacramentak toiar korunk vholdd zobabdari. Hem aplem mhunniarponn choloitana, Dev-sondexkaramnim dhormprantachea dotonichea kendrachem margdorxon monan dovrin Padr Vigarache gonvllik iujonne pormonem korchi goroz. Sondexkaramchi zobabdari nhoich fokot dotonichea vorgant, punn vholdda promannan hi zobabdari dotonichea ‘class’ichea bhair tannem pallunk favo. Dotonichea kendran xaploleam pustokam pormonem vorgant xikovnn diunk titem avgodd nhoi, punn bhavartachi ani Kristi jivitachi dekh vorga-bhair diunk, zoxem misant koso vantto ghevunk zai, konn porim misak neshunk zai, konn porim amchi utram ani kornneo zaunk zai, somudaient kitle umedin bhag ghevunk zai, Devachea vaurak kitle umedin fuddakar ghevunk zai, Kristi totvam jiunk ani koxttantanlean bhavartak visvaxi ravun Jezuk govai diunk zai tem dhor eka sondexkaran dakouk zai. Ak’khi firgoz ani somaz ek dotonichi ‘class’ koxi ani apunn sondexkar/sondexkarn koxi vagunk zai.

**Dhor ek Kristanv Sondexkar:** Dhor eka Kristi bhavan vo bhoinn aplo bhavart jiunk to aplea jivitache chalin, utran ani kornneamnim dusreank porgottunk kaido asa. Jedna amchea bhavartachi govaiki ami dusream Kristi bhavam-bhoinnik vo okristi bhavam-bhoinnik ditanv tednam ami Dev-sondexkaram zatanv. Amchea ghorant, somudaient ani somazant Kristi totvam ami ximpddaitanv tednam, dusreank ami bhogxitanv tednam, khaltikaein amchea jivitantle koxtt sonstanv tednam, apnna poros dusreank uklun dovortanv tednam, dusream pasot ani Povitr Sobhe pasot amcho vhell ani gunn ditanv tednam, dusreanichi seva kortanv tednam ani Devachea and peleachea mogan vaddtanv tednam ami Jezuche sondexkar zatanv.

Jezuche sondexkar zaum-ia, bhavart porgottum-ia.

Tumcho Vigar



(Rev. Can. Rosario Oliveira)

# 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024

By Chris Dcunha

14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 is a very special day this year. It is a day when we will be celebrating Ash Wednesday as well as Valentine's Day. It happens many a times that Valentine's Day comes within the season of Lent, but this year the love day is come on Ash Wednesday. It has been 73 years since Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday have coincided, the last year being 1945. Are we prepared for it?

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence to begin the period of solemn reflection, holiness, service to the church and the community. It is a season of 40 days to prepare for the celebration on Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Because of the significance of Ash Wednesday, the obligations of fast and abstinence must be a priority for all Catholics. It is a way to enter into the season of Lent with a stronger spirit of intention and with the added blessing of the graces offered during this unique liturgical season.

Valentine's Day is a day when you show your love for another person by sending cards, gifts and messages of love. Couples give cards or presents to each other. In addition to greeting cards, flowers and jewelry, Valentine's Day also includes chocolates and dinners at home or in restaurants.

That's where the conflict of fasting and celebrating with food and treats comes in. How do we celebrate 14<sup>th</sup> February 2024 this year?

If you have many sweets at home left, take time on the Tuesday to finish up some of them. If you receive sweets on 14<sup>th</sup> February day, you can eat them on the Sundays.

Mass at the church is early in the morning. So go to Mass and receive your ashes, spend time meditating on how to better love God and to love others this Lent. During the mass we show Jesus our love, and He does much more for us by giving Himself to us totally. There





isn't a better valentine than Our Lord.

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal or two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Have a simpler Valentine's celebration .You can still take your loved one on a date. Just pick a simple vegetarian menu. You can skip the dessert and make sure it's your only full meal of the day.

Instead of purchasing an expensive box of chocolates or expensive gifts for your special someone, take time to craft a handmade card or write a love letter. The money which you would have spent extra on the expensive gifts or food can be used for almsgiving or use it for a worthy charity.

Celebrate the day by showing love to not only to your loved ones but also to Jesus Christ who died on the cross to save us from sin. Spread Valentine's joy and God's love and grace to all.

Tell your spouse, children, family, and friends that you love them. What better day to remember the blessings we have in them but on this day.

Give your loved ones an Ash Wednesday Valentine's Day card. Maybe take the time to write a note to someone who is lonely. Visit an elderly neighbor whose spouse has passed away, or a person who is not well, help someone in need.

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# Ugddas Dhor Monxa...

By Perpetua Menezes

‘Ugddas dhor, monxa: Tum dhul’l ani portun tuji dhul’l zatoli.’ Oxem ucharun yadnik Kristi lokanchea koplak gobrachea khursachi kuru korta. Hi rit zata Roman Katolik Kristi lok korezmachea kallant bhitor sorta tea disa. Ho dis ami ‘gobracho budhvar’ mhon palltanv. Inglez bhaxen ami tea disak Ash Wednesday mhonnttanv.

Koplak gobrachea khursachi kuru korta tednam amkam hem-ui kollit korun dita ki, Korezmacho kall ek oso kall, jen’nam amkam ugddas korun dita ki Jezuchea mornachi and punorjivont-ponnachi ami kholayen molavnni korpachi goroz asa mhone. Ami amcheach ontoskornacher nodor marun amchich porikxa korun ami khoim chukta tem nittayer ghalunk ho kall amkam adar dita. Jezuchea morna ani punorjivont-ponnacher nodor dovrn amchio chuko nittayer ghaltanam ami pirajit, magnnem ani upas korunk favo mhon gobrachea khursa vorvim ho kall amkam xikoita.

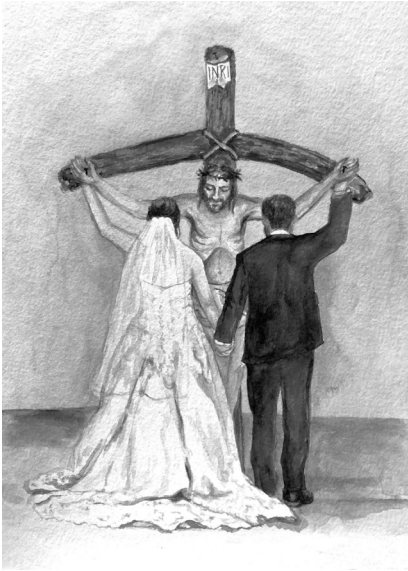
Monis soimbant oskot. Soimbant oskot mhonnlear otmik bolaiken oskot. Ti oskotai monxeak someponnim tallnent ghalunk xokta. Tor monis aplea voile oskotaiyecher koxem zoitt vhorunk xokta? Otmik osoktai pois korun ghott koxe zaunk zata? Kuddint osokt zait zalear borem possunn dita toslem ghottayechem jevonn jevun kudd ghott korunk zata. Punn monxeachi otmik jinn oskot zalear tika otmik ghottai diun ghott korpak zai, ani hem chodd gorjechem, ani chodd avgodd. Tor hea vorsant ami korezmachea kallant bhitor sortanam ami vinaxi mhonn olkon gheun pirajitachea monan amchech bhitor kholayen nodor marun, peleak bhogsun ani gorjevontak adar diunk nirnoi gheum-ia. Amchea Gonvilli Bapa amkam ‘Hanvem Tumkam Kelan Toxench Tumi Korat’ he moladik vixoi dila to-i monant dhorun, Jezun adar nasloleanchi seva kelia toxi pelachi seva korun Gonvlli Bapan dilolea vixoiak chittkun ravum-ia.



# Marriage Preparation

Fr. Rosario Oliveira

We sometimes hear young people, who intent to get married, saying, ‘Parish Priest has called us for marriage catechism’. What is marriage catechism? It is nothing but marriage preparation. One may ask, when should the marriage preparation begin? In this issue, let us focus on “Marriage Preparation”. There are four pastoral stages of marriage preparation: (a) Remote preparation; (b) Proximate preparation; (c) Immediate preparation; (d) Post-celebration pastoral care.



**(a) Remote preparation:** The focus of marriage preparation at this level is preaching and catechetical instructions given by the (parish) priests regarding the meaning of marriage and the role of Christian spouses and parents (see Can. 1063, 1°, CIC); The Pontifical Council for the Families highlights the role of family/parents, schools and the Christian Community in preparation the prospective couple with the values, ethics, and Christian family lifestyle. Besides, the young people, as the grow, must also contribute by imbibing values essential for marriage such as strong character, self-control, self-esteem, relationship building, self-sacrificing, genuine self-donation, human and spiritual values. At this stage, the parents play a great role in preparing the youngsters for marriage by words, family values and good example. The couple are expected to



discover the dignity and beauty of marriage.

**(b) Proximate preparation:** At this stage, those who intend to get married, undergo personal preparation. This is normally done during the period of engagement. The focus of this stage is, “the holiness and the obligations of their new state” (see Can. 1063, 2°, CIC). During this period, the couple will have the opportunity to verify the maturation of the human values, relationship of friendship and dialogue, deepening the life of faith, understanding the sacramentality of the church and to identify difficulties they may have in living an authentic Christian life. They are also given formal courses during this period instructing them regarding the natural requirements of the interpersonal relationship between a man and woman in God’s plan for marriage and family; awareness regarding freedom of consent; the unity and indissolubility of marriage, the correct concept of responsible parenthood, the human aspect of conjugal sexuality, the proper education of children and developing spousal spirituality.

**(c) Immediate preparation:** This stage obligates the pastors of souls and the couple to concentrate more on the spiritual and liturgical celebration of marriage. The couple should be helped in understanding the meaning of liturgical actions and the texts of the marriage ceremony. The catechesis at this stage includes not only about the Church’s teaching on marriage and the family but also about the sacrament and its rites, prayers, and readings, so that they may be able to celebrate it thoughtfully and fruitfully. The couple should be actively involved in preparation of the liturgy for their wedding. It is also important that the couple and all those who are closely involved in the celebration of marriage receive the sacrament of penance. More often than not, the couple, prior to marriage remain busy in preparation for the reception and distribution of invitations that they come to the Church fully exhausted. This should be avoided.

**(d) The fourth stage, Pastoral Care after marriage:** Can. 1063, CIC, speaks of continuous pastoral care and support to be given to all those who are married in order to sustain them in this vocation; to help them live it in an ever more fruitful manner.

# I experienced Jesus...

**Catechist Jewella DeSouza**

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**M**y faith since childhood through my youth was largely based on knowing intellectually about my Christian faith. A lot of information! I was proud of it. Christian life is not about memorizing a certain set of information but it is about experience. This could often be mediated by how thirsty are we to seek Jesus!

My journey as a catechist is a similar one that I would like to share. There were two beautiful women, in my life who led



me grow in love for Jesus Christ. Back in days of my childhood as I was growing up I had my granny's backing always. She was like an angel guided by the spirit to teach me how to pray, when to pray and so on. I grew up seeing her pray, reciting rosaries throughout the day, reading some religious books in her leisure time etc. Initially she was the first one who helped me to come closer to Jesus. She was my true mentor to help me grow spiritually in

love for Jesus Christ. Although she is no more, the memories she gave me about the love of Jesus Christ, I will cherish forever.

The second person that impacted my life was my mother; who would instruct me to recite prayers while praying with our family at home, take me to visit the blessed sacrament chapel & spend some time along with the siblings, sharing her knowledge about God with us & How important is his presence in our lives, she would even

take us for retreats held at various churches etc. I grew up seeing both of them actively participating in church services. Especially my mother from being a PPC member to a Catechist and her other involvement in various activities. This actually brought me closer towards becoming a Catechist.

My personal encounter with Jesus in times of trials, is seeking Jesus all the time. In difficult situations I always tend to go to Blessed Sacrament, spend time with Jesus whom I consider as my best counsellor, comforter & guide. He who provides all solutions to all my problems whenever I seek him. Each time I seek him there's lot of calmness which he instils in me; that I'm running short of words as I'm unable to express.

I was not very keen in becoming a Catechist due to my low self-esteem and not being confident enough with my knowledge as to how I would be able to teach children the word of God. You never know when God chooses you to work for him, and then it was a sudden call from our Ex Parish Priest who approached me to come and teach Catechism. That moment I was left speechless & thinking how could I do that?

It's been 7 years now of being a Catechist. It gives me immense joy to teach children catechism. And this journey I don't see any ending it shall continue as long as I can for he motivates me. I'm thankful & grateful to him for the abundance of graces I've received from him.

Spending quality time in prayer, being sensitive to others needs, reaching out to others has helped me to grow more in love for Jesus. Most importantly the key to experience Jesus is being humble not just in deeds but also in your thoughts.

God has a loving plan for each of our lives. We are not born into this world not to simply live and die, but to carry out the loving plan, God has for us. Only if we thirst to hear his voice, we shall hear him speak and what he speaks will sustain and bear fruit. However, I believe, that grace is constantly available to everyone. It is up to the human person to respond to grace.

It is important to know that our Lord Jesus is never tired of a sinner, he is never angry, he is never upset with any of us. He still waits with great hope.

# CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Written by Karrie Fernandes

The Christmas celebration for the catechism children of Old Goa was scheduled on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 a day that all children look up to. The kids enthusiastically participated in the programme. Khuxalkai and Pritimog Zomo gave a great start to the programme by singing some famous Christmas carols with their melodious voice thus keeping the tempo for the programme. Group 5 ,6 and 7 presented to us a skit on nativity and gave us a short message to prepare ourselves to receive baby Jesus in our hearts. Xanti zomo sang some more Christmas carols but this time it was in our own mother tongue followed by Santa's entry and distributing sweets. The catechists took a lot of efforts in taking their practices by sacrificing their routine schedule. Though we had planned for Hindi carols, the same couldn't be put up. Santa's entry with the distribution of sweets made the kids happy. The programme winded up by 10 am.



# My spiritual life as a catechist

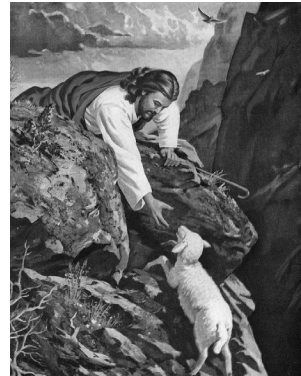
Written by Jacklene Fernandes

Let me first begin with my spiritual journey, born in a catholic family of 5 siblings, and my dad, a government employee, studied in a convent school, brought up with good ethics from God fearing parents, our aim in life was to study and be someone in life. As children we had to go for mass only on Sundays and during novena days and yes we had to be home for the Angelus followed by Rosary, which continued till I received all my sacraments.

Once I grew up and finished my education then my actual life started and I remained a Sunday Catholic, would sleep and go for mass in the evening, felt the rosary too were too lengthy, would tell Dad; Sunday no rosary since I went for mass, and his reply was why do you eat on Sundays, don't eat too.

Once I got married, though my husband was a devoted catholic, would read his Bible every day still my life as a Sunday Catholic didn't change. Whenever problems arose and I couldn't make decisions, my husband would say read the Bible, you will get your answers, but for me I couldn't get an answer in the Bible, so my husband too couldn't improve my Spiritual life and it became worst, since by now was working, would go for Saturday evening mass so that I could sleep on Sundays, I would tell my in-laws you'll do your personal prayers, i.e. pray for all your dead souls and your other intentions then will say the Rosary, as it was too lengthy praying for all their dead souls, and once that was over you can call me.

My actual Spiritual journey started in Se Cathedral Parish, way back though born in Ribandar, married in St. Cruz would sometimes come for the 4pm mass, and then the Novena's of 3 necessities as



my husband is a true devotee of Mother Mary, as for him it's ask her and she is there for him, for him she has a special place in his life. In 2005 I bought my flat in Old Goa, and became the parishioners of Se Cathedral church, but my life still didn't change.

As the scripture says God comes in search of his lost sheep, in 2005 I met with a terrible bike accident, wherein I was operated and inserted with a steel plate and 16 screws, was in the hospital for 18 days then leaving me home bound for 6 months, and in the 18 days in the hospital. The spark of reading the Bible was ignited by one of the patient in my ward, I continued to read the Bible when I was home bound. In that year my husband decided that we go for a retreat in Pota, and during the adoration Fr. Augustine announced God is calling many to become catechists claim it, many stood up, but I didn't, it's not for me, I don't have time for all that, but God has his plans and it unfolds to you. In 2007 when I was sitting in the church waiting for my children to finish their catechism classes, one of the ex-catechists came to me and said, would you like to teach catechism, instead of sitting you can make good use of your time, I said ok, as initially it started as my time pass activity with the little ones, just telling stories, playing games with them, then gradually I started learning many new things along with them, I can now proudly say I have spiritually grown and am growing, no turning back. Whatever you do to him he pays you back a hundred fold. In my life, there are many such incidents where I have experienced God's hands, when my dad had met with an accident head injury blood clot, the doctors had given up on him, as he was aged and had gone in coma ,but through prayers and interventions he came out within a month. There are many such incidents in my life that proves that God's hand is over me, it's only that sometimes I fail to recognise due to my laziness, but one thing I have understood he will come in search of you, no matter where you go and what you do, as we all are his loving children, and he is our Father.



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Janerache 18ver, Br. Jason-an, kommunihanv ghetlolea bhurgeank otmik vatten vadoipak, tanchea avoi-bapaik ani bhav-bhoinak vangdda, Padr Vigarar tharailole porim Povitr Hor kelem. Bhurgeannim Povitr Hor-ant bore bhaxen vanto gheun, ek-eklean magnnem korun Devak dhin'vaslo.

Janerache 19ver, bhurgeannim Poilea kumsaracho Sakrament ghetlo. Tanchea Avoi-Bapainnin, bhava-bhoinnim tanchea sangata kumsar kelem.

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Padvigar Rosario Oliveira-n Poilea Kommunihanvachem Misachea bolidanamchem yezmanponn choloilem. Misacho vixoi "Jezu kallzant gheun, Jezu kelam toxench ami korum-ia". Bhurgeanni poilech pavtt Jezuk kallzant gheun, gaion korun Bapak dhinvaslo. Padr. kur Seby Vaz, dotonichea bhurgeank sangata gheun vhadde umedin and sobit tallean gaionam gailim ani mis orthabhorit kelem.

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Hea sogllea khatir Devak ami argham ditanv.

# D. AFONSO DE ALBUQUERQUE- ESTABLISHER OF CATHOLICISM IN OLD GOA & HIS PERENNIAL LEGACY FOR GOAN CATHOLICS

Br. John Marshal of St. Mary Magdalene

Goan history cannot be separated from the legacy of Afonso de Albuquerque. He was born on 1453 in Alhandra, Portugal and died on December 16, 1515 in Old Goa. He remains a complex figure for many. Some go so far as to eulogise him to the highest, while the others try their best to put him down. This shows how historical research has been conducted based on biases and tunnel visions. This article focusses on the living legacy of D. Afonso de Albuquerque for the Goan soil.

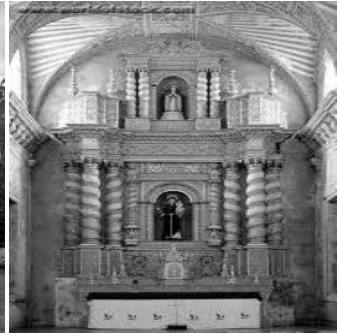


Afonso de Albuquerque was a deeply pious man rooted in the Catholic faith. This could be the result of his parentage. For example, his ancestor Afonso Sanches, Lord of Albuquerque (1289-1329) is a servant of God in the path of canonisation.

However, evidence also shows that Afonso de Albuquerque was not a religious bigot and he acted with much tolerance towards other religions.

During the beginning of the 16th century, the Adil Shah government wasn't much liked by the people and Albuquerque was invited to liberate them from the Adil Shah rule by a Timoja or Timmayya of Hindu background. Albuquerque achieved this success on November 25, 1510.

As a sign of thanksgiving, he erected or ordered to erect various religious structures in Old Goa. They are Royal Chapel of St Antony, Church of Our Lady of Rosary, Chapel of St Catherine of Alexandria, Chapel of Our Lady of Mount and the now extinct Chapel of Our Lady of Serra.



The royal chapel of St Antony is one of the oldest structures erected in honour of the miraculous saint Antony of Lisbon. The order of Albuquerque to erect this chapel was carried out in 1526. Today, it houses the Holy Family novitiate. Pope Alexander VIII once granted plenary indulgences for this chapel.



The Church of Our Lady of Rosary closer to this chapel came to existence in 1526 and it was raised as a Parish church in the year 1543. It is now a part of the UNESCO heritage monuments in Old Goa. It was in this Church that St Francis Xavier, Goencho Saib of the Goan Catholics, used to teach catechism.





The Chapel of St Catherine of Alexandria is the first ever Christian structure erected by the Portuguese in Goa in the year 1510 itself under the orders of Afonso de Albuquerque. Thus, it is very significant and could be considered as the starting point of the Catholicism in Goa in the early modern era. This chapel is now a part of the UNESCO heritage monuments in Old Goa.



The cultus of St Catherine introduced by Albuquerque is also reflected by the fact that the Se Cathedral of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman is dedicated to her. In this way, the religious legacy of Albuquerque still lives on.

The Chapel of Our Lady of Mount, popularly known for its annual Monte music festival, came into existence by a vow of Albuquerque. This is now a protected monument under the Archives and Archaeology of the State of Goa. This came to existence immediately after the conquest of Goa in 1510. This devotion to Our Lady of Mount instituted for the first time in Goa by Albuquerque was later carried to Mangalore by Rev. Fr Miranda from Santan, Talaulim, Goa and it is still a visible part of Mangalorean Catholic identity.





The Chapel of Our Lady of Serra existed in the location of the present-day cemetery of the Se Cathedral, Old Goa. It was constructed by Albuquerque in 1513. Albuquerque was buried there initially and later; his remains were carried to Portugal around 1565.



The Catholic Church always encourages praying and doing charity works for the souls of the departed. Albuquerque seems to be the first person who made this into effect in Goa. He made 48 shops in the Rua Direita of Old Goa and made his will that the revenues generated from this should be offered for his soul as well as some others.



Adjacent to the Chapel of St Catherine, Albuquerque also made the first-ever European style hospital in Asia known as 'Royal Hospital' in 1510. It is where St Francis Xavier stayed in his first visit to Goa and he was taking care of the patients there. Thus, the first moments of the evangelical work of the Apostle of the East started here. Sadly, this fact is totally forgotten.

Therefore, the contributions of Albuquerque to Goa heritage can never be underestimated and rejected as “things from colonial past”. Though some people may wish to erase his name forever, there is no doubt that he has left a living legacy in the religious life of Goa.

De Barros mentions that his tomb at the now extinct Chapel of Our Lady of Serra was visited by the natives including Hindus to ask his favour whenever they were oppressed by the viceroys who succeeded him. Though his remains are no longer in Goa the legacy of Albuquerque still lives on amid serious efforts to destroy traces of Portuguese culture in Goa.

Our Catholic tradition always emphasizes the need to pray for all our benefactors. Without Albuquerque, the Divine instrument for establishing Catholicism can we think about unique Christian heritage of Goa? It is our duty to pray for him.

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## Denary Romaria of St Joseph Vaz

By - Effy Ferrao - (Friends of Joseph Vaz)

**A** report on the Romaria of St. Catherine of Alexandria parish as a part of the Old Goa deanery for the novena of St. Joseph Vaz at Sancoale on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 and feast mass at the Se Cathedral on 16<sup>th</sup> of January 2024.

The parishioners of Old Goa along with Fr. Rosario and Fr. Seby gathered near the Se Cathedral Church premises at about 2.30 pm and two buses full, numbering about sixty, set-off on a pilgrimage to Sancoale to participate in the Holy Eucharist held on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January 2024 at 4pm.

The celebration was conducted in the especially erected pandal on the grounds of the old Sancoale church ruins where St. Joseph Vaz used to attend religious services as a child. Fr. Savio Viegas, Parish Priest of St. Blaise, Cumberjua, Sao Braz, as the main celebrant enlightened the pilgrims spiritually with his homily. Pilgrims attended the service with devotion and due reverence.

While proceeding to Sancoale, all recited the Chaplet of St. Joseph Vaz and on their return journey they prayed the Holy Rosary. Tea and snacks were served to all.

The feast of St. Joseph Vaz was celebrated on the 16<sup>th</sup> of January, 2024 in the Cathedral Church by the Friends of St Joseph Vaz. Fr. Seby Vaz was the main celebrant who preached in his homily the virtues of St. Joseph Vaz and urged the attendees to emulate the saint's example and lead a holy Christian life. After the feast mass tea and snacks were served.

# “For many are called, but few are chosen.”

- *Mathew 22:14*

**As reported by Mr. Lloyd Vaz, MET member.**

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Report on the Fourth Phase of PPC Elections held at St Catherine of Alexandria Parish, Se Cathedral Old Goa.

After successfully conducting the Somudai conscientization sessions the next stage of the formation process, the Elections at Somudai level was to be planned. The MET gathered for a meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30 pm at the Parish residence to discuss the way forward.

MET members actively participated in the discussion and came out with election schedule starting from 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 till 14<sup>th</sup> January.

Prior to elections, it was decided to create awareness among the parishioners. Firstly at the serenading level where the Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Canon Rosario Oliveira said a few words regarding the importance of Parish Council. Also on the Family Day celebration, celebrated on 29<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

It was decided that the MET would take up liturgical responsibility for the Sunday mass on 7<sup>th</sup> January and accordingly Mrs. Clea Fernandes was asked to prepare the liturgy. MET members were given responsibility with reading the Introduction, Word of God, Prayers of Faithful etc. Also, a video presentation to be circulated on what's app groups was delegated to Mr Lloyd Vaz and Mr Joberth Dias. The same was circulated on the Somudai groups starting from 7<sup>th</sup> January. The theme of the video being 'Chosen', which depicted with reference to modern era how Jesus choose His disciples and how there was acceptance to the call to carry forward the mission of Jesus.

Two teams were formed to undertake the election process as mentioned in the PPC Constitution and was headed by the Presiding officer under the guidance of the Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest.

In total 300 parishioners participated in electing their Somudai representative out of which 5 were home bound. The voting was held via secret ballot and the counting was done on the spot. The names of each person who was voted was mentioned on the board. The election process started with a prayer service conducted by MET along with somudai members followed by registration. The voters before casting their ballot had to register on the registration sheet provided along with name, phone and signature. A ballot paper was provided on which 4 names were to be mentioned and the same was to be folded and deposited in the ballot box. The process was transparent and was explained in detail at the beginning of the elections.

Later the Parish Priest sent letter of invitation to all the eligible elected members. A few members replied about their unavailability due to certain personal reasons. The same was put across to the MET members on 22<sup>nd</sup> January to take their opinion. It was decided to issue letter of invitation to other persons in the list where the earlier chosen members were not available to serve as members.

The PPC Formation are scheduled to be held from 4<sup>th</sup> February upto 3<sup>rd</sup> March for 5 different days. The MET has planned a schedule for the formation sessions which will end up with final election to PPC.

# Feast of St. Sebastian

By Chris Dcunha

St. Sebastian used to work as a soldier to Emperor Diocletian. Due to his courage he was promoted as a captain of the guards. They were not aware that he was a Christian. He had concealed his faith. He secretly started to preach the word of the Lord to the soldiers as well as to the prisoners. He is said to have done some miraculous healings. In this way he converted many into Christianity. It did not last for long. Very soon he was caught. As a punishment he was tied to a stake and archers were told to shoot arrows at him. If you notice the chapel altar, you will see this scene. After a number of arrows pierced him, he was left there considered to be dead. But all the arrows could not kill him and he miraculously survived. This did not stop him. He went up to Emperor Diocletian to warn him about his sins and spoke of his cruelties against Christians. Diocletian was surprised at his courage but ordered St. Sebastian to be beaten to death.

St. Sebastian is venerated on 20<sup>th</sup> of January. He is a patron saint for archers and athletes.

On 20<sup>th</sup> of January this year the feast was celebrated by the St. Francis Xavier Somudai with a lot of joy. The altar of St. Sebastian was cleaned, decorated with flowers and lights.

Being a Saturday, many Parishioners attended the mass. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Rosario Oliveira along with Fr. Seby Vaz. Before the mass we had the prayers. The first reading was taken from the 2<sup>nd</sup> book of Samuel which tells us about how David became the king after the death of Saul and his son Jonathan. David was not happy at becoming the king but was more saddened with the death of Saul. In the gospel of Mark, Fr. Rosario explained that what is success in the eyes of humans is not in the eyes of God. Let us always do what pleases to the Lord even if humans call us mad and insane. St. Sebastian did the same. Saint Sebastian's life demonstrates his courage and love for Jesus Christ. He valued fidelity to Christ higher than any worldly honour. We too have to always bear witness to Jesus.

Wishing all a happy feast Fr. Rosario thanked the SFX Somudai for the arrangements done. To make the celebrations a little sweet, cake was distributed to all who were present for the mass. HAPPY FEAST.

# **CATHEDRAL DAY (06<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY)- ADORATION ROSTER THEME-SOMIAN KELAM TOXEM...**

TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
07.00AM	MASS-LITURGY COMMITTEE
08.00-08.30	S.S.V.P
08.30-09.00	CONFRARIA
09.00-09.30	DIVINE MERCY
09.30-10.00	ST JOHN FACUNDO
10.00-10.30	ST IGNATIUS
10.30-11.00	KHURIS MILAGR
11.00-11.30	ST LAZARUS
11.30-12.00	OUR LADY OF PIETY
12.00-12.30	ST AUGUSTINE
12.30-01.00	ST CATHERINE
01.00-01.30	ST FRANCIS XAVIER
01.30-02.00	ST JOSEPH VAZ
02.00-02.30	ST DOMING
02.30-03.00	ST PAUL
03.00-03.30	HOUSE OF BOM JESUS
03.30-04.00	FRIENDS OF ST JOSEPH VAZ
04.00-04.30	CATECHISTS
04.30-05.00	PARISH YOUTH
05.00-05.30	ST CATHERINE'S CHOIR
05.30-06.00	ALL PARISHIONERS
06.00PM	MASS-PPC

## **LENTEN FRIDAYS (05.00PM - 07.00PM)**

DATE	STATIONS OF THE CROSS (SOMUDAI RESPONSIBILITY)	MASS (SOMUDAI RE- SPONSIBILITY)	RECOLLECTION (RESPONSIBILITY)
23/02/24	ST AUGUSTINE	ST PAUL	CATECHETICAL ASSOCIATION
01/03/24	OUR LADY OF PIETY	ST IGNATIUS	PARISH YOUTH
08/03/24	SAN DOMING	KHURIS MILAGR	LITURGICALANIMATORS
15/03/24	HOUSE OF BOM JESUS	ST LAZARUS	SE CATHEDRAL LECTORS
22/03/24	ST JOHN FACUNDO	ST JOSEPH VAZ	ST CATHERINE'S CHOIR
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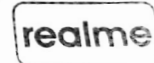
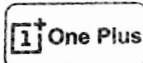
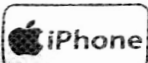
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# DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2024

## Intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer

### For the terminally ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

DAY	READINGS			
	1 <sup>st</sup> READING	PSALM	2 <sup>nd</sup> READING	GOSPEL
01 Thur.	1 Kgs. 2:1-4. 10-12;	Ps. 1 Chr. 29:10b. 11ab.11d-12a. 12bcd;		Mk. 6:6b-13
02 Fri.	Mal. 3: 1-4 or Heb. 2: 14-18;	Ps. 23(24*): 7. 8. 9. 10;		Lk. 2: 22-40 or (22-32)
03 Sat.	1 Kgs. 3: 4-13;	Ps. 118(119*): 9. 10. 11. 12. 13. 14;		Mk. 6:30-34
04 Sun.	Job. 7:1-4. 6-7;	Ps. 146(147*): 1-2. 3-4. 5-6;	1 Cor. 9:16-19. 22-33;	Mk. 1: 29-39
05 Mon.	1 Kgs.8: 1-7. 9-13;	Ps. 131(132*): 6-7. 8-10;		Mk. 6: 53-56
06 Tue.	Is. 56:1. 6-7 (VG II: 1733 / EL III: pg. 207)	Ps. 83(84*): 3-5. 10-11 (VG II: 1734/ EL III: pg. 212)		Jn. 2: 13-22 (VG II: 1740 / EL III: pg. 218)
	<b>In the Cathedral</b> Is. 56:1. 6-7 (VG II: 1733/ EL III: pg. 207);	Ps. 83(84*): 3-5. 10-11 (VG II: 1734/ EL III: pg. 212)	Eph. 2: 19-22 (VG II: 1737/ EL III: pg. 214)	Jn. 2: 13-22 (VG II: 1740/ EL III: pg. 218)
07 Wed.	(EL III: pgs. 28-30) 2 Cor. 6:4-10 (VG II: 1769)	Ps. 29(30*): 2+4. 5-6. 11-12a +13b (VG II: 1121)		Mt. 10: 17-22 (VG II: 1773)
08 Thur.	1 Kgs. 11:4-13	Ps. 105(106*): 3-4. 35-36. 37+40;		Mk. 7: 24-30
09 Fri.	1 Kgs. 11: 29-32, 12:19;	Ps. 80(81*): 10-11ab. 12-13. 14-15;		Mk. 7: 31-37
10 Sat.	1 Kgs. 12: 26-32, 13:33-34;	Ps. 105 (106*): 6-7a. 19-20. 21-22;		Mk. 8: 1-10
11 Sun.	Lev. 13: 1-2. 44-46;	Ps. 31(32*): 1-2. 5. 11;	1 Cor. 10:31 – 11:1;	Mk. 1: 40-45.
12 Mon.	Jm. 1: 1-11;	Ps. 118(119*): 67. 68. 71. 72. 75. 76;		Mk. 8: 11-13
13 Tue.	Jm. 1:12-18;	Ps. 93(94*): 12-13a. 14-15. 18-19;		Mk. 8: 14-21

14 <b>Wed.</b>	Joel 2; 12-18;	Ps. 50(51*): 3-4. 5-6ab. 12-13. 14+17;	2 Cor. 5: 20 – 6:2;	Mt. 6:1-6. 16-18
15 <b>Thur.</b>	Deut. 30: 15-20;	Ps. 1: 1-2. 3. 4+6;		Lk. 9: 22-25
16 <b>Fri.</b>	Is. 58: 1-9a;	Ps. 50(51*): 3-4. 5-6ab. 18-19;		Mt. 9: 14-15
17 <b>Sat.</b>	Is. 58: 9b-14;	Ps. 85(86*): 1-2. 3-4. 5-6.		Lk. 5: 27-32
18 <b>Sun.</b>	Gen. 9: 8-15;	Ps. 24(25*): 4-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9;	1 Pt. 3: 18-22;	Mk. 1:12-15
19 <b>Mon.</b>	Lev. 19:1-2. 11-18;	Ps. 18(19*): 8. 9. 10. 15;		Mt. 25: 31-46
20 <b>Tue.</b>	Is. 55: 10-11;	Ps. 33(34*): 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19;		Mt. 6: 7-15
21 <b>Wed.</b>	Jon. 3: 1-10;	Ps. 50(51*): 3-4. 12-13. 18-19;		Lk. 11: 29-32
22 <b>Thur.</b>	<i>(VG II: 1613 – 1615/ EL III: pgs. 34-35) 1 Pt. 5: 1-4;</i>	Ps. 22(23*): 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;		Mt. 16: 13-19
23 <b>Fri.</b>	Ez. 18: 21-28;	Ps. 129(130*): 1-2. 3-4. 5-6ab. 6c-8;		Mt. 5: 20-26
24 <b>Sat.</b>	Deut. 26: 16-19:	Ps. 118(119*): 1-2. 4-5. 7-8;		Mt. 5: 43-48
25 <b>Sun.</b>	Gen. 22:1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18;	Ps. 115(116*):10+15. 16-17. 18-19;	Rom. 8: 31b-34;	Mk. 9: 2-10
26 <b>Mon.</b>	Dan. 9: 4b-10;	Ps. 78(79*): 8. 9. 11.13;		Lk. 6: 36-38
27 <b>Tue.</b>	Is. 1: 10. 16-20;	Ps. 49(50*): 8-9. 16bc-17. 21+23;		Mt. 23:1-12
28 <b>Wed.</b>	Jer. 18: 18-20;	Ps. 30(31*): 5-6. 14. 15-16;		Mt. 20: 17-28
29 <b>Thur.</b>	Jer. 17: 5-10	Ps. 1: 1-2. 3. 4+6		Lk. 16: 19-31

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# PASTORAL PLANNER

## FEBRUARY 2024

DATE/DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
02/02/2024 FRIDAY	FEAST-THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD-DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE	07.00AM	DAILY MASS
02/02/2024 FRIDAY	SACRAMENTS FOR SICK AND ELDERLY	09.00AM	PRIESTS
04/02/2024 SUNDAY	05 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-DAY OF CATECHETICAL APOSTOLATE-PARISH(PRAY FOR THE CONSECRATED)	07.30AM 10.00AM 04.00PM	PPC ST JOSEPH VAZ KHURIS MILAGR
04/02/2024 SUNDAY	PPC MEET	08.45AM	ALL PPC MEMBERS
06/02/2024 TUESDAY	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF GOA-DAY OF ADORATIONS	07.00AM-MASS ADORATIONS- 08.00AM- 06.00PM 06.00PM MASS	LITURGY COMMITTEE SOMUDAIS AND ASSOCIATIONS P.P.C
10/02/2024 SATURDAY	FEAST-OUR LADY OF VIRTUES	07.00AM	ST IGNATIUS
11/02/2024 SUNDAY	06 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME-DAY OF HEALTH APOSTOLATE  DOTONICHEA DISACHO SOMAROMBH ANI INAMANCHI VANTTNNI	07.30AM 10.00AM 04.00PM  06.00PM	CATECHISTS SAN DOMING O.L.OF PIETY  DOTONICHI BHURGIM ANI SONDEXKARAM
<b>LENT</b>			
14/02/2024 WEDNESDAY	ASH WEDNESDAY	07.00AM 06.00PM	P.P.C CONFRARIA
15/02/2024 THURSDAY	THANKSGIVING MASS-BIRTHDAY OF PARISH PRIEST-FR. ROSARIO OLIVEIRA	07.00AM	PPC
18/02/2024 SUNDAY	1 <sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT-DAY OF DIOCESAN WALKING PILGRIMAGE	07.30AM 10.00AM 04.00PM	ST JOHN FACUNDO ST LAZARUS HOUSE OF BOM JESUS
22/02/2024 THURSDAY	CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE, FEAST	07.00AM	DAILY MASS
23/02/2024 FRIDAY	FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS , MASS & RECOLLECTION	07.00AM 05.00PM	DAILY MASS ST AUGUSTINE & ST PAUL
25/02/2024 SUNDAY	2 <sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT-DAY OF HOLY CHILDHOOD	07.30AM 10.00AM 04.00PM	ST PAUL ST FRANCIS XAVIER ST IGNATIUS

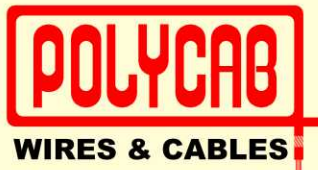
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