

Vicar's Message

Dear Parish Family,

When Moses was 120 years old, he was leading Israel to the Promised Land. Just as he was close, he knew he couldn't go any further. Joshua was to lead them the rest of the way.

Being the successor is never easy. It's even harder when you're succeeding someone who was good at what they did – or possibly the best. There's an immense pressure to do just as well, and possibly more self-awareness of your inability to do so. So, you can imagine Joshua's reaction to Moses telling him of his "promotion." Moses was the hero of Israel. Joshua was asked to take his place.

Moses was certainly aware of this fear Joshua would be facing. Joshua would be doing an even harder task: conquest of the Promised Land. No one will simply give up their land to Israel. There was going to be fighting. There was going to be hardships. But Moses gives him encouragement: Be strong and courageous. The Lord is with you. You will succeed. God promised it. It will happen. Joshua doesn't know how or when, but it will. That promise is all he needs, and all that Moses needs to encourage him.

That same promise that the Lord will be with him is the same promise given to all of us. Jesus was about to leave, and in his place, he commissioned his disciples (and subsequently the Church) to make disciples of the nations. Imagine the dread of the original apostles – being a small minority of Jews who were under the rule of the Roman Empire who ruled the known world. They are asked to go up against that? Jesus assures them that he will be with them until the end of the age. In other words, Jesus will be with us forever.

Being obedient to that commission is not easy. Joshua's task wasn't easy either. But the promise remains true. Instead of letting fear rule us and preventing us from sharing Jesus with others – Moses' words to Joshua are God's words to us: be strong and courageous. The Lord is with you.

Let us be faithful to the call to proclaim the Gospel, being assured that the Lord is with us always.

Rev. Alex Kolath

Events and Activities

Sevika Sanghom - Fasting Prayer

Dial in number 1-605-313-5071, PIN: 124674#

Every Friday - Time: 12:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Choir Practice

Location – CLC

Every Friday - Time: 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Parish Mission - Prayer

Dial in number 1-605-313-5071, PIN: 124674#

Every Wednesday - Time: 9:30 pm - 10:00 pm

Sunday School

Location - CLC

Every Sunday - Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Holy Communion

Location - CLC

Every Sunday - Time: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Area Prayer Meeting 2&3

Date: 8th February 2020, Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Location: 41681 St Albans Ter, Aldie VA 20105

Area Prayer Meeting 1&4

Date: 22nd February 2020, Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: TBD

Young Family Meeting - Feb 1st, 4:00 pm – 6:00pm

Location: Ashish & Princy Residence



Lay Ministrant Schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/th19kzs>

Please sign up for refreshments after our worship services: <https://tinyurl.com/w6onalq>

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"Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be afraid of them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."

Deuteronomy 31:6 (KJV)

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February 2020 Service Timings & Bible Reading and Assistant Lay Leader Assignments



Date	Location	Worship Timing	Language	First Lesson	Second Lesson	Assistant Lay Leader
Feb – 2	CLC	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Malayalam	Shino Kurien (1Sam 1:19-28)	Jemy Domenic (Heb 10:1-14)	George Sam (Rom 11:33-36, 12:1-2)
Feb – 9	CLC	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	English	Praveen Mathews (Isa 65:17-25)	Benitta Abraham (Heb 4:1-13)	Anu John (Col 1:15-24)
Feb – 16	CLC	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Malayalam	Ashish Joy (Gen 6:1-13)	Princy Samuel (Rom 5:12-21)	Vinod Varghese (Rom 7:14-25)
Feb – 23	CLC	3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	English	Ajo Abraham (Isa 44:21-28)	Jennifer Abraham (1Tim 1:12-17)	Rajiv Alexander (Rom 11:13-24)

1. What kind of stew did Esau sell his birthright for?
2. Which tribe of Israel looked after the religious aspects of life?
3. In which book is it mentioned about prophecy to the valley of dry bones?
4. Specify the name of God which means "The God who Heals"
5. On which day of the year could the High Priest enter the Holy of Holies?
6. In what language was the Old Testament written?
7. How is Ruth related to Naomi?
8. From which tribe was King David?
9. Which of these was not written by Moses? Genesis, Leviticus, Ecclesiastes, Deuteronomy
10. What were kept in the Ark of the Covenant?

Please send answers to deepnv@yahoo.com

Youth Corner

Deuteronomy 31: 6 and 8 verse takes place during Moses' last days. Moses knew that he was about to die. He called Joshua forward and gave him a speech of assurance. These words are a loving but consistent guarantee that we are never alone. The Israelites were facing the most fearsome of advisories. They were numerous, mighty, strong, and powerful. Fear consumed them, but in Moses' last words, he gave them the affirmation that no matter what, God would be with them. God already has a plan. He already knows what's going to happen, when it's going to happen, and how it is going to happen. So why should we be scared?

If you read the verse out of context, you will learn to feel a sense of peace, comfort, and healing. Even in your darkest moments, when you feel like you are all alone, you must remember that God will always go before you. Therefore, don't be uncertain of what is to come. Like the Israelites, we all face times of trouble in our life. Whether at school, at work, or at home, we can feel helpless and alone. God spoke through Moses to Joshua to remind him to not be afraid. This message gave him the courage to lead the Israelites against the powerful rivals of the promised land. When you feel alone, afraid, or discouraged, read this verse to remind you of how great and protective your heavenly father is

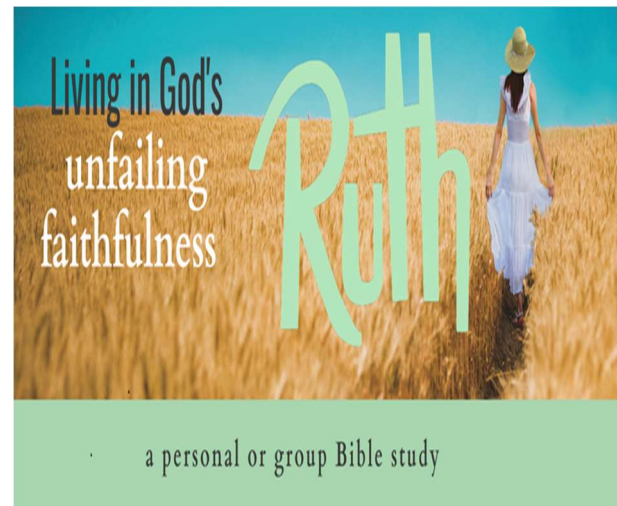
- Amy Cherian

Name	Date
Aiden Kurian Abraham Susy Joseph	February 1
Joshua S Kurian	February 4
Mathew Kurian	February 5
Aiden Mathew Christian Debbie Ninan Varghese	February 6
Nivin Thomas John	February 7
Evan Philip Abraham	February 10
Joash Daniel Manu	February 11
Jinesh Abraham Kurian	February 12
Anish Joy	February 14
Jennifer S. Varughese	February 16
Jane Susan Manu	February 21
David Pappy	February 23
Abraham Philip, Abin Abraham Mohan Susan Thomas	February 26
Benjamin Mathew Christian	February 28

Name	Date
John Cyrus & Somy Cyrus	February 3
Biju V. Cherian & Riya George	February 5
A J John & Matilda John	February 13
Shijin Joshua and Rinku Anne Samuel	February 14
Deep Ninan Varghese & Bijula Mary Varghese	February 25

Wedding Anniversary

Parish Bible Study – (WordGo– iOS and Android)



Birthdays