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Monthly Newsletter

MARCH 2022

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YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

Dearly beloved in Christ,

We are in the season of Great Lent, let us continue to use this time to humble ourselves in a journey that enables us to realize God's perfection and our imperfections and despite all of that, how much God loves us through His perfect love that redeems us. The redeeming love of God is a reminder for us to put down our pride and ego and live a life Christ taught us to live. Throughout the lectionary, we can see that we are going through a journey of understanding the selfless love of God in Christ through His teaching, healing, and all of what He did that showed us that He is life-giving. This was the journey He took to the cross. In this Lenten period, we must check within ourselves and see if our life is also available to give to God. Lent is a time for us to check our intentions in life; whether we eat, drink, breathe, work, speak, etc. The question that we should ask ourselves is if our existence points others to who we are, or rather who God is. Let us together as the faithful go on this Lenten journey to sharpen one another to live our lives fully for God. We should pray that this journey guides us to deny ourselves and live purposefully for God.

The North-East Youth Fellowship will host a stress and Anxiety workshop via ZOOM on March 5, 2022, with the theme: From Rain to Rainbow: Resilience during COVID. The workshop will be led by the MSW students at the University of Toronto: Jennifer Downie, Jessica Syrette, Brandee Albert, and Anne Cherian. I humbly encourage all of you to participate in this workshop as it is a great resource for stress and our mental wellbeing.

Campus visits are going on and I am excited through the opportunities to meet with our college-going youths, let us continue to pray for our youths throughout their academic journey and the pressures they face so that God can use and equip them for His mighty purpose.

As usual, our Men's Bible Study is on Tuesday, and Women's Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 8 pm respectively on our ZOOM platform. As a Diocesan youth fellowship, every Wednesday as part of lent we will have evening prayers, I encourage all our youths to participate, each week our youths will deliver the message from the Word of God.

I wish everyone a blessed Lenten Period and a happy month of March.

Much love, Jess M. George Achen

BIRTHDAYS

| Date | <u>Name</u> | Date | <u>Name</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| | | | |
| 03/05 | Ms. Leah Rachel David | 03/15 | Mr. Thomas P. Varughese |
| 03/06 | Mrs. Lizzy Satish | 03/16 | Ma. Justin B. Daniel |
| 03/07 | Ms. Sharon S. Peter | 03/19 | Mr. Jacob T. Kurian |
| 03/08 | Dr. Brite Chalunkal | 03/19 | Mrs. Jincy George |
| 03/08 | Mrs. Sosamma Thomas | 03/20 | Mr. Aby K. Varughese |
| 03/09 | Ma. Abel Leni | 03/20 | Ma. Jude Jacob |
| 03/10 | Ma. Daniel Jacob | 03/25 | Mr. A.V. Varghese |
| 03/10 | Mrs. Mini K. Prasad | 03/25 | Ma. Elijah P. Thomas |
| 03/10 | Mr. John Skaria | 03/27 | Mr. Rijin Zacharia |
| 03/10 | Mr. George E. Varghese | 03/27 | Ms. Angela Rajesh |
| 03/12 | Mrs. Joyce Koshy | 03/28 | Mrs. Anusha Dynu |
| 03/12 | Ma. Steven Varghese | 03/31 | Mr. Amol P. Varghese |

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

| Date | <u>Name</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 03/10 | Mrs. & Mr. Sunil Varghese |
| 03/19 | Mrs. & Mr. Mathew Varghese |
| 03/19 | Mrs. & Mr. John Skaria |
| 03/30 | Mrs. & Mr. Mathai Samuel |

LECTIONARY

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Lessons</u> | Epistle/Gospel |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 03/06 | 2 Kings 5: 1-14 Phlm. 1: 8-21 | Phil. 2: 21-30 Mark 1: 40-45 |
| 03/13 | 2 Sam. 12: 1-13 Acts 8: 9-17 | 1 Peter 2: 21-25 Mark 2: 1-12 |
| 03/20 | Num. 21: 4-9 Gal. 6: 11-16 | 1 Chr. 1: 18-31 John 3: 1-17 |
| 03/27 | Isa. 66: 19-24 Acts 2: 22-36 | Rom. 8: 31-39 Luke 13: 10-17 |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

| Date | <u>Service</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|---|-------------|
| 03/06 | Holy Communion Service (English) Diocesan Sunday | 10:30 am |
| 03/13 | Holy Communion Service (English) | 10:30 am |
| 03/20 | Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) | 10:30 am |
| 03/27 | Holy Communion Service (Malayalam) | 10:30 am |

CHURCH PRAYER / SERVICES

DIOCESAN SUNDAY

Sunday, March 6

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

10:30 am

Zoom ID: 487 311 7833

Passcode: standmtc

FASTING PRAYER

Every Friday 10:30 am

Teleconference Dial in number: 1-701-802-5024

Access Code: 2022960#

EDAVAKA MISSION PRAYER

Thursday March 10, 24

7:00 pm

Teleconference Dial in number: 1-701-802-5024

Access Code: 2022960#

General Body Meeting

Sunday March 27

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

· Fast from hurting words

. Fast from sadness

· Fast from anger

. Fast from pessimism

. Fast from worries

· Fast from complaints

. Fast from pressures

. Fast from bitterness

. Fast from selfishness

· Fast from grudges

. Fast from words

...and say kind words.

...and be filled with gratitiude.

...and be filled with patience.

...and be filled with hope.

...and have trust in God.

...and contemplate simplicity.

...and be prayerful.

...and fill your hearts with joy.

... and be compassionate to others.

...and be reconciled.

...and be silent so you can listen.

