

Vicar's Message

Dear Parish Family,

In the midst of a lockdown due to a pandemic none of us have seen in our lifetimes, it can certainly be difficult to find reason to celebrate. Yet, this is the month the Church celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, after he died on the cross for our sins. But even during this time of uncertainty, we still have reason to celebrate.

This virus is an example of what is wrong with this world, and why God wanted to redeem it. For some, the virus has revealed our selfish nature, as those who hoard hand sanitizers, disinfectants, toilet paper, so that others can't have it. For others, it revealed our false hopes in wealth, health and success as those things seem less secure now. And sadly, for many, it reveals how quickly our health can turn – even when they're the ones on the frontlines helping those who are sick. It also shows how something so small can wreak havoc on God's creation.

This isn't the way God intended it. Therefore, God sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to die such that sin and the effects of sin can be dealt with. When Jesus returns, it will all be fulfilled: no more sin, no more virus, no more death, no more tears. This is why we celebrate even in the midst of loss, because we know that Jesus has won, and we will see that victory when he returns. We have reason to celebrate that Jesus lives. It is because he lives, that we have hope during this crisis.

Let us continue to pray for our medical professionals, grocery workers, restaurant workers, delivery drivers, warehouse workers, those that are responsible for the infrastructure and security of our country, who continue to work when others can't. For all those who are sick, let us pray that the Lord heals them quickly. Pray for our parish that we can continue to grow in Christ together, even when we're apart.

June 10 seems a long way away. We don't even know what will happen after that. But we do know that Jesus lives, and we have hope.

"I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth." - Job 19:25

May God bless us all.

Sincerely,

Rev. Alex Kolath

Events and Activities

Sunday Virtual Service

Location – Google Meet (Links to be shared)
Every Sunday - Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Passion Week Activities

Location – Online / Streaming Links to be Shared.

Sevika Sanghom - Fasting Prayer

Dial in number 1-605-313-5071, PIN: 124674#
Every Friday - Time: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Parish Mission - Prayer

Dial in number 1-605-313-5071, PIN: 124674#
Every Wednesday - Time: 9:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Combined Prayer Meeting

Date: 18th April 2020 / 25th April 2020
Location: Google Meet (Link to be shared)

Choir Practice

Location – Online (Links to be Shared)
Every Friday - Time: 7:30 pm

Sunday School (General Session & Classes)

Location – Online (Links to be Shared)
Every Sunday - TBD

All other activities at the CLC for the month of April remains CANCELLED



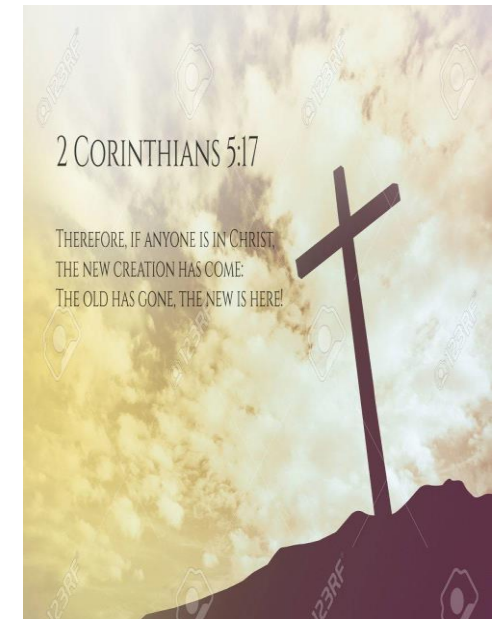
Thanks to each one who has been supporting the Sunday Virtual Services.

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NEWSLETTER April 2020



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“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17

I am a big fan of the HGTV channel, where contractors and designers work together to remodel old homes into functional and beautiful spaces for their clients. After a transformation, clients can hardly believe that they are looking at the same house they saw a while back. When we as Christians put our full faith in Christ and accept him as our personal Savior, then we are recreated, living in fellowship with Christ. But unlike the remodeled homes we see on TV, our physical appearance does not change when we come to Christ. Rather, our inner being is given a new life by the Holy Spirit, something I see as a “spiritual makeover”!

So, what happens when our life is made new in Christ? Colossians 2:6-7 reads, “So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness”. Once we receive Christ, we are set apart as His children. We should strive to only do what is pleasing to the Lord, spend time in communion with Him, and study His word. When we are faced with trials, like what we are experiencing now, we should learn to rely and trust completely in God. This Easter season may our lives reflect on our unity with the God who sent His son to die, and rise again, all for us.

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!
BASIC WORDS OF THE BIBLE

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JESUS CHRIST	PRAY	MIRACLE
SALVATION	TITH	NAZARETH
JEW	MINISTRY	BETHLEHEM
GENTILE	BIBLE	JERUSALEM
HOLY SPIRIT	HOLY	BAPTIZE
GOD THE FATHER	SACRIFICE	TEMPTATION
PERSECUTE	FAITH	SIN

Birthday

Name	Date
Gruschenka Moraes Chacko	April 3
Aditi Mariam Kurian Philip George Chacko (Biju)	April 7
Alan Cherian Ashish K Thomas	April 9
Ajit Peter Thomas	April 15
Jaideep Mathai	April 17
Hannah S Kurian	April 18
Gincy T George	April 19
Roselyn Ann Legin	April 19
Abraham Kurian (Anish) Nathan Zachary John	April 25
Abraham Samuel (Sunny)	April 27
Ashish Mathew Abraham James M Thomas	April 29

Wedding Anniversary

- Janita Cheriyan

Name	Date
Philip George Chacko and Gruschenka Moraes Chacko	April 3
Vinu Mammen and Suja Vinu	April 3
Minesh Christian and Mexy Christian	April 8
George Varughese (Raju) and Molly Varughese	April 15
Anu P John and Nisha Rachel George	April 24

Offertory / Subscription / Pledge / Tithe

As we are doing not meeting physically and if anyone wants to provide Offertory / Subscription / Pledge / Tithe to the church, you can do so using any of the 2 options below -

1. PayPal - trustee.finance@immanuelmarthoma.org
Specify in the Memo, your name and the cause.
2. Bill Pay / Sending Checks - You can set up Bill Pay Or end your check to P O Box - 46, Sterling, VA – 20167

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PASSION WEEK SERVICE

Date	Service / Timing
April 5	Palm Sunday (Diocese Streaming) – 10:00 am
April 6	Prayer Service (Virtual Service) – 7:00 pm
April 7	Prayer Service (Virtual Service) – 7:00 pm
April 8	Prayer Service (Virtual Service) – 7:00 pm
April 9	Maundy Thursday (Diocese Streaming) - 7 pm
April 10	Good Friday (Diocese Streaming) – 10:00 am
April 12	Easter Sunday (Virtual Service) – 9:30 am (Diocese Streaming) – 10 am

