



**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2016**

Missionary Church, Witness of Mercy

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy, which the Church is celebrating, casts a distinct light on World Mission Sunday 2016: it invites us to consider the *missio ad gentes* as a great, immense work of mercy, both spiritual and material. On this World Mission Sunday, all of us are invited to "go out" as missionary disciples, each generously offering their talents, creativity, wisdom and experience in order to bring the message of God's tenderness and compassion to the entire human family. By virtue of the missionary mandate, the Church cares for those who do not know the Gospel, because she wants everyone to be saved and to experience the Lord's love. She "is commissioned to announce the mercy of God, the beating heart of the Gospel" (*Misericordiae Vultus*, 12) and to proclaim mercy in every corner of the world, reaching every person, young or old.

When mercy encounters a person, it brings deep joy to the Father's heart; for from the beginning the Father has lovingly turned towards the most vulnerable, because his greatness and power are revealed precisely in his capacity to identify with the young, the marginalized and the oppressed (cf. *Deut* 4:31; *Ps* 86:15; 103:8; 111:4). He is a kind, caring and faithful God who is close to those in need, especially the poor; he involves himself tenderly in human reality just as a father and mother do in the lives of their children (cf. *Jer* 31:20). When speaking of the womb, the Bible uses the word that signifies mercy: therefore it refers to the love of a mother for her children, whom she will always love, in every circumstance and regardless of what happens, because they are the fruit of her womb. This is also an essential aspect of the love that God has for all his children, whom he created and whom he wants to raise and educate; in the face of their weaknesses and infidelity, his heart is overcome with compassion (cf. *Hos* 11:8). He is merciful towards all; his love is for all people and his compassion extends to all creatures (cf. *Ps* 144:8-9).

Mercy finds its most noble and complete expression in the Incarnate Word. Jesus reveals the face of the Father who is rich in mercy; he "speaks of [mercy] and explains it by the use of comparisons and parables, but above all he himself makes it incarnate and personifies it" (John Paul II, *Dives in Misericordia*, 2). When we welcome and follow Jesus by means of the Gospel and sacraments, we can, with the help of the Holy Spirit, become merciful as our heavenly Father is merciful; we can learn to love as he loves us and make of our lives a free gift, a sign of his goodness (cf. *Misericordiae Vultus*, 3). The Church, in the midst of humanity, is first of all the community that lives by the mercy of Christ: she senses his gaze and feels he has chosen her with his merciful love. It is through this love that the Church discovers its mandate, lives it and makes it known to all peoples through a respectful dialogue with every culture and religious belief.

In many places evangelization begins with education, to which missionary work dedicates much time and effort, like the merciful vine-dresser of the Gospel (cf. *Lk* 13:7-9; *Jn* 15:1), patiently waiting for fruit after years of slow cultivation; in this way they bring forth a new people able to evangelize, who will take the Gospel to those places where it otherwise would not have been thought possible. The Church can also be defined as "mother" for those who will one day have faith in Christ. I hope, therefore, that the holy people of God will continue to exercise this maternal service of mercy, which helps those who do not yet know **the Lord to encounter and love him. Faith is God's gift and not the result of proselytizing; rather it grows** thanks to the faith and charity of evangelizers who witness to Christ. As they travel through the streets of the world, the disciples of Jesus need to have a love without limits, the same measure of love that our Lord has for all people. We proclaim the most beautiful and greatest gifts that he has given us: his life and his love.

All peoples and cultures have the right to receive the message of salvation which is God's gift to every person. This is all the more necessary when we consider how many injustices, wars, and humanitarian crises still need resolution. Missionaries know from experience that the Gospel of forgiveness and mercy can bring joy and reconciliation, justice and peace. The mandate of the Gospel to "go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (*Mt* 28:19-20) has not ceased; rather this command commits all of us, in the current landscape with all its challenges, to hear the call to a renewed missionary "impulse", as I noted in my Apostolic Exhortation *[Evangelii Gaudium](#)*: "Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all of us are asked to obey his call to go **forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the 'peripheries' in need of the light of the Gospel**" (20).

This Jubilee year marks the 90th anniversary of World Missionary Day, first approved by Pope Pius XI in 1926 and organized by the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith. It is appropriate then to recall the wise instructions of my Predecessors who ordered that to this Society be destined all the offerings collected in every diocese, parish, religious community, association and ecclesial movement throughout the world for the care of Christian communities in need and for supporting the proclamation of the Gospel even to the ends of the earth. Today too we believe in this sign of missionary ecclesial communion. Let us not close our hearts within our own particular concerns, but let us open them to all of humanity.

May Holy Mary, sublime icon of redeemed humanity, model of missionaries for the Church, teach all men, women and families, to foster and safeguard the living and mysterious presence of the Risen Lord in every place, he who renews personal relationships, cultures and peoples, and who fills all with joyful mercy.

From the Vatican, 15 May 2016, Solemnity of Pentecost

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Second Sunday of Moses			
Aug 14	READING	10:00 AM	11:45
1st Reading	Deut 11: 26-32	Teena Vakkal	Michelle Kanjiraparayal
2nd Reading	Gal 5: 16-26	Maria Kozhamplakal	Jeffin Kalapurayil
Gospel	Lk 8: 41b-56		

Third Sunday of Moses			
Aug 21	READING	10:00 AM	
1st Reading	Is 41: 8-16	Thushara Chemmanthara	
2nd Reading	Gal 6: 1-10	Shelbin Pazhempally	
Gospel	Mt 8: 23-34		

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Oct 22— Rosary for 10 days will begin on this day.



Knanaya Regional Rosary

Every day starts at 9pm

Dial #: 712 775 7035

access code: 406 708 #

Dear Parents,

This is to inform you all few things about CCD.

Since the kids are using 2 books this year, the CCD book and the workbook, they need to bring a bag or a binder to keep the books, home-work, pencils/pens stuff like that. Please try to send a bag, like a drawstring bag, with them to keep the books safe. We don't have extra copies of books to give them, if they loose the book. Have a talk with your child keeping the books safe. If you have used CCD books from previous years, please bring it to the CCD office.

If any of the kids want to celebrate their birthday with their friends in the CCD class, they can do it. You can bring cupcakes or cookies enough for all the kids in the class, give it to the teacher to share and celebrate during the class. This is only for the 2nd session kids - Prek3, Prek4, Kindergarten, and 1st grade.

There will be an Alter servers' training for kids from the grade 4th and up on Saturday, October 15th after the 10:00 am holy mass. It's a mandatory training for all those who wish to join the alter server team and those are already in it. Parents, please bring your kids to attend the training.

Thank you,DREs

Holy Year of Mercy

We want to live in the light of the word of the Lord: "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (cf. Lk 6:36). This Holy Year will conclude on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and living face of the Father's mercy."

Pope Francis

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Weekly Schedule

SUNDAY

7:45am Holy Mass in Malayalam
10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam
11:40pm Holy Mass in English
05:30pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

MONDAY — THURSDAY

07:00pm Holy Mass in Malayalam

FRIDAY

06:00 PM Holy Mass in Malayalam

TUESDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Anthony

THURSDAY

After Mass Novena to St. Jude

SATURDAY

10:00am Holy Mass in Malayalam
followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

OFFERINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Aug 8

9/27/2016	\$61.00	REGULAR MASS COLLECTION	ST ANTONY
9/29/2016	\$983.00	REGULAR MASS COLLECTION	ST JUDE & ANNUAL
10/2/2016	\$1,637.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	10 AM MASS
10/2/2016	\$221.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	7:45 MASS
10/2/2016	\$69.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	ENGLISH MASS
10/2/2016	\$317.00	SUNDAY REGULAR COLLECTION	EVENING MASS
10/2/2016	\$700.00	RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	CCD FEES
10/2/2016	\$10.00	AUCTION	
10/2/2016	\$300.00	FACILITY USAGE	MARY ODIRAKALLUMKAL
10/2/2016	\$1,000.00	FACILITY USAGE	PREDEEP VETTIKATT
10/2/2016	\$380.00	PERUNNAL	MAIN FEAST AUCTION
10/2/2016	\$250.00	FUND RAISING	
10/2/2016	\$400.00	FUNERAL	EDAKARA
10/2/2016	\$216.00	KNANAYA REGION REFUND	ODIRAKALLUMKAL
10/2/2016	\$78.00	KNANAYA REGION REFUND	VACHACHIRA
	\$6,622.00		