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SIMON, SON OF JOHN, DO YOU LOVE ME MORE THAN THESE?" HE SAID TO HIM, "YES, LORD; YOU KNOW THAT I LOVE YOU." HE SAID TO HIM, "FEED MY LAMBS.



Do you want the fire of God’s love to burn in your heart? John the evangelist tells us that God is love (1 John 4:16). His love is unconditional, unmerited, and without limit. It lasts forever. It’s the beginning and the end – it’s the reason God created us and why he wants us to be united with him. And it’s the essence of what it means to be a Christian – one who knows God's love and forgiveness and who loves God in return with all one's heart, soul, mind, body, and strength (Deuteronomy 6:5, Luke 10:27, Mark 12:33). God's love heals and transforms our lives and frees us from fear, selfishness, and greed. It draws us to the very heart of God and it compels us to give to him the best we have and all we possess – our gifts, our time, our resources, our full allegiance, and our very lives. Paul the Apostle tells us that God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given us (Romans 5:5). What can quench such love? Certainly indifference, loss of hope, disbelief, and rejection of God and his word.

Why did Jesus question Peter’s love and fidelity three times in front of the other apostles? It must have caused Peter pain and sorrow since he had publicly denied Jesus three times. Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost. When Jesus asks him "do you love me more than these?" Jesus may have pointed to the boats, nets and catch of fish. He may have challenged Peter to abandon his work as a fisherman for the task of shepherding God's people. Jesus also may have pointed to the other disciples and to Peter's previous boast: "Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away" (Matthew 26:33). Peter now makes no boast or comparison but humbly responds: "You know I love you."

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us, even in our weakness, sin, and failings, to love him above all else. Saint Augustine in his Confessions wrote: "Late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient and so new. Late have I loved you! ...You shone your Self upon me to drive away my blindness. You breathed your fragrance upon me... and in astonishment I drew my breath...now I pant for you! I tasted you, and now I hunger and thirst for you. You touched me! - and I burn to live within your peace" (Confessions 10:27). Nothing but our sinful pride and wilfulness can keep us from the love of God. It is a free gift, unmerited and beyond payment. We can never outmatch God in giving love. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding graciousness and mercy towards us. Do you allow God's love to change and transform your heart?

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, 4.00 PM

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

മൂന്നാം ഞായർ (4/14/2024)

പുറ 3:1-12 ആട്ടിയനായ മൂശയെ വിളിക്കുന്നു.

എസ 34:20-26 ഞാൻ ഒരു ഇടയനെ നിയമിക്കും.

എഫേ 4:7-16 കൃപാവരങ്ങളുടെ വൈവിധ്യം.

യോഹ 21:15-19 പത്രോസ് അജപാലകൻ.

Third Sunday (4/14/2024)

Ex 3:1-12 God calls Moses, the Shepherd.

Ezek 34:20-26 I will appoint a shepherd.

Eph 4:7-16 Diversity of graces.

Jn 21:15-19 Peter is the shepherd.

Readers for English Mass at 11.40am

1st reading: Jake Thattamattom

2nd reading: Anna Leya Chengalavan

MARK YOUR CALENDER

April 21: World Prayer Day for Vocations

April 28: Knanya Region Day

May 1: Feast of St. Joseph, the worker

May 12: CCD Final Exams

May 13: Feast of Our Lady of Fathima

May 19: The Feast of Pentecost

May 22: Feast of St. George

May 26: Solemn Reception of the Holy Communion

May 27: Memorial Day

May 30: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

May 31: Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary

June 7: Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

June 8: Feast of Mariam Thersia

June 14: Death anniversary of Mar Kuriakose Kunnassery

June 27: Feast of Body and Blood of Christ

June 29: Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

July 3: Dukhrana of St. Thomas, the Apostle

Cherupushpa Mission League Corner



April 7th Sunday Holy Qurbana Led by CML St. Michael Group

CML Group Assignment for Sunday Mass

4/14/24 : St. Theresa Group

Coordinators:

Bhavana Kizhavallil

Jessy Chemmalakuzhiyil



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First 4pm English Holy Qurbana at St.Mary's on April 7th Sunday



Feast of Divine Mercy & St. Thomas



Movie Day on April 7th: Malayalam Feature Film ' HOPE '



Holy Childhood Ministry Prize Winners