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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

IMPORTANCE OF MIRACLES IN THE CHURCH



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The gospel Traditionally understood, a miracle is a supernatural sign or wonder, brought about by God, signifying His glory and the salvation of mankind. As a sign, a miracle is perceived by the senses and makes present the supernatural order, God's governance of nature, and His loving plan of salvation. Miracles are a call to faith.

It record three sorts of miracles performed by Jesus: exorcisms, cures, and nature wonders. In the Gospel of John the miracles are referred to as "signs" and the emphasis is on God demonstrating his underlying normal activity in remarkable ways. In the New Testament, the greatest miracle is the resurrection of Jesus, the event central to Christian faith.

Jesus explains in the New Testament that miracles are performed by faith in God. "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'move from here to there' and it will move." Mt.17:20. After Jesus returned to heaven, the Book of Acts records the disciples of Jesus praying to God to grant that miracles be done in his name for the purpose of convincing onlookers that he is alive. (Acts 4:29-31).

In early Christianity miracles were the most often attested motivations for conversions of pagans; pagan Romans took the existence of miracles for granted; Christian texts reporting them offered miracles as divine proof of the Christian God's unique claim to authority, relegating all other gods to the lower status of daimones of all worships, the Christian best and most particularly advertised its miracles by driving out of spirits and laying on of hands".

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The Catholic Church has listed several events as miracles, some of them occurring in modern times. Before a person can be accepted as a saint, they must be posthumously confirmed to have performed two miracles.

The **highest degree** in miracles comprises those works wherein something is done by God, that nature can never do: for instance, that two bodies occupy the same place, that the sun recede or stand still, that the sea be divided and make way to passers by. Among these there is a certain order: for the

greater the work done by God, and the further it is removed from the capability of nature, the greater the miracle: thus it is a greater miracle that the sun recede, than that the waters be divided.

The **second degree** in miracles belongs to those whereby God does something that nature can do, but not in the same order: thus it is a work of nature that an animal live, see and walk: but that an animal live after being dead, see after being blind, walk after being lame, this nature cannot do, but God does these things sometimes by a miracle. Among these miracles also, there are degrees, according as the thing done is further removed from the faculty of nature.

The **third degree** of miracles is when God does what is wont to be done by the operation of nature, but without the operation of the natural principles: for instance when by the power of God a man is cured of a fever that nature is able to cure; or when it rains without the operation of the principles of nature.

Miracles are learning experiences for us. They point to something that God wants us to know or believe about Himself and His loving plan of salvation. Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, is Himself God's revelation. The most fundamental miracle is the Incarnation. It is the fundamental example of God's love for us and His glory (cf. Jn. 1:14, 3:16). Further, as the Holy Father teaches, all of salvation is rooted in the Incarnation, and so it is with miracles:

This reality-mystery embraces and surpasses all the miraculous happenings connected with Christ's messianic mission. It may be said that the Incarnation is the "miracle of miracles," the radical and permanent "miracle" of the new order of creation. God's entrance into the dimension of creation is

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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, 10:00 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



Holy Mass Timings

Sunday Readings & Altar Decoration: JULY 2019

JULY 21

ST. ALPHONSA & ST. CHRISTOPHER KOODARAYOGAM

JULY 28

7:30 AM	First Reading:	Deur 4:10-14		7:30 AM	First Reading:	1Kg 18:30-39
9:00 AM	Second Reading:	1Cor 16:1-14		9:00 AM	Second Reading:	11Cor 1:9-16
10:00 AM	Holy Gospel:	Lk 13:22-30		10:00 AM	Holy Gospel:	Lk 14:7-14



BIBLE QUIZ # 22

1. "But my just one shall live by _____, and if he draws back I take no pleasure in him."?

നീതിമാൻ _____ വഴിയാണ് ജീവിക്കുക?

2. "But their eyes were prevented from recognizing him ?

അവനെ തിരിച്ചറിയാൻ കഴിയാത്തവിധം അവരുടെ കണ്ണുകൾ മൂടപ്പെട്ടിരുന്നു. ആരുടെ ?

3. From _____ we have all received, grace in place of grace" _____ ൽ നമ്മെല്ലാം കൃപകൗമേൽ കൃപ സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നു.

4. What was the 8th sign Moses show Pharaoh?

ഹാവോയുടെ മുമ്പിൽ മോശ കാണിച്ച എട്ടാമത്തെ അടയാളം എന്ത് ?

5. According to the boom of Jeremiah what are the 2 sins done by Israel? ഇസ്രായേൽ ജനം 2 തിന്മകൾ പ്രവർത്തിച്ചതായി ഞൊടിയയുടെ പുസ്തകത്തിൽ പറയുന്നത് ഏതെല്ലാം ?

Name of the contestant _____
 Family Name _____
 Phone # _____

Quiz # 21

Selected winner: Elsy Neetukattu.

Other Winners

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Tessy Siby Mecheril | Ancin & Alphonse Jose Thannichuvattil |
| Thomas & Elsy Athimattathil | Flora Philin Kudakasseriyil |
| Sherly Stany & Divya Stany - | Beenamol Maruthachickal |
| Cheruthanniyil | Aleena Cheruvil |
| Simon Thomas Karickal | Lucy Sabu Karukaparambil |

6. What is the name of the child born to Gomer and Hosea?

ഹോസിയായ്ക്ക് ഗോമറിൽ ജനിച്ച മൂന്നാമത്തെ കുട്ടിയുടെ പേരെന്ത് ?

7. Where did Peter restore Tabitha's life? പത്രോസ് ഏത് സ്ഥലത്ത് വെച്ചാണ് തബിത്തായെ ഉയർപ്പിച്ചത് ?

8. Whom did the Lord speak face to face, as a person speaks to a friend? സന്തോഷിതനോടെന്നപോലെ കർത്താവ് മൂവാമൂവാ സംസാരിച്ചത് ആരോട് ?

9. A _____ is the crown of her husband? _____ ആണ് ഭർത്താവിന്റെ കിരീടം?

10. _____ is a fountain of life? _____ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ ഉറവാണ്?

Bible Quiz # 21 Correct Answers.

1. Luke
2. 390 days
3. Law
4. Unbelievers
5. Mizpah
6. 8 (Eight)
7. Six cubits and a span
8. John
9. Mahalath
10. Benjaminites

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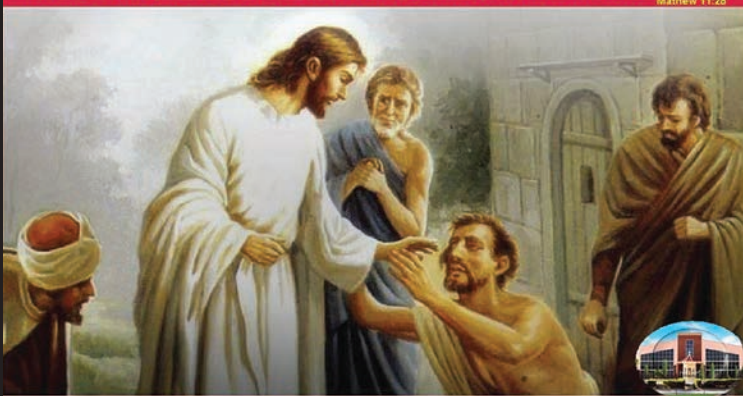
The marriage between **Soniya George** Daughter of George and Valasamma George from Ulladapillil family of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church,Houston, with **Shery T Sunny** son of Sunny and Saly from Thaikattu family of Mallosery parish, is scheduled on **31st July 2019**.

The marriage between **Joice Alex** Daughter of Alex Joseph and Daisy Alex from Panamkalayil of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with **Tiju Kuruvila** son of Kuruvila and Reni Kuruvila from Madhavapallili family of Kallara Old parish, is scheduled on **03rd August 2019**.

The marriage between **Sharon Mary Alex** Daughter of Alex Mathew Kuriakose and Annamma Alex from Pankimattathil of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with **Nikhil Cyriac** son of Cyriac Joseph and Jessy Cyriac from Thekkilakattil family of Uzhavoor parish, is scheduled on **04th August 2019**.

The marriage between **Ajo Alex** son of Alex Thomas and Eliyamma Alex from Nalluveetil of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church,Houston, with **Preethy Sunny** daughter of Sunny Joseph and Mariamma Sunny from Kanjirathinkal family of Ajkar parish, is scheduled on **05th August 2019**.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest
Matthew 11:28



The marriage between **Divya** Daughter of Babu Simon and Sherly Babu from Anchamkunnath of St.Mary's Knanaya Catholic Forane Church, Houston, with **Jacob Baby** son of Baby Chacko and Leelamma Baby from Erupoolumkattil family of Karimkunnam parish, is scheduled on **03rd August 2019**.

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effected in the reality of the Incarnation in a unique way. To the eyes of faith it becomes a sign incomparably superior to all the other miraculous signs of the divine presence and action in the world.

However, as with all signs, some people are able to understand and some are not. Christ used the three years of His public ministry to teach people of His kingship and prepare them for the Resurrection. Through His miracles Jesus called people to faith, bringing before their eyes a meeting of nature and supernature. St. Augustine wrote, "The miracles worked by our Lord Jesus Christ are divine works which raise the human mind above visible things to understand what is divine."³ The people who experienced these miracles understood that there is more to truth than what is found in the natural order:

This "power from on high" (Lk. 24:49), namely, God Himself, is above the entire natural order. It directs this order and at the same time it makes known that through this order and superior to it human destiny is the kingdom of God. Christ's miracles are signs of this kingdom.⁴

Miracles will always have as their primary purpose the glorification of God and the calling of people to salvation. The signs worked by Jesus attest to His divine authority and invite belief in Him (cf. Catechism, no. 548). After His Ascension and Pentecost, Christ's disciples worked miracles in the name of Christ, thus giving the people signs of His divinity and proofs that He is who they said He is. In the same way later saints worked miracles to testify to a higher authority and that people are called to His kingdom. **Fr. Suni Padinjarekkara**

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