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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
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VICAR'S MESSAGE

Greetings in the name of Lord Jesus Christ,

Dearly Beloved,

I express sincere gratitude to the Lord for protecting us last months and provide everything in our day-to-day life. We enter into a new month. God Almighty strengthen us to overcome each obstacle in our living situations. Lord extends our life with courage and glory in the sinful world. We preserve ourselves in the changing world with the power and purity of the word of God. August -a word that means inspiring reverence or admiration. August was named after a major figure of the ancient Roman world Augustus Caesar. This month, we honor black-owned businesses in the United States. August also has two birth flowers- the vibrant multicolored gladiolus and the deep crimson pappy. The gladiolus flower is said to represent generosity, strength of character, and deep sincerity. The pappy flower could not be more different though, as it is a sign of imagination, eternal sleep and oblivion.

As per the lectionary of our Church we have to meditate on certain themes. first Sunday-- meditate on Mission- proclamation and Acts of the kingdom of God. God's mission is continuing through Church. Emil Bruner said that burning exists on its fire and Church exists on its Mission. Second Sunday - theme is Freedom in Jesus Christ. What is freedom? Freedom is what not to do but freedom is what ought to do. Third Sunday we meditate on the theme is Reformation Sunday- Reformation based on the values of the Kingdom. Fourth Sunday - theme is Theological education for faith nourishment. Through the study we grow up in Christ.

We are planning to celebrate parish family night. I request all your participation. It's a joyful event for our mental and social well- being. coms- participate and enjoy. May the Lord Almighty bless each one of us. God bless abundantly coming days.

May the Love and grace of Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

Yours in Christ,
Jose Achen.

YOUTH CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - One True God. Amen

Dearly Beloved,

In Luke 10:1-12, we encounter a profound portrayal of Christian mission as both a participatory and defenseless activity. Fundamentally, Christian mission entails participation in the divine mission aimed at realizing the Kingdom of God. The objective is to disentangle individuals from all forms of oppression, reflecting the redemptive work of God in Jesus Christ. In this passage, Jesus dispatches disciples to prepare the way for Him, offering a new strategic framework for mission.

Firstly, mission is portrayed as a participatory endeavor. Jesus commissions seventy disciples in addition to the already selected twelve. Scholars often highlight that the number seventy holds significant weight in Jewish tradition, symbolizing completeness or the representation of all nations. In verse 1, Jesus sends these seventy individuals in pairs, underscoring the importance of mutual support and collaborative mission work. This mission is inherently communal, requiring the collective effort of all participants without discrimination. The text underscores that there is no exclusion based on gender, caste, or other social divisions. Verse 2 emphasizes that "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few," suggesting that the success of the mission relies on the cooperation and dedicated effort of the disciples.

Secondly, the mission is characterized by a nearly defenseless spirit. In verse 3, Jesus states, "I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves." This metaphor illustrates a form of discipleship that is vulnerable and sent into potentially life-threatening and hostile environments. The wolf symbolizes entities that seek to undermine and challenge the faith of the disciples, representing a culture of violence and aggression. In contrast, the lamb symbolizes a counter-culture that eschews defensive tactics. The lamb epitomizes a vulnerable missionary community committed to proclaiming liberation and enlightenment, even in the face of opposition. This requires immense courage and faith in God, inspiring us to confront challenges with the same spirit, knowing the great Shepherd is always with us.

As we reflect on this passage, we must consider: Are we engaging in God's mission activity with the vulnerability of lambs among wolves? Are we prepared to undertake a mission that necessitates reliance on divine protection and guidance? Let us remember that we are not alone in this mission. We have the Almighty's protection and guidance, which should reassure us and give us the strength to commit to a mission that is both participatory and defenseless. God willing, in a couple of months, we will again embark on mission outreach projects with the Northeast Regional Youth Fellowship. I hope that all young adults, teens, and children will be able to attend and participate. By adopting the mission strategy delineated by Jesus, we can collaborate without discrimination and confront opposition with the courage and faith of a lamb among wolves.

Once again, I remind all that the Youth Chaplain's Parsonage is a place of warmth and hospitality, open to all Youth Fellowship (YF) and Young Family Fellowship (YFF). Whether your YF or YFF needs a listening ear, a moment of prayer, or just a friendly chat over coffee,

please feel free to visit anytime. I believe in the importance of our responsible Christian fellowship and being there especially for all of our youths. Please do call before you come, so I can possibly get some snacks in time. Thank you.

God be with you all,
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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
August 4th	Malayalam Holy Communion Service Led by Rev. K. S. Mathew	10:00a.m.
August 11th	English Holy Communion Service Led by Rev. George Jose	10: 00 a.m.
August 18th	Malayalam Holy Communion Service	10:00 a.m.
August 25th	English Holy Communion Service	10:00 a.m.

LECTIONARY

<u>DATE</u>	<u>Lessons</u>	<u>Epistle/Gospel</u>
August 4th	Isa 6:1-8 Acts 19:8-12	Rom 1:8-17 Matt 10:7-16
August 11th	Exod 3:7-14 Gal 5:1-14	Rom 6:15-23 John 8:31-36
August 18th	2Kgs 23:1-3 1Pet 1:13-25	1John 2:13-17 Matt 23:23-28
August 25th	Deut 6:1-9 Acts 28:23-30	2Tim 3:10-17 Matt 13:18-23

BIRTHDAYS

DATE	NAME	DATE	NAME
08/04	Mrs. Aleena M. Yohannan	08/14	Mr. Jeath C. Ramacha
08/06	Mr. Jimmy George	08/15	Mrs. Kunjamma Jacob
08/06	Mr. Rajesh Mathew	08/20	Mr. V.T. Koshy
08/07	Mr. Renil P. David	08/24	Ms. Shoba Koshy
08/07	Ma. Johan Mathew Jean	08/28	Mrs. Mariyamma Koshy
08/08	Ms. Priya Tharakan	08/30	Ms. Justeena John
08/11	Mr. Thomas Varghese	08/30	Mrs. Elizabeth P. Varghese
08/11	Ms. Abiah Thomas	08/31	Rev. T.S. Jose

Wedding Anniversary

08/01	Dr. & Mr. George K. George	08/23	Mrs. & Mr. Binu Jacob
08/10	Mrs. & Dr. Sujith John	08/25	Mrs. & Mr. Aby K. Varughese
08/18	Mrs. & Rev. T. S. Jose	08/26	Mrs. & Mr. K.A. Abraham
08/18	Mrs. & Mr. Koshy Prakash	08/30	Mrs. & Mr. Prasad Koshy
08/20	Mrs. & Mr. Shon Cherian	08/30	Mrs. & Mr. Bilgin Varghese
08/21	Mrs. & Dr. Jean K. Jacob		

PROGRAMS AND MEETINGS

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Venue/Residence</u>
Sevika Sangham Prayer Meeting	Wednesday, August 14th @ 10:30 a.m.	Mrs. Thankamma Samuel 8 Lucille Drive Syosset, NY 11791
Edavaka Mission & Senior Citizens Meeting	Friday, August 23rd @ 10:30 a.m.	ST. Andrews MTC
Area 1 Prayer Meeting	Saturday, August 24th @ 7:00 p.m.	Mr. Aby Varughese 157 Orient St. Yonkers, NY 10704
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Youth Fellowship Meeting	Tentative date: Wednesday, August 28th @ 7:00 pm	St. Andrews MTC

Year Plan for 2024

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| • Family Night | August 31, 2024 |
| • Sevikha Sangham day | September 8, 2024 |
| • Student dedication day | September 1, 2024 |
| • Special Offertory | September 15, 2024 |
| • Senior Citizen & Edavaka Mission
One Day Retreat | September 14, 2024 |
| • Senior Citizen Day | September 15, 2024 |

- **Edavaka Mission Sunday** **October 6, 2024**
- **Church Convention** **October 18-20, 2024**
- **Youth Sunday** **October 20, 2024**
- **Family Sunday (One Day Income)** **October 27, 2024**
- **World Sunday School Day** **November 3, 2024**
- **Parish Day** **November 10, 2024**
- **Thanksgiving** **December 1, 2024**
- **Carol Rounds** **December 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th**
- **Christmas Carol Service** **December 21, 2024**
- **Christmas Service @ 9:00 a.m.** **December 25, 2024**
- **Watch Night Service @ 9: 30 p.m.** **December 31, 2024**
- **Family Retreat 2025**

Have a great summer with your family!