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From Vicar's Desk

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thess. 5:18



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Warm greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.....

Thanksgiving is a recurring theme in the Bible. Most of the Psalms in the Bible are formed as an expression of thanks giving .They thanked God for victory in war, for good harvest and for deliverance from killer diseases and epidemics. In every receiving we should remain thankful to God .The Apostle Paul reminds us "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ

Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18. Whether we thank or not, it does not change God, but it should transform our attitude and perspective. Even for simple receiving we should train our children to say thanks to God and to others. We can be thankful even for the small irritants in our life. Let us give thanks to God in all seasons of life. On a different not, this month we will have World Sunday School Day Celebrations in the Diocese and Parish level. Our Sunday school is participating in the Diocesan level Kid's helping kid's mission project. I appreciate all the teachers, students, and parents in supporting all the functions of our Sunday school. Please uphold our Sunday school teachers and students in your prayer. Thursday Nov.27 is the Thanksgiving Day, it is a time to express our solidarity and prayers towards our Nation. May I request all your prayerful participation in the parish annual convention and one day income collection in

the month of November first week. We are coming closer to the end of the financial year. Please remember to pay your monthly subscription and other contributions which are due. The parish and its organizations are having General Body meeting to elect the Office Bearers to shoulder the responsibility for the year 2016. May God guide us to elect appropriate people who are faithful to Christ and loyal to Church. May the compassionate God be with you and bless you in your day today life.

With prayerful regards,
Rev. Biju P. Simon Achen

Area Prayer Meetings

Sacramento Area	November 21, Saturday 4:00 pm	Tentative
Central Valley	November 22, Sunday 5:00pm	Jimmy and Harsha Alexander
San Francisco Area	November 28, Saturday 4:00pm	Tentative
Fremont Area	November 28, Saturday 7:00pm	Tentative
South Bay Area	November 14, Saturday 6pm	Sunny Mathew and Shirley

Holy Communion Service

November 1	English Holy Communion service 10 AM	Sunday School and Central Valley
November 8	Malayalam Holy Communion service @10 AM	Yuvajana Sakyam mbrs
November 15	English Holy Communion service @10 AM	Fremont Area assist
November 22	English Holy Communion service @10 AM	San Ramon Area assist
November 29	Malayalam Holy Communion service @10 AM	San Francisco Area

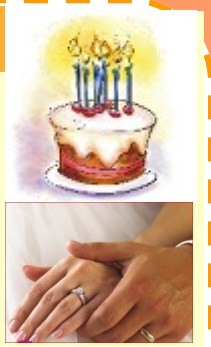
Birthdays

1-Rijo Cherian	
1-Luke Muthalaly	
2-Jojo Thomas	
3-Adrian Mathew	
5-Stanley Samuel	
5-Reni Varghese	
7-Rajesh Jacob	
9-Biju Abraham	
10-Nathan David	
10- Juana Varghese	
10- Annamma Thomas	
10- Joel Varghese	
10- Raichal Roy	
11- Aniamma Cherian	
11- Julie Thomas	
12- Roy Thomas	
13- Johnson Abraham	
14- Aaron Philip	
15- Nikhil Roy	
16-Joshua Jacob	
16- Rhea Vurghese	
16- Eva Vurghese	
17- Angeline Roy	
17- Roy Chacko	
17- Mathew Kurian	
18- Alex Philip	
18- Rency Joseph	
18- Anu Samuel	
18- Brad Varughese	
19- George David	
19- Nicole Thomas	
20- Shannon Cherian	
20- John K. Mathews	
20- Cherian Philip	
21- Mathew Jacob	
21- Sunup Mathew	
21- Anitha Paul	
21- Albin Shabu	
21- Mirelle George	
22- Leena Isaac	
22- Ian Jacob	
23- Erin Johnson	
23- Jyotika Abraham	
24- Janessa Varghese	
25- Elvis Titus	
25- Sam George	
26- Philip Roy	
28 Sherly Issac	
29 Biju Varghese	
29 Aditi Abraham	
29 Sam Varghese	
29 Leelamma Varghese	
30 Emil Kurian	



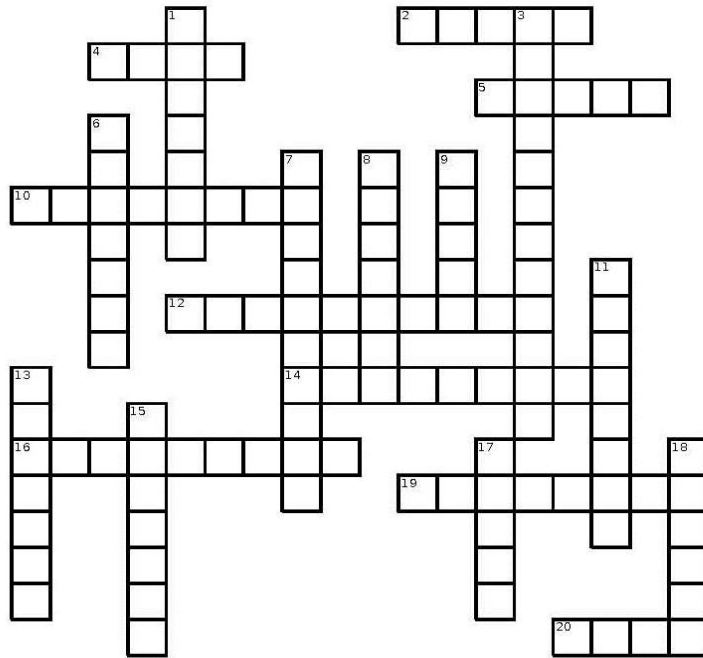
Wedding Anniversaries

1-Sunny K. Mathew & Sherly Mathew
 1-Thomas Mathew & Leela Mathew
 2-Oommen Thomas & Silpa Kuruville
 2-Aju Philip and Saumya & Saumya Roy
 5-Kurian Varghese & Elsa Varghese
 6-Prince Komattu Philip & Lisha Annie John
 7-Bejoy G. Oommen & Beena Oommen
 11-Mathews George & Mary George
 12-Kaithara George & Santamma George
 12-Mathew Palakothu & Saramma Varughese
 13-Shabu Eapen & Darly John
 13-Babu Ipe & Mariyamma Babu
 15-Arman Jivani & Amy Varghese
 15-Mathew Kurian & Annamma Kurian
 17-Kuruville Jacob & Beena Jacob
 18-John Philip & Ajni George
 20-Joseph George & Elizabeth Joseph
 22-John K. Mathews & Maya Mathews
 22-Anil Mathew & Bindu Mathew
 24-John E. Jacob & Sherly John
 27-Roy Philip & Raichal Roy
 28-Abraham Kuruville & Mariamma Abraham
 29-Arun George & Anita George



- Nov 1-World Sunday School Day
- Nov 5-8- **Church convention. 5&6 MTCSV, 7&8 MTCSFO Starts at 7pm**
- Nov 7 - 10:30 Fasting and Prayer @ Church. MTVEA Election for 2016
- Nov 8- Yuvajana Sakyam Day
- Nov 8-One day Income collection
- Nov 8-Choir meeting and Election @ church after Holy Communion service
- Nov 8 -Yuvajana Sakyam Meeting @church after Holy Communion service
- Nov 8- Youth Fellowship Meeting and Election
- Nov 11-Veterans Day (Holiday for some)
- Nov 15-General Body meeting and Election
- Nov 21- 08:30 am Men's Bible study in Hayward (Sat)
- Nov 10- 10am Choir Fellowship (Tentative)
- Nov 29-Sacramento Holy Communion Service @430pm
- Nov 26-Thanksgiving
- Nov 1-29 Livermore Homeless Refuge Donation Drive (Youth Fellowship)





Across

- 2 Esther begged the king to stop the decree that ___ had devised against the Jews.
- 4 When the king heard the enemy is the vile Naman, he got up in a rage and went out into the palace garden. A king's rage is like the roar of a ___. Pro.19:12
- 5 Persian Kingdom had 127 provinces stretching from ___ to Cush(Upper Nile region)
- 10 Haman was hanged on the gallows he prepared for ___. He who digs a hole and scoops it out falls into the pit he has made. Psalm.7:15
- 12 Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Xerxes, ___ among the Jews because he worked for the good of his people and spoke up for the welfare of all the Jews.
- 14 The same day that Haman was hanged, king gave Esther the estate of Haman. A sinner's wealth is stored up for the ___.
- 16 On the thirteenth day of Adar the enemies of the Jews had hoped to overpower them, but now the tables were turned and the Jews got the ___ over those who hated them.
- 19 The new decree was sent to all the provinces by mounted ___, who rode fast horses especially bred for the king
- 20 Many people of other nationalities became Jews because ___ of the Jews had seized them.

Down

- 1 As soon as the king spoke angry words, they ___ Haman's face.
- 3 Esther's request was to save her people and herself from ___.
- 6 When Haman planned to execute the pogrom against Jews, he violated the fearful warning of God to ___ which said: "And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee"
- 7 The king took off his ___, which he had reclaimed from Haman, and presented it to Mordecai.
- 8 Wherever the new edict of the king went, there was joy among the Jews with feasting and celebrating, whereas before there was ___ and weeping. Esther 4:3
- 9 How many times king asked, "What is it, Queen Esther? What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be given you."
- 11 Jewish celebrate purim on the 13th and 14th of the twelfth month and ___ on the 14th to 21st of the first month. They begin and end the year by remembering God's deliverance.
- 13 The new decree granted the Jews in every city the right to assemble and protect themselves; to destroy any armed force of any nationality that might attack them; and to ___ the property of their enemies. Esther 3:13
- 15 No document written in the king's name and sealed with his ring can be ___, so the king asked Esther and Modecai to write another decree in behalf of the Jews as seems best to them and seal it with the king's signet ring.
- 17 What feast was instituted by Esther in commemoration of their great salvation from Haman?
- 18 When Haman realized that the king had already decided his fate, he stayed behind to beg ___ for his life.