



Introduction

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ,

Is it the end of the world?. Natural calamities occur in this world now and then. The world has seen an epidemic period of Spanish flu or so, but nothing has occurred at a universal level except for this COVID outbreak. Mid-spring brought crisis levels of coronavirus infections to several countries around the world that were under-resourced and unprepared to ward off outbreaks and treat the sick.

According to data from World Health Organization dated May 18, 2021, India had reported more than 25 million of the 163 million confirmed cases of COVID worldwide and more than 278,000 of the more than 3 million deaths. There is a scarcity of hospital beds, essential medications and oxygen. It was the same situation in the United States about a year ago. But we have overcome that situation. COVID was also surging almost in all other countries of the world. In this spring, it was also surging in Brazil, Argentina, Peru and Uruguay similar to what is happening in India. We have to glorify God for our nation, the United States for his blessings during these tough times. We must continue to keep the pandemic worsened countries such as India in our prayers so that the Lord Almighty may stretch forth His hand and heal those who are affected.

People are also panicking about the war between Israel and Palestine. It reminds us that there is an end to this world !"Be conscious of death, judgement, heaven and hell', Pampadi Thirumeni used to remind people. St. Mark Chapter 13, verses 32 and 33" No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come" What I say to you, I say to everyone: 'Watch!' (Mk.13:37)

Sincerely,

John Thomas Achen

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Important Church Dates

- June 6: Commemoration of HG Yuyakim Mar Ivanios (Parumala Seminary) & HG Augen Mar Divanyasios (Vallikattu Dayara)
- June 11: Feast of St. Bartholomew & St. Barnabas
- June 11: Commemoration of HG Simon Mar Athanasios (Kottayam Puthanpally) & HG Geevarghese Mar Severios (Kottayam Valiyapalli)
- June 16: 13 day Apostles' (Sleeha) Fast begins
- June 19: Feast of St. James, Brother of Jesus and the First Bishop of Jerusalem
- June 24: Birth of St. John the Baptist
- June 29: Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul - End of Apostles' (Sleeha) Lent
- June 30: Feast of the Twelve Apostles.

English Qurbana Date : June 27 Upcoming Events

- JUNE 16 APOSTLES' FAST BEGINS
- JUNE 19: FEAST OF ST. JAMES
- JUNE 20: FATHER'S DAY
- JUNE 24: BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST
- JUNE 29: APOSTLES' FAST ENDS
- JUNE 12: BIBLE STUDY
- JUNE 27: ENGLISH QURBANA

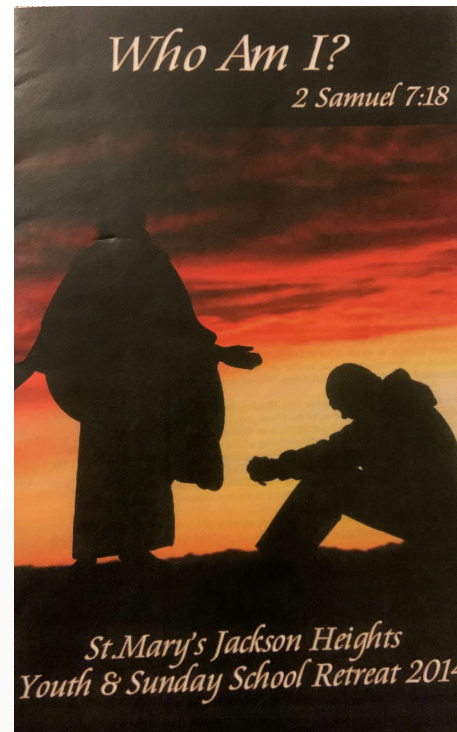


Message from the Youth Leaders

Hi everyone!

We hope everyone and their families have been doing okay and staying strong this past month, especially now that the weather is getting warmer and restrictions are slowly being lifted. As June rolls in, we have to continue to keep the faith in God and reach out to him during our stressful times, whether that be finals for school or landing a job interview, through God we can seriously achieve the unthinkable. Through this upcoming lenten period of the Apostles' fast, we begin to honor the Apostles who, by the grace of God, spread His word and ministry to the ends of the earth. Let us use this time to get closer to God and to thank the Apostles for showing us true leadership through Christ. Unfortunately last month, we as a youth weren't able to conduct a bible study, but in positive news, we will try to aim for 2 this month, God willing. The theme for the first one we have is from 2 Samuel, Chapter 7 Verse 8 "Who Am I?". Lastly, through the grace and mercy of God, COVID-19 in the US has been slowly decreasing so we are aiming to have much more participation in church. We will still be having one Saturday/Sunday a month for English Qurbana, so with that, we need a ton of the youth to come out and participate. Let us continue to keep everyone, especially everyone back in India, in our constant and continual prayers. If anyone here needs to talk about anything, please don't be afraid to reach out and contact any of the youth leaders through GroupMe or WhatsApp. Thank you and May God bless!

Sincerely,
The Youth Leaders



The Apostles' fast commemorates the ministry of the 12 Apostles as they began the spread of Christianity to the far corners of the earth. We remember their sacrifice, commitment, discipline and devotion to the Lord's commandment.

June Gospel Readings

June 6: 2nd Sunday After Pentecost (St. Matthew 10:5-16)

Christ sends his disciples on a mission to the Jews to preach and heal. Christ prepares them to be single-minded in their mission. He also reminds them that His power is free; a gift from God. Christ commissions his disciples to give greetings of peace, the same peace that was proclaimed by the prophets, which would be revealed as a fruit of the Holy Spirit. To this day, Christ's peace is offered to the faithful in the liturgy - "Peace be to all".

June 13: 3rd Sunday After Pentecost (St. John 6:35-46)

In this passage, Christ refers to the spiritual needs of the people. It is the spiritual food Jesus is offering instead of physical, which is needed to satisfy our spiritual hunger for eternity. Jesus says the word he speaks of is about the Spirit. It is the Spirit that gives us eternal life, not the flesh. The Eucharist (Holy Qurbana) represents the communion of the believers in His Body and Blood. The Eucharist is the fulfillment of Jesus' sacrifice which is absolutely necessary for salvation.

June 20: 4th Sunday After Pentecost (St. Luke 10:1-16)

The Lord appoints seventy others and sent them two by two into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. The seventy were appointed to call men to Christ; as laborers to represent Jesus in his ministry of preaching and healing as people everywhere were in need of spiritual and physical healing.

June 27: 5th Sunday After Pentecost (St. Luke 9:10-17)

In this passage, Christ first healed and spoke the gospel, and then fed the multitude with miraculous bread by the hands of His disciples. Jesus' blessing and breaking the bread teaches us that we have to give thanks to Him who gives us food and directs us to pursue spiritual food greater than that which is earthly.

June 29: Remembrance of St. Peter & St. Paul - End of Apostles' Fast (St. Matthew 20:1-16)

In this parable, the vineyard is life in this world. The day refers both to the span of a single person's life and to the whole human history. The laborers are all the people in every nation. Each hour can refer to times in a person's life.

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EVENING PRAYER:

FRIDAYS AT 7:00 PM

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SATURDAYS AT 6:15 PM MEDITATION & 6:30 PM PRAYER

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SUNDAY SCHOOL GENERAL SESSION

SATURDAYS AT 5:30 PM

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BIBLE STUDY

ZOOM LINK WILL BE SENT VIA GROUPME/WHATSAPP

Prayer Requests

For the well-being of our church, and community, keeping our beloved bava thirumeni in prayers. Praying for INDIA's revival from the myriad outbreak of the pandemic and relief for those suffering from the pandemic world wide.

The church extends our condolences on the loss of Mr. A. V. Joseph, father of Mrs. Shyla Sotter (Grandfather of Sherin and Alvin Sotter) and N.K. Paul Nellimootil, brother of Suma Babu Peter (Uncle of Binish, Binitha and Binel)

The church mourns the loss of our fellow clergy, Rev.Fr.Mathew John.

Keeping the grieving family in our prayers.