



Immanuel
GOD WITH US

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



**Jesus is Immanuel :
So Christmas is in Every day.**

Greetings of the Christmas and May you experience rich memories that linger long after the Christmas season is gone.

What is the real meaning of Christmas? Is it the presents, the lights, the tree, or the time spent with close friends and family? During this time Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus

Christ. A little over two thousand years ago, God sent his Son to the world to provide salvation for us all; the best Christmas gift ever given. You can receive this gift if you believe that Jesus died for your sins and ask him into your life.

Although a great theologian and doctor of the Church, Saint Augustine was also a wonderful pastor and the Bishop of the Diocese of Hippo in North Africa. In that capacity he preached a homily every Christmas at Midnight Mass and at Masses on Christmas Day. Fortunately, some of his people wrote down and collected what he preached, and so we even today are able to profit from his sermons. Once he said of Jesus, "He is the One through whom all things have been made and, on Christmas, Who has been made in the midst of all things. He is the Revealer of His Father and the Creator of His mother, the Son of God through His Father without a mother and the Son of Man through His mother without a father. He is great in the eternal day of the angels but small in the time-conditioned day of men. He is the Word of God before all time and the Word made Flesh in the fullness of time. Maker of the sun, He is made under the sun. In Him He remains while from her He goes forth. Creator of the heavens and the earth, He is born on earth under the heavens. Unspeakably wise, He is wisely speechless. Filling the universe, He lies in a manger. Ruler of the stars, He nurses at His mother's bosom. He is both great in the nature of God and small in the form of a servant, but His greatness is not diminished by His smallness nor His smallness overwhelmed by His greatness." Saint Augustine said, "Man's Maker was made man that the Bread might be hungry, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep, the Way be tired from the journey, the Truth might be accused by false witnesses, the Judge of the living and dead be judged by a mortal judge, Justice be sentenced by the unjust, the Teacher be beaten with whips, the Vine be crowned

with thorns, the Foundation be suspended on wood, the Strength be made weak, the Healer be wounded, and that Life might die. Wake up, O human being! For it was for you that God was made man. Rise up and realize it was all for you. Eternal death would have awaited you had He not been born in time. Never would you be freed from your sinful flesh had He not taken to Himself the likeness of sinful flesh. Everlasting would be your misery had He not performed this act of mercy. You would not have come to life again had He not come to die your death. You would have perished had He not come."

Jesus is Immanuel means God is with us . He is ready to be with us at any time but only thing whether we are ready to be with him or not. Sometimes we are not ready to be with him because of our selfishness. He is ready to be with us even if we are not ready to be with him. Let us celebrate the Christmas with the decision to be with Jesus always .We have to be with Jesus Christ when we are in happy, sorrow, success, failure and in every moment of our lives. Thus there will be Christmas every day in our lives.

Once again I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. I invite each and every one to the church for Christmas Mass and the celebration at 7. pm on 24th December 2018. May God Bless you all!

Fr.Suni Padinjarekkara

HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

Holy Mass:
Monday – Friday | 7 PM. Saturday | 9:30 AM.
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM (English), 11:30 AM

Night Vigil:
First Off Weekend Friday of the Month| 8 PM. to Midnight
Adoration
Every Friday | 9 AM -7 PM.
Monday – Friday | 6-7 PM. Saturday| 8:30 - 9:30 AM.

Novenas :
St. Antony Tuesday | After 7 PM. Mass
St. Jude Thursday | After 7 PM. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Saturday | After 9:30 AM. Mass



December 23 SUNDAY READINGS: December By St. Michael's Koodarayogam December 30

7:30 AM 9:00 AM 11:30AM

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First Reading: 1 Sam 1:1-18

First Reading: Gen 1:26-28

Second Reading: Eph 5:5-21

Second Reading: Col 3:18-21

Holy Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

Holy Gospel: Mt 2:13-14, 19-23



BIBLE QUIZ # 7

1. What is David's father's name?
 ? ദാവീദിന്റെ പിതാവിന്റെ പേരേന്ത് ?

2. How many days did Jesus spent in the desert when he was tempted by the devil?
 യേശു പിശാചിനാൽ പരീക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ട എത്ര ദിവസം ആണ് മരുഭൂമിയിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞത് കൂടിയത്. ?

3. How old was Joas when he began to reign?
 രാജ്യഭരണം ഏൽക്കുമ്പോൾ യോവാഷിനു എത്ര വയസ്സുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ?

4. Which prophet did God send to King David?
 കർത്താവ് ഏത് പ്രവാചകനെയാണ് ദാവീദ് രാജാവിന്റെ അടുക്കലേക്ക് അയച്ചത്?

5. Who did God choose as Moses's successor?
 മോശയുടെ പിൻഗാമിയായി ദൈവം തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തത് ആരെ?

Name of the contestant
 Family Name
 Phone #

Bible Quiz # 6 Correct Answers.

1. ബർണബാസ്
2. സൂര്യന്റെ മേൽ
3. ബേരി
4. മാവ
5. ഷെഷ്ബാസർ
6. ഇസ്രോ
7. ആമോസ്
8. ഹീബ്രൂ
9. തലയോടിടം
10. എസകിയേൽ 37

Please refer to the POC Bible and the New American Bible only.

6. Where did Moses die?

മോശ എവിടെ വെച്ചാണ് മരിച്ചത്?

7. Through which prophet did God speak against Baasa and his family?
 ഏത് പ്രവാചകൻ വഴിയാണ് കർത്താവ് ബാഷായ്ക്കും അവന്റെ വംശത്തിനുമെതിരായി സംസാരിച്ചത്

8. Where did Samuel judge the people of Israel?
 എവിടെ വെച്ചാണ് സാമുവൽ ഇസ്രായേൽ ജനത്തെ ന്യായപാലനം ചെയ്യാൻ തുടങ്ങിയത്

9. How did Heli die in his older age?
 വൃദ്ധനായ ഏലി എങ്ങനെയാണ് മരിച്ചത്

10. Who are the friends of Job?
 ജോബിന്റെ സഹോദരന്മാർ ആരെല്ലാം

**Last Week Winner: Jerry Jose Chamakalayil
 Mega Winners (Number of times won)**

Flora Kudakasseril(2), Jerry Jose Chamakalayil (2), Laila Puthenpurayil (2), Thomas & Elsy Athimattathil (2).

Aleena Cheruvil (3), Tessy Siby Mecheril (3), Lucy Sabu Karukaparambil (3), Sherly Stany Cheruthanniyil (3) Divya Stany Cheruthanniyil (3), Alphons Thannichuvattil (3), Anncin Thannichuvattil (3), Philip & Aleykutty Palakan (3)

Mega Winners

Simon-Mini Thomas Karickal (5), Beenamol Maruthachickal (5)

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St. Joseph's Koodarayogam at the residence of **Kuzhippil Jaimon and Mini** on 23rd December 2018 at 5.00 pm.

12/22/18 **Confession 9 am-1 pm**

12/23/18 Meeting of men and women after third mass.

12/24/18 **Christmas Mass and celebrations 7 pm.**

12/31/18 **Adoration ,Year End & Beginning Prayers.**

01/06/19 **General body meeting**

PAST CHURCH EVENTS



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Annual contributions	\$ 1500.00
Building Fund	\$ 6400.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1491.00

December 16

Annual contributions	\$ 6800.00
Building Fund	\$ 7700.00
Sunday collections	\$ 1582.00

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