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*Christian families -
Pilgrims of hope*



Zolm-disachim Un-unit Porbim

H aves dhorun Devachea raj'jeacho,
A sai tum toyar korunk fuddo oddchonnancho,
P odven Devache poisaitai chopko soitanancho!
P adri bhav tum amcho opurbayecho,
Y adniki zuttient, kortai sambhall amcho, firgozkarancho!

B arkayen vavurtai korunk amkam bhavarthi,
I kmotin vant'tai zannvai Devan dil'li,
R at-dis vavrun kortai seva amchi,
T ethunuch zod'dttai kurpa Devachi!
H appy Birthday mhunn ditantv amim porbim,
D evan nirmil'li famil tuzi firgozkaranchi,
A nvdetantv tuka bori bolaiki' ani xanti monachi,
Y evzonn tuje sovem Devachi, sufollayen pavum xar'ti!!



Happy Birthday Dear
Fr. Rosario Oliveira

our beloved Parish Priest
15th February, 2025

*With lots of Love and
Good Wishes from*
**Parishioners of
St. Catherine of Alexendria
Cathedral, Old Goa**





FAMILIES: "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

The joy of the Jubilee year sprouts in the families because God loves our families. All families undertake journeys through the institution of marriage. However, the journey of the people of God is filled with hope in his Divine promises.

In the history of salvation we observe, with delight, that God guided families on their journey and strengthened their hope. Abraham, the father of faith, hoped in God's promises and left his father's town and marched along with his wife and belongings to an unknown but promised place with faith in God and hope in His promises as the spiritual armours (see Gen. 12 ff). His hope did not disappoint him.

The Family of Nazareth, Joseph, Mary and Jesus, is also a noteworthy example of how a family should journey in this world with faith in God and hope in His promises. The trip of Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem to enrol themselves as demanded by the civil authority; their flight to Egypt with the new born child to evade the threat to the life of baby Jesus, their return from Egypt and settling in Nazareth, their pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the festival, etc. were the journeys undertaken with Hope in God's providential goodness.

There are so many saintly Christian families lived their family lives as 'Pilgrims of Hope' and gave witness to the Gospel of faith, joy and hope. I would like to mention one of those families, the family of **Blessed Luigi and Maria Beltrame Quattrocchi**. Luigi was a lawyer by profession and Maria was an educator. They were parents to four children, one of whom became a nun, and their two sons became priests. They lived simple lives of heroic virtue as a married couple and parents. They were a couple with a deep faith and incredible prayer life. Luigi and Maria were both born in Italy. Luigi went to university in Rome and graduated with a degree in Law. Maria was born to a noble family in Florence and grew up very involved in social and cultural life. They were married in 1905 in Rome. They had 4 children Filippo, Cesare, Stefania and Enrichetta. During the 50 years that they were married, their relationship and faith grew by attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion daily. They led a normal family life – full of sports, vacations, and busy school activities. Maria would say "The family has to be a sanctuary where God is always glorified." Every evening, they prayed the Rosary together. They also held a family holy hour on the first Friday of every month. The Quattrocchis

had a great devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and consecrated their family to it. Maria took her motherly duties seriously, but also found time to pray, to write, to be a catechist, volunteer as a nurse for the Red Cross during the Second World War. Their life wasn't devoid of trials, though. While Maria was pregnant with her fourth child, in 1913, it was discovered that she had placenta previa. Her condition was so serious that she was given a 5% chance of surviving her difficult last pregnancy. Abortion was strongly advised. Maria and Luigi firmly refused, putting their trust in God. In the end, both Maria and the baby girl, Enrichetta, were safe. Luigi and Maria seldom fought in the presence of their children. Their youngest daughter, Enrichetta, recalled, "It is obvious to think that at times they had differences of opinion, but we, their children, were never exposed to these. They solved their problems between themselves through conversation, so that once they came to an agreement, the atmosphere continued to be serene." Their home was always open to anyone who needed food or friendship. Gossip was banished in their family, especially gossip about priests. In 1951, Luigi died of a heart attack in his home. After 14 years as a widow, Maria joined Luigi in heaven, and she died in her daughter Enrichetta's arms. At Luigi's funeral, a friend of his who was an atheist said to one of the children, "Your father never pestered me with sermons. But I want to tell you: It's through his life that I discovered God and that I love the Gospel. Pray for me!" On Sunday, October 21, 2001, Pope John Paul II beatified the Italian couple, the first married couple in history to be beatified together, setting them as an example for married couples to follow in our troubled times. The blessed couple lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. Among the joys and anxieties of a normal family, they knew how to live an extraordinarily rich spiritual life," said Pope John Paul II at the beatification, characterizing the simple but deep spirituality of this married couple. Vatican Council II, urges the couple/families to live such a saintly life (see *Gaudium et Spes*, no. 52).

As 'Pilgrims of Hope' the parents in the family are expected to tell their children how good God is, how God provides, how God helps on the journey especially when the going becomes tough, and how they have experienced God's marvellous hand in their lives (see Deut. 4: 9-11). They are to teach their children the decrees of God when they are at home and when they away, when they are resting and when they are working (see Deut. 6: 4-7). As we have ventured into the Jubilee year as 'Pilgrims of Hope' may our families march the long, tiring and unforeseen journey but with deep faith and trust in God of our salvation and profound hope in His promises.

May St. Catherine of Alexandria pray for us!

Parish Priest



(Rev. Can. Rosario Oliveira)

Passing on Faith to the Next Generation

Gabriel Dias - St Ignatius Ward



Faith is a very big term as far as today's times are concerned, we have to live our lives as an example for our children to follow. Many a times we see so many changes around us that were never seen some 50 years ago, many things are no more to be seen. We are seeing a complete domination of the mobile phones that to include 'Faith' as a separate subject would be very difficult.

We could see faith in action at this year's Exposition of the sacred relics of our beloved Goycho Saib, the effort and co-ordination it took to carry such a big responsibility and its successful culmination is a manifestation of our faith in the Lord Jesus.

True faith in Christ is pleasing to the Father, Heb 11.6" Without faith, it is impossible to please God. Faith in action was seen in action at the way lakhs of people came to venerate the relics of St Francis Xavier.

This prime example is a work of absolute faith and trust in the blessing of the Almighty God. Am sure that the visit to Old Goa has left a lot of smiles and indelible print on the lives of the faithful. Another noteworthy example were the homilies delivered by the hundreds of priest who came to address the faithful during the daily masses at the Basilica pandal.

One noteworthy statement by the Nuncio during his mass on 4/12/2024 was quote" that it is requested to know the DNA of St Francis Xavier, the Nuncio explained that the saint's DNA can be seen in every Goan catholic, since every Goan catholic is intimately connected to the saint.

Another mention on faith to be improved or increased in the Lord would be to read the word of God, memorize it, meditate on it, repeat it as much possible and sure enough the same living word will work for us because without faith it is impossible to please God, because who comes to him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who seek Him.



The Role of Mary and Joseph in Family Life

By: Joeberth Xavier Dias

The Holy Family of Nazareth—Mary, Joseph, and Jesus—stands as a timeless model of love, faith, and unity, offering profound lessons for families today. Mary and Joseph’s lives reflect virtues that can transform homes into places of peace and holiness.

Mary: A Mother’s Heart of Compassion

Mary embodies purity, humility, and unwavering faith. Her “yes” to God’s plan at the Annunciation reveals the courage of surrendering to God’s will. As the mother of Jesus, she nurtured not only with love but also with a deep spiritual presence, teaching us the importance of being prayerful anchors for our families.



Her role reminds us that motherhood and caregiving are sacred callings, rooted in unconditional love, patience, and trust in God even during life’s trials.

Joseph: A Model of Humble Leadership

Joseph, the silent but steadfast protector of Jesus and Mary, teaches us the power of quiet faith and service. His obedience to God, even in uncertain circumstances, exemplifies the courage needed to lead and protect one’s family. Through his honest labour as a carpenter, he showed the dignity of work and the importance of providing for loved ones with integrity.

Joseph’s unwavering presence inspires fathers and guardians to lead through humility, sacrifice, and trust in God’s providence.

Together: A Family Rooted in Faith

Mary and Joseph’s relationship was built on faith, mutual respect, and shared responsibility. Their lives teach us that holiness

is found in everyday acts of love and service. As the Holy Family endured trials with grace, they remind us that unity and trust in God are key to overcoming challenges in modern family life.

Lessons for Families Today

- - Build your home on faith and prayer, keeping Christ at the centre.
- - Practice sacrificial love, putting the needs of others first.
- - Face life’s challenges with unity and trust in God’s plan.
- - Honour the dignity of honest work and stewardship.

The Holy Family inspires us to create homes rooted in love, hope, and faith. By imitating Mary and Joseph, families can reflect God’s light in the world, becoming sanctuaries of peace and grace. May their example guide us as we strive to make our families holy and united in Christ.



Art by **Velika Fernandes**

1980: Hands together.
2024: Phones together.

From ‘family that prays together, stays together’ to ‘family that scrolls together, stays disconnected. Prayer keeps us connected to God, while family keeps us rooted in love—let’s cherish both more than our screens.



बमिल तर्गिया

धन्य रानी मरिया

हर साल संपूर्ण कैलसिया 25 फरवरी को धन्य रानी मरिया का पर्व मनाती है। धन्य रानी मरिया का जन्म 29 जनवरी 1954 को भारत के केरल राज्य में हुआ था। बचपन से ही वह प्रार्थना करने और पढ़ाई के साथ-साथ सबकी मदद करने में आगे रहती थीं। दसवीं कक्षा के बाद उन्होंने एफसीसी (FCC) संस्था में जाने का निर्णय लिया। अपने इस फैसले की जानकारी उन्होंने अपने माता-पिता को दी। माता-पिता ने असहमत दे दी।

एफसीसी संस्था में प्रवेश के बाद उन्होंने अपना प्रथम व्रत 1 मई 1974 को और अंतिम व्रत 22 मई 1980 को ग्रहण किया। इस दौरान बजिनौर धर्मप्रांत वह लगातार अपने धार्मिक कर्तव्यों, शिक्षा और समाजसेवा में लगी रही।

18 मई 1992 को वह इंदौर धर्मप्रांत के उदयनगर पहुंची, जहां उन्होंने दनि-रात समाजसेवा के कार्य किए। उन्होंने गरीब, बेसहारा और आदवासियों के हक की लड़ाई लड़ी। इससे कुछ बेईमान साहूकारों को लगा कि उनका व्यवसाय खतरे में पड़ सकता है। इसके कारण धन्य रानी मरिया को धमकियां भी मिलीं। लेकिन उन्होंने ईश्वर में विश्वास रखते हुए अपना कार्य जारी रखा। वह हमेशा कहती, “अगर अपने लोगों के लिए मुझे मरना भी पड़े, तब भी पीछे नहीं हटूंगी।” तब बईमान साहूकारों ने उन्हें जान से मारने के लिए एक षडयंत्र रचा।

25 फरवरी 1995 को, जब रानी मरिया इंदौर आने के लिए उदय नगर से बस में चढ़ी, तब समुद्री हत्यारे समुद्र सहि ने उनपर 40 से अधिक बार चाकू से वार किया। इस तरह इंदौर के समीप नरमदा नगर के पास उनकी निर्मम हत्या कर दी गई। जीवन के अंतिम क्षण भी वह सिर्फ प्रभु येशु का नाम लेते रहीं। उन्होंने अपने जीवन में हमेशा दूसरों के लिए त्याग और सेवा का उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया। रानी मरिया के परिवारवालों ने दुनिया के समक्ष एक अद्भुत उदाहरण रखा। उनकी मां ने हत्यारे के हाथों को चूमकर क्षमा कर दिया, और उनकी बहन सिसिटर शाल्मी ने हत्यारे को भाई मानकर उसे परिवार का हिस्सा बना लिया।

संत पति फ्रांसिसि ने 4 नवंबर 2017 को रानी मरिया को धन्य घोषित किया। आज धन्य रानी मरिया सभी के लिए प्रेरणा हैं। उनकी सेवा और त्याग हमेशा लोगों को एक-दूसरे की सहायता के लिए प्रेरित करते रहेंगे। धन्य रानी मरिया की कृपा से हमारी ओल्ड गोवा की चर्च में हम रानी मरिया समुदाय के नाम से जाने जाते हैं। तो आइए, हम सब मलिकर धन्य रानी मरिया की तरह एक दूसरे की सहायता करें।

धन्यवाद।

VENERABLE BISHOP D. FREI. FERNANDO VAQUEIRO - FIRST GOVERNOR OF THE DIOCESE OF GOA

Rev. John Marshal, Founder and Prior- Elamite
interfaith Movement.

Goa was elevated as a Bishopric by 1533-34. Before that it was governed by Apostolic Vicars who were also titular Bishops. D. Francisco de Melo was appointed as the first bishop of Goa, yet he died even before taking charge of this nascent diocese. The next bishop appointed was D. João de Albuquerque who took charge on 1536. Therefore, the newly born Diocese of Goa need to be taken care of and it was done by the last Apostolic vicar of Goa as well as the first governor of the Diocese of Goa namely Venerable. D. Frei Fernando Vaqueiro.

D. Fernando was born in Évora, Portugal. He joined the Franciscan order and gave his life for Christ. In 1531, he was sent to Goa. He was also made Titular Bishop of Aureopolis around 1530. He went to India in D. Estêvão da Gama's ship with Vicente Gil as captain of the ship in 1532. Letters indicate that he was saddened by the immorality and laxity shown by the Portuguese in the ship and he did as much as possible to fight against it.

His immediate attention in the city of Goa (today's Old Goa) was on the faith of the newly converted Christians. With prudence and zeal he ministered them. During that time the diocese of Goa also had jurisdiction over Ormuz in Persia. Today this island is part of Hormozgan Province, Iran. His zeal lead many to accept faith in Christ. On 14 March, 1535 he died in Ormuz during his pastoral visitation. Dom João III, King of Portugal was content with



Dom Fernando’s ecclesiastical service that he had not appointed anyone to the Bishopric of Goa until his death. He was buried in the now ruined fortress Church, Ormuz.

The first civilization of Iran was Elam and it was succeeded by Persia and now Iran. Rev. Fr. Peter Dubovský, S.J., President of Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome says that Elam is mentioned 59 times in the Holy Bible. God also promises the restoration of Elam (Jeremiah 49:39) and Elam also received Holy Spirit during Pentecost (Acts 2:9). In 16-18th centuries Goa played an important role in bringing Christianity to Persia (today’s Iran). The fact that the first governor of diocese of Goa died in Ormuz is again a testimony to uncover those links.

His Saintliness and zeal must have been an inspiration and he is given the title “Venerable” as indicated by the “Leggendario francescano...” by Benedetto Mazzara in 1721 which shows he at least received a certain form of posthumous veneration at least within the Franciscan order. His cause was forgotten over time and it should be revived. A private veneration to him is not against the tenets of our Catholic faith. It is imperative to think that the first shepherd of the Diocese of Goa was a saintly man and we should imitate him in offering our life for Christ our Lord.

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Feast of St. Sebastian

**Christopher D'Cunha
- St Francis Xavier Somudai**



St. Sebastian worked 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 feast is celebrated on 20th of January. He is a patron saint for archers and athletes. This year the feast was celebrated by the St. Francis Xavier somudai with a lot of joy as the Altar dedicated to him in the Cathedral. On Sunday the somudai members got together to clean the chapel area. The Altar was nicely cleaned and decorated with flowers and lights.

This year the feast was on a Monday, yet many parishioners attended the feast mass. The mass was celebrated by Fr. Seby Vaz. Before the mass we had the prayers. The theme of the mass was to be like St Sebastian, we too have to bravely face the difficulties we come across while professing our religion. Jesus gave up his life for us. He always lived humbly according to the word of the Lord. Like St Sebastian let us try to live our lives according to the teachings of our Lord and be ready to face all the difficulties which will come our way.

At the end of the mass Father blessed us and wished all a happy feast and thanked the SFX somudai for the arrangements done at the altar and the liturgy. To make the celebrations sweeter, cake, sandwich and tea was distributed to all who were present for the mass. HAPPY FEAST.

Finding Hope in the Small Things

Rachel Footman
Khuris Milagr

How often have we uttered these words: “I am lost. Please help me find my way”? Simple yet profound, they reveal our deepest longing for guidance.

Life is a delicate balance of happiness and sorrow. We readily accept and celebrate happiness, often without questioning or expressing gratitude for the blessings in our lives.

Sorrow and adversity, however, can be overwhelming. It’s during these challenging times that we are compelled to reflect on our lives and our values. It’s here that we discover HOPE – a beacon that illuminates our journey, drawing us closer to the Lord.

In the midst of despair, we realize we’re not alone. Jesus is with us, carrying us through the darkness. Hope can arise from unexpected sources: a kind word from a neighbor, a child’s smile, or a heartfelt conversation with our parish priest.

These encounters reassure us that we don’t bear our crosses alone. We have Jesus’ unconditional support. Hope permeates our lives, waiting to be recognized and trusted.

By embracing this hope, we trust that difficult times will yield to God’s grace and happier days ahead.



Acts of Mercy – Visit to Orphanage

Greeta Vaz

“The smallest act of kindness is worth more than the grandest intention” – Oscar Wilde

On 16th November 2024, Our Lady of Piety Somudai visited Valentina’s Little Heaven Orphanage, Colva, Goa, with 11 members.

We met Brother & Sister of the Orphanage. Brother introduced us to the children, and they welcomed us with welcome songs. We had games for them, gifts, snacks, and some of the members had given the children’s clothes.

We had conversations with the children; they were very happy seeing us, and we also were very joyful looking at their smiles.

The visit to Valentina’s Little Heaven Orphanage by Our Lady of Piety Somudai was a heartwarming and meaningful experience. The interaction with the children, along with gifts, snacks, and games, brought joy to both the visitors and the orphans. The warm welcome and conversations created a sense of connection and happiness. This visit highlights the power of kindness and the impact of small gestures in bringing smiles to those in need. It reinforces the idea that acts of compassion, no matter how simple, can make a significant difference in people’s lives.



Our Lady of Piety Somudai – Serenading on 22nd December 2024



On 22nd December 2024, the members of Our Lady of Piety Somudai participated in a serenading event, spreading the joy and spirit of Christmas. Most of the members enthusiastically went from building to building, singing carols and bringing festive cheer to the community.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to connect with people, share the message of love and togetherness, and keep the beautiful tradition of Christmas caroling alive. The residents warmly welcomed the group, appreciating the melodies and heartfelt performances.



The experience was joyful and fulfilling, leaving both the members and the listeners with smiles and a festive spirit. Such initiatives strengthen bonds within the community and remind everyone of the joy of giving and sharing during the holiday season.



On your
First Holy Communion



Kennan

16 Feb 2025

*May God be there beside you
on this Very special day, and
forever love and guide you as
you go along life's way*



Love and blessings from:
Dada: Klygon Mama: Joaquina
Sisters: Kenina & Kenisya.

Report on the Exposition of Sacred Relics of St Francis Xavier 2024-2025

Hema Menezes

Secretary-Cathedral Sub-Committee

The Exposition of the Sacred Relics of St Francis Xavier, held from November 21, 2024 to January 05, 2025 was a deeply spiritual and communal experience for all involved, especially the parishioners of the Cathedral who volunteered in various capacities. This sacred event attracted pilgrims from across the world, offering opportunities for prayer, veneration, and reflection on the life and mission of St Francis Xavier.

The parishioners played a vital role in ensuring the event's success by volunteering at the veneration site, the Pilgrim House, and the Se Cathedral Cafeteria. This report documents their experience and contributions as reported by the Cathedral Sub-Committee Coordinators Mr. Edward Crasta, Mr. Anil Afonso and Mr. Joven Fernandes who shouldered the responsibility with their team members under the leadership of the Parish Priest Fr. Rosario Oliveira and his assistant Fr. Seby Vaz.

1. Veneration of the Sacred Relics

Parishioners volunteering at the veneration site played an essential role in guiding pilgrims, maintain order, and fostering solemn atmosphere. They ensured that pilgrims observed the sanctity of the relics, facilitated smooth movement and assisted the wheelchair and VIP movement.

Managing large crowds was a logistical challenge, but teamwork and preparation ensured a seamless flow.



Security personnel and committee members venerate the sacred relics as the Parish Priest pray's the closing prayer for the day

2. Pilgrim House

The Pilgrim House served as a centre for hospitality, offering accommodation and rest for weary travellers especially the elderly.

Volunteers assisted with registrations, distributed information about the schedule of services, and providing guidance to pilgrims on



The security check pilgrim desk

navigating the exposition grounds.

The team members recalled heart-warming conversations with the visitors, who expressed gratitude for the warm hospitality and shared their spiritual journeys.

Pilgrims commended the welcoming nature and dedication of the volunteers especially attending in the late hours at night which enhanced their overall experience.

The team is grateful for the services of Eco-Clean and Cams who served for all the 45days with dedication, an appreciation to the Govt. authorities who contributed to interiors and sanitary fittings of the pilgrim house for ready to use.

3. Cafeteria Services

The Cafeteria was a hub of fellowship and nourishment, where parishioners worked tirelessly to serve meals and refreshments from 07.00am to 07.00pm.

Volunteers organised meal preparation, managed queues, and ensured hygienic and efficient service.



Hungry pilgrims queue for a bite at the cafeteria

The Cafeteria became a place for cultural exchange, as visitors sampled local cuisine (Choris Pao) and shared their experience. Parishioners noted that the collaborative efforts in the kitchen fostered a sense of unity and purpose. The Unsold proceeds from the cafeteria were allocated to the Street Providence food bank further extending the impact of the event.

Overall Reflections-Many parishioners expressed that their involvement deepened their faith and connection to the church community. Balancing long hours of service was demanding but ultimately rewarding. Volunteers felt privileged to serve during such a sacred event and were inspired by the devotion of the pilgrims.



Anointed hands and culinary skills

The 2024-2025 Exposition of the Sacred Relics of St. Francis Xavier was a remarkable spiritual event, enriched by the selfless service of the Cathedral parishioners. Their dedicated service ensured that all pilgrims had a meaningful experience.

As the exposition drew to close, the Cathedral Exposition sub-committee reflected on their shared journey of faith and unity, expressing that the Inspiration of St Francis Xavier would continue to guide their lives.



Happy 13th birthday

to our incredible daughter

Anaiah

20th Feb



*From the day you came into this world,
We were as proud as can be.
You have been a blessing for us and watching you grow into an amazing person has been the greatest joy in our life.
You bring so much happiness and positivity into our life. You are a wonderful daughter, loving sister, amazing granddaughter, fabulous niece and a great friend. We love you more than words can express.
Happy Birthday to our precious girl*

Love Nana, Dada, Mama and your brother Hezekiah

Meetings held in Our Lady of Piety Somudai

Somudai Meeting on 29th September 2024

The Somudai meeting was held at Mrs. Constantina Dsouza's house at 5:30 PM, with Fr. Rosario Oliver, our parish priest, and Somudai members in attendance. The meeting began with prayer, followed by a special prayer for teachers, mothers, and pastors, symbolized by lighted candles given to them. Father Rosario Oliver then delivered a thanksgiving speech, appreciating the efforts of the community.

Somudai Meeting on 20th October 2024

The next meeting took place at Mrs. Suzan Moreira's house at 5:30 PM, with SCC members Mr. Menino Menezes and Mr. Antonio Rebeiro present. The gathering started with prayers for children, followed by a discussion on upcoming events, including visit to the orphanage, the Christmas party, and serenading.

Somudai Meeting on 28th January 2025

This meeting was hosted at Mrs. Leena Mascarenhas's house at 5:30 PM, attended by SCC member Mr. Menino Menezes. The session focused on prayer and reflection on the meaning of an anchor in life, emphasizing faith and trust in God. The central theme of the Somudai for this meeting was:



“Let us journey in this new Jubilee year with hope.” Information was provided about the ongoing jubilee year and the churches designated for obtaining indulgences, our church being one of them for the Central Zone. Information was also shared about the pious places that could be visited during this jubilee year to make it more meaningful, Works of mercy and penance also being part of it for this meaningful spiritual preparation.

Conclusion

The Somudai meetings provided a platform for spiritual reflection, community discussions, and planning of events. Through prayers, meaningful themes, and active participation, members strengthened their faith and unity, preparing for upcoming initiatives with a shared sense of purpose and hope.

The Duty of Parents

From *Way to Happiness* by Fulton J. Sheen (Garden City Books, 1949).

There are no juvenile delinquents; there are only delinquent parents. The Fourth Commandment, “Honor thy father and thy mother,” is hardly ever quoted today as the means of restoring domestic peace. If discipline in the home is neglected, it is rarely made up for later.

The duty of parents to children is to rule while avoiding exasperating severity on the one hand and excessive indulgence on the other. God gives parents a child as so much plastic material that can be moulded for good or evil. What if God placed a precious diamond in the hands of parents and told them to inscribe on it a sentence which would be read on the Last Day and shown an index of their thoughts and ideals? What caution they would exercise in their selection! And yet the example parents give their children will be that by which they will be judged on the Last Day.

This tremendous responsibility never means that parents, when their children do wrong, should provoke them to wrath, for wrath leads to discouragement. Parents hold the place of God in the house. If they act as tyrants they will develop unconsciously anti-religious sentiments in their children. Children love approbation and can be easily cast down into despair when blamed excessively for trivial faults. With great difficulty can children ever be taught the Love and Mercy of God, if His vice-regents in the home act without and are so difficult to please. When good intentions are rated low, and children are put under the ban of dishonour, they are likely to show they are no better than their parents think they are.

Children came into their own with Christianity when its Divine Founder said: “Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not for such is the Kingdom of Heaven.” He consecrated childhood by becoming a child, playing on the green hills of Nazareth and watching the mother eagles stir among their

young. From that day it became eternally true: “Train up the child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

As the twig is bent, so is the tree. It is interesting when one sees children, to speculate from the way they act as to the kind of homes from which they come. As one can judge the vitality of a tree from the fruit it produces, so one can tell the character of the parents from their children. One knows that from certain homes there will never be an errant child, while a glance at a mother or father will reveal a future full of fears for the child.

The present tendency is to shift responsibility to the school. But it must be remembered that education will make as much difference to a child as soil and air and sunshine do. A seed will grow better in one soil and climate than in another, but the kind of tree that grows depends on the kind of seed that is sowed. Then too, one must inquire if education is of the mind alone, or also of the will. Knowledge is in the mind; character is in the will. To pour knowledge into the mind of a child, without disciplining his will to goodness, is like putting a rifle into the hands of a child. Without education of the mind a child could be a stupid devil. With education of the mind, but not love of goodness, a child could grow up to be a clever devil.

The nation of tomorrow is the youth of today. They are the assurance of progress; the fresh arrows to a better future; the wings of aspiration. Even in war the strength of a nation is not in its bombs, but in the soldiers who defend it. In peace, it is not economics or politics that save, but good economists and good politicians—but to be that, they must be good children. To be that, there must in the first place be the grace of God; in the second place, in the home lessons of love and truth; in the schools knowledge and self-control.

Even in their early failures, the parents are not to be discouraged, remembering that fifteen centuries ago when the heart of a mother was broken for her wanton boy, St. Ambrose said to her: “Fear not, Monica; the child of so many tears cannot perish.” That vain and wanton boy grew up to be the great and learned St. Augustine, whose “Confessions” everyone ought to read before he dies.

St. Augustine Ward Small Christian Community

Abhishek Jude Benedict
St. Augustine Ward.

"Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them." Matthew 18:20

Small Christian Communities (SCC) are a way of being church to each other, not just on Sunday but every day. This is not a new concept, early Christians met in small groups in each other's homes to share faith and break bread. It is an ongoing Small Christian Communities that people are especially helped to know and to relate to one another, reflect on their life of faith in the company of others, and strive to apply the Gospel to daily life.

On 26th January'25 we had a Small Christian Community (SCC) inaugural meeting at Casa Amora phase2 club house wherein we



emphasized on theme for Jubilee year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope". The prayer service was attended by 22 people which started with rosary prayer followed with Word of God. After that Mr. Menino Menezes briefed us about the Jubilee year

theme and the purpose of following it in our community which was followed by reciting the jubilee year prayer. Further he discussed more about the "Luce (official mascot)" & also discussed regarding

"Indulgence" on how we can carry it forward altogether as a community.

We are grateful to Mr. Menino Menezes & Mr. Antonio Ribeiro for sparing their precious time from their busy schedule for us. Your insights and advice will incredibly be helpful for us in building a strong christian community within our ward.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH

“12 Hours With The Lord”

SOMUDAI / ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITY FOR
ADORATION ON CATHEDRAL DAY 06-02-2025

The day will begin with Holy Eucharistic Celebration at 7:00 am followed by adoration as follows:

Time	Responsibility	Prayer Intentions
07:30 am to 08:00 am	Liturgical Animators & Lectors	For jubilee preparations
08:00 am to 08:30 am	Our Lady of Three Necessities	For the students
08:30 am to 09:00 am	St. Alex	For the working
09:00 am to 09:30 am	St. Joseph Vaz	For businesses
09:30 am to 10:00 am	St. Catherine	For the professionals
10:00 am to 10:30 am	St. Ignatius	For essential workers
10:30 am to 11:00 am	Priests & Religious	For peace
11:00 am to 11:30 am	St. John Facundo	For the priests & religious
11:30 am to 12:00 pm	San Doming	For the state
12:00 pm to 12:30 pm	Our Lady of Piety	For the nation
12:30 pm to 01:00 pm	Confraria & Church Staff	For workers
01:00 pm to 01:30 pm	Our Lady of Light	For the poor
01:30 pm to 02:00 pm	Khuris Milagr	For the sick
02:00 pm to 02:30 pm	St. Augustine	For the educators
02:30 pm to 03:00 pm	St. Paul	For the families
03:00 pm to 03:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	For the youth
03:30 pm to 04:00 pm	Blessed Rani Mari	For the migrants
04:00 pm to 04:30 pm	Catechist, Choir & Divine Mercy	For the church
04.30 pm to 05.00 pm	Parish Youth & Altar Servers	For unity
05.00 pm to 05.30 pm	S.S.V.P & Friends of St. Joseph Vaz	For the elderly
05:30 pm to 06:00 pm	PPC	For thanksgiving

The day will end with Solemn Thanksgiving Mass at 6 pm.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH

PASTORAL PLANNER

FEBRUARY 2025

DATE/DAY	ACTIVITY	TIME	RESPONSIBILITY
06/02/2025 THURSDAY	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF GOA-DAY OF ADORATIONS	07.00AM- MASS ADORATIONS- 07.30AM- 06.00PM 06.00PM MASS	Refer to page 21
07/02/2025 FRIDAY	SACRAMENTS FOR SICK AND ELDERLY	09.00AM	PRIESTS
11/02/2025 TUESDAY	FEAST-OUR LADY OF VIRTUES OUR LADY OF LOURDES WORLD DAY OF THE SICK	07.00AM	ST IGNATIUS
15/02/2025 SATURDAY	THANKSGIVING MASS-BIRTHDAY OF PARISH PRIEST- FR. ROSARIO OLIVEIRA	07.00AM	DAILY MASS
16/02/2025 SUNDAY	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	08.00AM	CATECHETICAL ASSOCIATION
21/02/2025 FRIDAY TO 23/02/2025 SUNDAY	JUBILEE OF DEACONS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	07.00AM 07.00AM 07.30AM	DAILY MASS DAILY MASS SUNDAY MASS
22/02/2025 SATURDAY	CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE,FEAST	07.00AM	DAILY MASS
25/02/2025 TUESDAY	BL. RANI MARIA VATTALIL	07.00AM	DAILY MASS

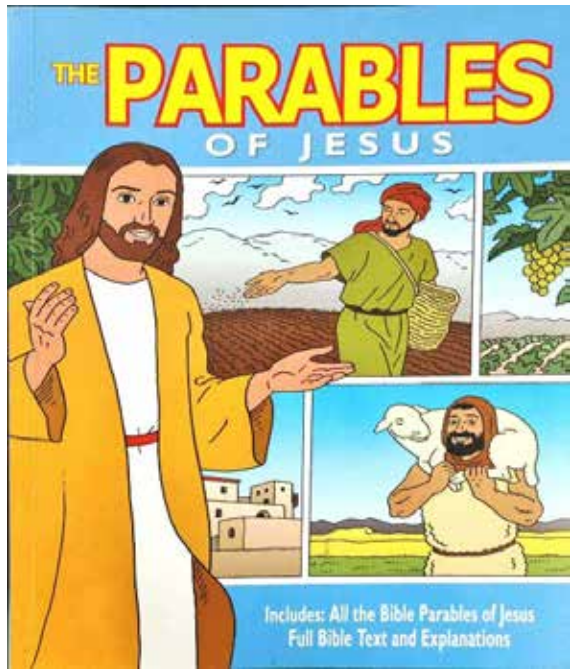
LIST OF SOMUDAI'S / ASSOCIATION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SUNDAY MASS DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

Date	Time of Mass	Event	Name of Somudai / Association
02.02.2025	07:30 a.m.	Sunday –The Presentation of the Lord, feast	St Ignatius
02.02.2025	10:00 a.m.		Our Lady of Three Necessities
02.02.2025	04:00 p.m.		Our Lady Of Piety
		Day of Consecrated Life	
		Day of Catechetical Apostolate	
09.02.2025	07:30 a.m.	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Augustine
09.02.2025	10:00 a.m.		Khuris Milagr
09.02.2025	04:00 p.m.		Cathedral Exposition Sub-Committee
		Day of Health Apostolate	
16.02.2025	08:00 a.m.	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Catechetical Association
16.02.2025	10:00 a.m.		San Doming
16.02.2025	04:00 p.m.		St John Facundo
		Day of Holy Childhood	
23.02.2025	07:30 a.m.	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	St Joseph Vaz
23.02.2025	10:00 a.m.		St Paul
23.02.2025	04:00 p.m.		St Catherine

Feast Day: 11 February

Note: Paint the below picture





Directions:

Using your Bible, look up each passage below and match it to the correct parable of Jesus.

1. Mark 4:1-20	A. The parable of the Tenants
2. Matthew 13:31-32	B. The parable of the lost sheep
3. Luke 20:9-18	C. The parable of the sower
4. Luke 12: 35-48	D. The parable of the Talents
5. Matthew 18: 12-14	E. The parable of the good Samaritan
6. Matthew 20: 1-16	F. The parable of the prodigal son
7. Matthew 25:14-25	G. The parable of the faithful servant
8. Luke 12: 16-21	H. The parable of the labourers in the vineyard
9. Luke 15:11-32	I. The parable of the mustard seed
10. Luke 10:30-37	J. The parable of the rich fool

DAILY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

Intentions of the Apostleship of Prayer

For vacations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

DAY	READINGS			
	1 st READING	PSALM	2 nd READING	GOSPEL
01 Sat. Psalter Week IV	Heb. 11:1-2. 8-19	Ps. Lk. 1:69-70. 71-72. 73-75;		Mk. 4:35-41
02 Sun.	Mal. 3:1-4;	Ps. 23:7.8.9.10;	Heb.2:14-18;	Lk.2:22-40(or 22-32)
03 Mon.	Heb. 11:32-40;	Ps. 30:20.21. 22.23.24;		Mk.5:1-20.
04 Tue.	1 Cor. 9:19-27(VG II: 1349);	Ps. 67:29-30. 33-35a. 35b-36d (VG I: 357);		Jn. 12:20-32 (VG: 190).
05 Wed.	Heb. 12:4-7. 11-15;	Ps. 102: 1-2. 13-14. 17-18a;		Mk. 6:1-6.
06 Thu.	Is. 56:1. 6-7(VGII: 1733) or Is. 56:1. 6-7(VGII 1733)	Ps. 83:3-5. 10-11(VG II: 1734)or Ps. 83:3-5. 10-11(VGII: 1734)	Or Eph. 2:19-22(VG II: 1737)	Jn. 2:13-22 (VG II: 1740) or Jn. 2:13-22 (VG II : 1740)
07 Fri.	2Cor. 6:4-10(VG II:1769);	Ps. 29:2+4. 5-6. 11-12a+13b VG II: 1121);		Mt. 10:17-22 (VG II: 1773)
08 Sat.	Heb. 13:15-17. 20-21;	Ps. 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;		Mk. 6:30-34.
09 Sun. Psalter Week I	Is. 6:1-2a. 3-8;	Ps. 137: 1-2a. 2bc-3. 4-5. 7c-8;	1 Cor. 15:1-11(or 3-8. 11);	Lk. 5:1-11.
10 Mon.	Gen. 1:1-19;	Ps. 103: 1-2a. 5-6. 10+12.24+35c;		Mk. 6:53-56.
11 Tue.	Gen. 1:20-2:4a;or Is. 66:10-14c(VG II: 1612)	Ps. 8:4-5. 6-7. 8-9; or Ps. Jdt. 13:18bcde. 19 (VG II : 1741);		Mk. 7:1-13. Or Jn. 2:1-11 (VG II: 1758)

12 Wed.	Gen. 2:4b-9. 15-17;	Ps. 103: 1-2a. 27-28. 29bc-30;		Mk 7:14-23.
13 Thu.	Gen. 2:18-25;	Ps. 127:1-2. 3. 4-5;		Mk. 7:24-30.
14 Fri.	Gen. 3: 1-8;	Ps. 31: 1-2. 5. 6. 7;		Mk. 7:31-37.
15 Sat.	Gen. 3:9-24;	Ps. 89:2. 3-4. 5-6. 12-13;		Mk. 8:1-10.
16 Sun. Psaltar Week II	Jer. 17:5-8;	Ps. 1:1-2.3.4+6;	1 Cor. 15:12. 16-20.	Lk. 6:17. 20-26.
17 Mon.	Gen. 4:1-15. 25;	Ps. 49: 1+8. 16bc-17. 20-21;		Mk. 8: 11-13.
18 Tue.	Gen. 6:5-8, 7:1-5. 10; or 2 Cor. 4:1-2. 5-7 (VG II : 1787)	Ps. 28: 1a+2. 3ac-4. 3b+9b-10; or Ps.15:1-2a+5. 7-8. 11 (VG II: 1349);		Mk. 8:14-21. Or Mt. 9:35-38 (VG II: 1790)
19 Wed.	Gen. 8:6-13. 20-22;	Ps. 115: 12-13. 14-15. 18-19;		Mk. 8:22-26.
20 Thu.	Gen. 9:1-13;	Ps. 101: 16-18. 19-21. 29+22-23;		Mk. 8:27-33.
21 Fri.	Gen. 11:1-9;	Ps.32: 10-11. 12-13. 14-15;		Mk. 8:34-9:1.
22 Sat.	(VG II: 1613 – 1615) 1 Pt. 5:1-4;	Ps. 22: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6;		Mt. 16:13-19.
23 Sun. Psaltar Week III	1 Sam. 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23;	Ps. 102: 1-2. 3-4. 8+10. 12-13;	1 Cor. 15:45-49;	Lk. 6:27-38.
24 Mon.	Sir. 1:1-10;	Ps. 92: 1ab. 1c-2. 5;		Mk.9:14-29.
25 Tue.	Sir. 2:1-13;	Ps. 36:3-4. 18-19. 27-28. 39-40;		Mk. 9:30-37.
26 Wed.	Sir. 4:12-22;	Ps. 118:165. 168. 171. 172. 174. 175;		Mk. 9:38-40.
27. Thu.	Sir. 5:1-10;	Ps. 1:1-2. 3. 4+6;		Mk. 9:41-50.
28. Fri.	Sir. 6:5-17;	Ps. 118:12. 16. 18. 27. 34. 35;		Mk. 10:1-12.

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Sokallchea 6.00 vaztam kumsaram, 6.30 vaztam Fatima Saibinnichem Poilea Sonvarachem Devosanv, thodo vell niall ani tea uprant Povitr Misachi bhett.

VEG-VEGLLEO ZOMATI

- Firgoz Gonvllik Sobha - Poilea Budvarak Sanje 6.30 vaztam
- Firgoz Gonvllik Assembly - Tin mhonneank ek pautt, poilea Aitar, sokallchea 7.30 vaztanchea Misa Uprant
- Firgoz Tornatteencho Zomo - Choutea Aitarak
- Vedi-Sevokancho Zomo- Sonvara sanje 4 vaztam
- Dev Sondexkarancho Zomo - Tisrea Sonvara sanje 7.00 vaztam
- Devachem Utor Vachpi (Lectors) - Tin mhoineank ek pautt, poilea Sonvara sanje 7.00 vaztam
- Sevadhormik Sevok (Liturgical Animators) - Tin mhoineank ek pautt, dusrea Sonvara sanje 7.00 vaztam
- Bautizm ani Kazara vhoir xikovnn - Mungllara sokallchea 10.00 - 12.00
- Gonvllik Bhett (Pastoral Visits) - Mungllar (Tue.), Brestar (Thurs.) ani Sukrar (Fri.) sanje 5.00 vaztam thaun.



IGORJENT DISPOT'TIM ANI AITARACHIM MISSAM

Somar tem Sonvar : Sokallche 7:00 vaztam

Sonvar : Sanje 6.00 vaztam (Inglez bhaxen, Aitarachem(anticipated) Mis.

Aitar:

- Sokallim 7.30 vaztam
- 8:45 vaztam Dotonichea Bhurgeanchem Mis
- 10.00 vaztam (by Canons)
- Sanje 4.00 vaztam (Tin Gorzanche Saibinnichea Manank)
- Mhoineachea Dusrea Aitar : Sokallchea 11.00 vaztam (Hindi bhaxen)

KUMSARAM

Somar tem Sonvar sokallchea 6.00 vaztam

Missa adim ani uprant

POVITR SONSKARAK BHOZONN

Sukrar, Sokallchea 6.30 vaztam, Missa adim

DEVACHI OLOKHX VO DOTON

Aitar Sokallim 7:25 vaztam

KOCHERICHIO VELL

Somar tem Sonvar

Sokallchim 8:30 tem donparchim 1:00

Sanje 3:00 tem 5:30

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