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LENTEN MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This year the Lord grants us, once again, a favourable time to prepare to celebrate with renewed hearts the great mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus, the cornerstone of our personal and communal Christian life. We must continually return to this mystery in mind and heart, for it will continue to grow within us in the

measure that we are open to its spiritual power and respond with freedom and generosity.

1. The paschal mystery as the basis of conversion

Christian joy flows from listening to, and accepting, the Good News of the death and resurrection of Jesus. This kerygma sums up the mystery of a love “so real, so true, so concrete, that it invites us to a relationship of openness and fruitful dialogue” (Christus Vivit, 117). Whoever believes this message rejects the lie that our life is ours to do with as we will. Rather, life is born of the love of God our Father, from his desire to grant us life in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10). If we listen instead to the tempting voice of the “father of lies” (Jn 8:44), we risk sinking into the abyss of absurdity, and experiencing hell here on earth, as all too many tragic events in the personal and collective human experience sadly bear witness.

In this Lent of 2020, I would like to share with every Christian what I wrote to young people in the Apostolic Exhortation Christus Vivit: “Keep your eyes fixed on the outstretched arms of Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew” (No. 123). Jesus’ Pasch is not a past event; rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit it is ever present, enabling us to see and touch with faith the flesh of Christ in those who suffer.

2. The urgency of conversion

It is good to contemplate more deeply the paschal mystery through which God's

mercy has been bestowed upon us. Indeed, the experience of mercy is only possible in a “face to face” relationship with the crucified and risen Lord “who loved me and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20), in a heartfelt dialogue between friends. That is why prayer is so important in Lent. Even more than a duty, prayer is an expression of our need to respond to God’s love which always precedes and sustains us. Christians pray in the knowledge that, although unworthy, we are still loved. Prayer can take any number of different forms, but what truly matters in God’s eyes is that it penetrates deep within us and chips away at our hardness of heart, in order to convert us ever more fully to God and to his will.

In this favourable season, then, may we allow ourselves to be led like Israel into the desert (cf. Hos 2:14), so that we can at last hear our Spouse’s voice and allow it to resound ever more deeply within us. The more fully we are engaged with his word, the more we will experience the mercy he freely gives us. May we not let this time of grace pass in vain, in the foolish illusion that we can control the times and means of our conversion to him.

3. God's passionate will to dialogue with his children

The fact that the Lord once again offers us a favourable time for our conversion

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HOLY MASS, NIGHT VIGIL & NOVENA TIMINGS

- Holy Mass:**
Monday – Friday - 7 PM. | **Saturday**- 9:30 AM.
Sunday | 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 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



Holy Mass Timings

March 1

SUNDAY READINGS & ALTAR DECORATION: March 2020

St. George Koodarayogam

March 8

7:30 AM	First Reading:	Gen 5:19-31
9:00 AM	Second Reading:	Rom 6:15-23
11:30AM	Holy Gospel:	Mt 7:21-27



7:30 AM	First Reading:	Gen 7:6-24
9:00 AM	Second Reading:	Rom 7:14-25
11:30AM	Holy Gospel:	Mt 20:17-28



BIBLE QUIZ # 38

- Who was the ancestor of all who play the lyre and the pipe?
കിന്നരവും വീണയും വായിക്കുന്നവരുടെ പിതാവായിരുന്നു അവൻ ആര് ?
- “I will recall the everlasting covenant that I have established between God and all living beings on earth.” When? ഭൂമുഖത്തുള്ള എല്ലാ ജീവജാലങ്ങളുമായി ചെയ്ത എന്തെക്കുമുള്ള ഉടമ്പടി ഞാനോർക്കും. എപ്പോൾ?
- Who is baptized by Jesus? യേശു നേരിട്ട് സ്നാനപ്പെടുത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതാരെ ?
- “Among them there was not a man of those who had been registered by Moses and the priest Aaron in the census of the Israelites taken in the desert of Sinai.” Why? മോശയും പുരോഹിതൻ അഹരോനും കൂടി സീനായ് മരുഭൂമിയിൽ വെച്ചു എടുത്ത ഇസ്രായേൽ ജനത്തിന്റെ കണക്കിൽപ്പെടുവാരും ഇക്കൂട്ടത്തിൽ ഇല്ലായിരുന്നു കാരണം ?
- What does the word “Bochim” mean? ബോകിം എന്ന വാക്കിന്റെ അർത്ഥം ?

Name of the contestant _____
 Family Name _____
 Phone # _____

Quiz # 37
Selected winner: Alina Cheruvil
Other Winners

Elsy Neetukattu	Tessy Siby Mecheril
Flora Kudakasseril	Simon Thomas Karickal
Anncin Jose Thannichuvattil	Sherly Stani Cheruthanniyil
Lucy Mathew Karukaparambil	Divya Stany Cheruthanniyil

- Why did Naomi prepare to go back from Moab with her daughter-in-laws? എന്തു കാരണമാണ് നവോമി മരുമക്കളോട് കൂടെ മോവാബിൽ നിന്ന് തിരികെ പോരാൻ തുടങ്ങിയത് ?
- Psalm says, “nothing is lacking to those _____”
ആർക്കാണ് ഒന്നിനും കുറവുണ്ടാകുകയില്ല എന്ന് സങ്കീർത്തകൻ പറയുന്നത്. ?
- Better _____, than a large income with injustice.
_____ ആണ് അനിതിവഴി നേടിയ വലിയ ആദായത്തേക്കാൾ മെച്ചം ?
- St. Paul says, “whatever gains I had, these I have come to consider a loss because of _____”
എനിക്ക് ലഭിച്ച കരുതിയ ഇവയെല്ലാം ആരെ പ്രതി നഷ്ടമായി കണക്കാക്കി എന്നാണ് പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹ പറയുന്നത് ?
- By what did Abraham offer Issac to God?
എന്ത് മൂലമാണ് പരീക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടപ്പോൾ എബ്രഹാം ഇസഹാക്കിനെ സമർപ്പിച്ചത്?

Bible Quiz # 37 Correct Answers.

- Elhanan
- He should be put to death
- Malta
- Lepor
- Heaven
- were mauled by bears
- Delilah
- King David
- Peacemakers
- Capernaum

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Lenten Message From Pope Francis

should never be taken for granted. This new opportunity ought to awaken in us a sense of gratitude and stir us from our sloth. Despite the sometimes tragic presence of evil in our lives, and in the life of the Church and the world, this opportunity to change our course expresses God's unwavering will not to interrupt his dialogue of salvation with us. In the crucified Jesus, who knew no sin, yet for our sake was made to be sin (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), this saving will led the Father to burden his Son with the weight of our sins, thus, in the expression of Pope Benedict XVI, "turning of God against himself" (Deus Caritas Est, 12). For God also loves his enemies (cf. Mt 5:43-48).

The dialogue that God wishes to establish with each of us through the paschal mystery of his Son has nothing to do with empty chatter, like that attributed to the ancient inhabitants of Athens, who "spent their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new" (Acts 17:21). Such chatter, determined by an empty and superficial curiosity, characterizes worldliness in every age; in our own day, it can also result in improper use of the media.

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself

Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth's goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church's magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes.

I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God's call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this

way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

POPE FRANCIS (Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019)

KOODARAYOGAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 29 St. George Koodarayogam @ the residence of **Thomas Vettikkal** at 5 PM

March .1 St. Antony Koodarayogam @ the residence of **Anup and Tissy Cherukattoor** at 5 PM

March.1 St. Michel's Koodarayogam @ the residence of **Anil and Brenda Idiculla** at 7 PM

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Date & Time: March 27 Friday 4:30 PM To 9:00 PM
March 28 Saturday 9:00 AM To 6:00 PM
March 29 Sunday 7:30 AM To 5:30 PM

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March. 1 Grand Parents Day

March 27, 28, 29 LANTERN RETREAT by Queen Mary Ministry

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