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Gospel Message



What can keep us from the presence of God? Jesus' dramatic cleansing of the temple was seen by his disciples as a prophetic sign of God's work to purify and restore true worship and holiness among his people. The temple was understood as the dwelling place of God among his people. When God delivered his people from slavery in Egypt, he brought them safely through the Red Sea, and led them to Mount Sinai where he made a covenant with them and gave them a new way of living in moral goodness and holiness embodied in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). God also gave Moses instruction for how his people were to worship him in holiness and he instructed them to make a Tabernacle, which was also referred to as the "tent of meeting" where the people gathered to offer sacrifice and worship to God. The tent of meeting was later replaced by the construction of the temple at Jerusalem. The New Testament Scripture tells us that these "serve as a copy and shadow of the heavenly sanctuary" – God's true Temple in heaven (Hebrews 8:5). Jesus' cleansing of the temple is also a prophetic sign of what he wants to do with each of us. He ever seeks to cleanse us of our sinful ways in

order to make us into living temples of his Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19). God desires that we be holy as he is holy. Do you thirst and hunger for God's holiness?

When Jesus went to Jerusalem at Passover time he shocked the Jewish leaders by forcibly expelling the money-changers and traders from the temple. Jesus referred to the temple as his Father's house which was being made into a "house of trade" (John 2:16) and "den of robbers" (Mark 11:17). The prophecy of Malachi foretold the coming of the Lord unexpectedly to his Temple to "purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the Lord" (Malachi 3:1-4). Jesus' disciples recalled the prophetic words of Psalm 69: "Zeal for your house will consume me." This psalm was understood as a Messianic prophecy. Here the disciples saw Jesus more clearly as the Messiah who burned with zeal for God's house.

The Jewish authorities wanted proof that Jesus had divine authority to act as he did. They demanded a sign from God to prove Jesus right, otherwise, they would treat him as an imposter and a usurper of their authority. Jesus spoke of himself as the true Temple which cleanses and makes us a holy people who can dwell with God. The sign Jesus gave pointed to his sacrificial death on the cross and his rising from the tomb on the third day: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). The Jews did not understand that the temple Jesus referred to was his own body. The "tent of his body" had to first be destroyed (that is, be put to death as the atoning sacrifice for our sins) in order to open the way for us to freely enter into the holy presence of God in his heavenly sanctuary (Hebrews 10:19).

CHURCH SCHEDULE

HOLY Qurbana in MALAYALAM

Sunday 8.:00 AM, 10: 00 AM & 5.30 PM

Monday - Friday 8:15 AM

Monday-Thursday 7:00PM

Saturday - 10:00AM

HOLY QURBANA IN ENGLISH

Sunday - 11:40 AM

Friday - 6:00 PM

NOVENA (AFTER HOLY QURBANA)

Tuesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: St. Jude

Saturday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help

1st Wednesday: St. Michael

CONFESSION

Everyday before Holy Qurbana

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday: 10:00AM

ADORATION CHAPEL

9:00AM - 9:00 PM

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Liturgical Bible Readings

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2 സാമൂ 12:1-7, 13-17

2 തിമോ 2:22-26

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Season of Lent : Fourth Sunday

2 Samuel 12: 1-7, 13-17

Abigail Vettikattu

2 Timothy 2: 22-26

Chris Illikkattil

Mathew 5: 27-32

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MARK YOUR CALENDER

March 3: Way of the Cross - St. Jude Koodarayogam

March 7-10: Annual Lenten Retreat

March 8, 8.15am : Way of the Cross Lourde Matha Koodarayogam

March 8, 6.00pm : Way of the Cross CML

March 16: Blessing of SH church

March 22: 40th Friday

March 24: Palm Sunday

March 28: Pesaha Thursday

March 29: Passion Friday

March 30: Easter Vigil

March 31: Easter Sunday

April 07: Divine Mercy Sunday

April 11: Night Vigil

April 21: World Prayer Day for Vocations

CHERUPUSHPA MISSION LEAGUE CORNER



Feb 23rd Way of the Cross led by CML Children



Feb 25th Holy Qurbana led by St. John Paul II Group

March 10th Sunday
 CML Group Assignment for Holy Qurbana
 St. Joseph Group
 Group Coordinators
 Selma Nellamattam
 Molgeena Thattamattam

March 9th & 10th (Saturday & Sunday)
 Lenten Retreat for Children
 Lead by
 CMC Sisters.

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~ Emmaus Experience Retreat ~
~ A Eucharistic Journey ~

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March 7 Thursday - March 10 Sunday.



Fr. Augustine Mundackatt V.C.

March 7th Thursday 7.00pm to 9.00pm

March 8th Friday 10.00am to 6.00pm

March 9th Saturday 10.00am to 6.00pm

March 10th Sunday 10.00am to 5.30pm

Fr. Augustine is currently serving as the Global Evangelization Director and Counselor General of the Vincentian Congregation, in charge of Retreats and centers across the Globe. Previously he was the Editor of Vachanolsavam (a popular Indian Catholic Renewal magazine published in seven languages), Vicar Provincial, and Director of Retreat Centers in Kolkata (Calcutta), Kottayam, Goa. Responding to the World Evangelization call of Pope John Paul II over 25 years ago, he has travelled to more than forty countries preaching the Gospel. Throughout the course of his faithful ministry, numerous Signs and Healings have been reported.

