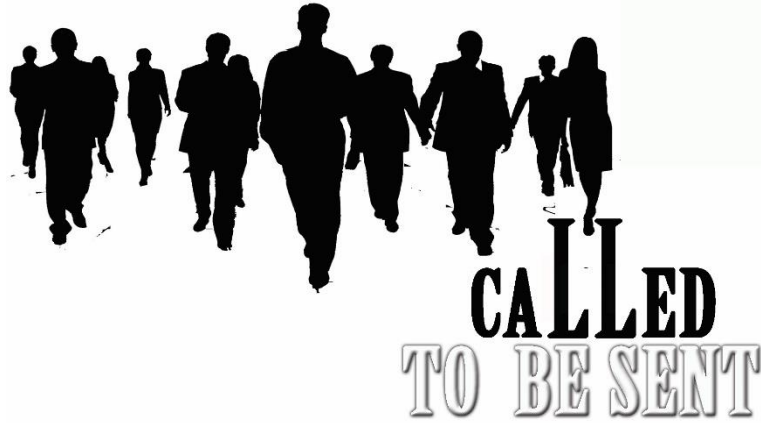




## Parish Priest Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus,

*"We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard"* (Act 4:20)

October month reminds us of our mission as true disciples of Jesus Christ. This month is also a time to reflect Church's mission and our mission as families and Christians, as all of us have been "Called", "to be sent." God sent His Son Jesus, and Jesus Christ sent His Apostles, disciples and you and me. The Church's whole mission is 'chosen to be sent'. World Mission Sunday is celebrated every year in every Catholic community in the world. It's a moment of grace to express solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living in situations of need, in its different forms, like poverty, violence and oppression. Every Catholic being a missionary is invited to join this special event and support according to once own ability and talents. Every Dirham, every Dollar and our prayerful support will go in a big way to continue Christ's mission everywhere. This annual Mission Sunday celebrations worldwide emphasizes our shared baptismal call to mission. My message for this month is mainly based on Pope Francis' message of Mission Sunday 2021.

Pope Francis with the theme of this year's World Mission Day: **"We cannot remain silent about what we have seen and heard"** (Act 4:20), gives an invitation to every Catholic in the message for World Mission Sunday 2021. Pope Francis says: *"We cannot keep quiet about what we have seen and heard"* (Act 4:20), is an invitation to each of us to "take charge" and to make known what we carry in our hearts. This mission is and has always been the identity of the Church: "it exists to evangelize." Exploring this aspect Pope Francis further says: "when we experience the power of God's love, when we recognize his presence as a Father in our personal and community life, we cannot help but proclaim and share what we have seen and heard. Jesus' relationship with his disciples, his humanity revealed to us in the mystery of the Incarnation, in his Gospel and in his Passover show us the extent to which God loves our humanity and makes our joys and sufferings, our desires and our anxieties our own (cf. CONC.ECUM. Vat. II, Cost. Past. Gaudium et spes, 22). Everything in Christ reminds us that the world in which we live and its need for redemption are no strangers to him and also

*calls us to feel an active part of this mission: 'Go to the crosses of the streets and all those you will find, call them' (Mt 22:9). No one is foreign, no one can feel foreign or far away from this love of compassion."*

Jesus needs hearts capable of experiencing vocation as a true love story that urges them to go forth to the peripheries of our world as messengers and agents of compassion. We celebrate Mission Sunday with gratitude remembering and recommitting baptismal faithfulness and witness, as Pope Francis says: "On World Mission Day, which is celebrated every year on the penultimate Sunday of October, we remember with gratitude all the people who, through their witness of life, help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel."

All of us go through tough times, stressful times or painful times. During this pandemic time many of us have been going through difficult phase of life. **Such challenging times we can face based on the model of Jesus Christ, who went on doing good and showing compassion and mercy to all who suffered in different ways.** Pope Francis also reminds us our mission in this pandemic time: *"Remember that there are suburbs that are located near us, in the center of a city, or in your family. There is also an aspect of the universal openness of love that is not geographical but existential. Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to increase the daily capacity to enlarge our circle, to reach those who spontaneously would not feel them part of "my world of interests", even if they are close to us (cf. Enc. Brothers all,97). To live the mission is to venture to cultivate the same feelings as Christ Jesus and to believe with him that those next to me are also my brother and sister. May his love of compassion also awaken our hearts and make us all missionary disciples."*



We may not have had the privilege of the apostles, who had seen Jesus face to face, spoke to him face to face, heard him preach and teach in the flesh. We do not have such privileges, obviously. But we have seen other things. **We have seen how God works for the good of those who love him. We have seen the works of God in our very own lives. Each of us probably has our own testimony for God, with intimate relationship in prayer and Eucharist. Above all in our daily living we have experienced such living and vivid experiences of God's mighty works.** We have heard so many sermons in our lifetime, so many inspirational talks and example of living saints [holy people]. However, we fear that by speaking up for Christ we may lose the good living standard that we currently possess. **Let us not simply stand and stare, when we have seen and heard of the goodness of God. We speak of His goodness, love and His mighty works.**

We learn not to fear, but instead commit the threats and the persecution that we may face into prayers of petition to God. Maybe it's a friendship you cherish. Maybe it's your job security at risk. But let us not fear. So do not fear as God assures us, "for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" [Is 41:10]. With confidence in God's Word, let us speak up when the time is right, and leave the rest to God. **If we would just put our faith in the Lord, and speak up boldly for the glory of God – things will shake, people's hearts will change and God's love and goodness will prevail.**

St. Mother Theresa used to say, "I want to give to others, especially to whom I serve, the best gift that I have. And the best gift I have is Jesus Christ." To Help the Missions today and especially during this month, we can:

- Pray daily for the Church's missionary work in your daily prayers.
- Offer our personal sacrifice — our pain, our loneliness, our anxiety, our sickness or sadness – in union with the sufferings of the crucified Christ for the redemption of the world.
- Give generously on World Mission Sunday.

Through prayer, reflection and material help, we express our support and solidarity with the missionaries from all continents who are striving to bring the true love of Christ to all who have yet to receive it on World Mission Sunday. We too can play our part....

The Lord loves the cheerful giver and loving witness.

May God bless you all.

**Fr. Maxim Cardoza, OFM. Cap**  
Parish Priest

Although, the Rosary being Marian in character, it is at heart a Christocentric prayer. It is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial Magnificat for the work of the redemptive Incarnation



which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of His love. Through the Rosary, the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

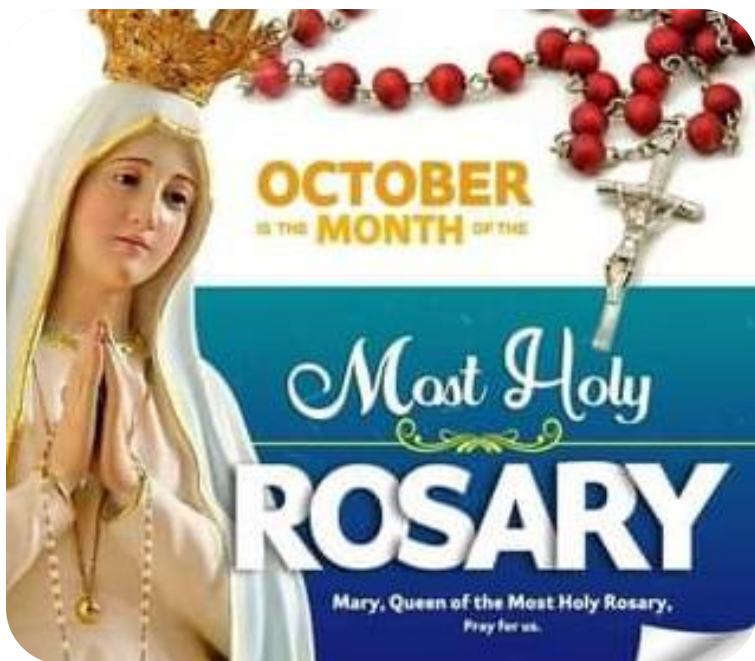
The Rosary commences with Mary's own experience, an exquisite contemplative prayer. A prayer of the heart giving a foundation for all Christian communities to become a genuine schools of prayer rather than prayers of empty phrases as the Gentiles (Mt.6:7). By the recitation of the Rosary calls for the quiet rhythm helping the individual mediate on the mysteries of Lord's life as seen through the eyes of Mary, who was the closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are disclosed.

As a "compendium of the Gospel" in which it is fitting to add, the reflection on the Incarnation and the hidden life of Christ (The Joyful Mysteries) and before focusing on the suffering of His Passion (The Sorrowful Mysteries) and the triumph of His Resurrection (The Glorious Mysteries), a meditation on certain particularly significant moments in His public ministries (The Mysteries of Light) gives us a true doorway to the depths of the Heart of Christ, ocean of joy and of light, suffering and of glory.

In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. Above all, each day, though it seems to be repetitive prayer, instead it is like two sweethearts saying to one another the words "I love you".

Anxiety and loneliness are common in the difficult days we live in, but we can go through these situations covered by the love of Our Lady and under the mantle of mercy that She extends to each one of us. Do not be afraid to count on the protection of the Holy Mother. She was left to us as Mother and Teacher in all moments of life. Put your trust in her. She loves you just as she loved her beloved son, because this is the desire of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Bindu E George**



We have approached the most beautiful month of October reminding us that it is dedicated to the 'Most Holy Rosary'. The Rosary means "Crown of Roses". Our Lady has revealed that each time a 'Hail Mary' is recited we are giving her a beautiful rose and completing the Rosary we make her a crown of roses.

The apostolic letter 'Rosarium Virginis Mariae' of the Supreme Pontiff John Paul II, states that the Rosary of the Virgin Mary which gradually took form in the second millennium under the guidance of the Spirit of God, is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. A simple but yet, a profound prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness.

**We invite your Spiritual Messages, Testimonies, Articles & Special Activity Photos of Prayer Groups & Communities Please Contact Editorial Team, Parish Office**

**OR**

**Email : voiceofstpauls@gmail.com**

## Church Events

- Oct 4: St. Francis of Assisi, Memorial
- Oct 7: Our Lady of the Rosary, Memorial
- Oct 7: Baptism Seminar (**Zoom**)
- Oct 18: St. Luke, Evangelist, Feast
- Oct 18-22: Marriage Preparation Course in Malayalam (**Zoom**)
- Oct 22 – 24: World Mission Sunday
- Oct 28: Ss. Simon and Jude, Feast
- Oct 29 - 31: Dedication of the Church (AVOSA)

# BIBLE QUIZ OCTOBER 2021

1. Which is the shortest verse in the Holy Bible?
2. Which is the shortest book of the Bible?
3. Which is the only book of the Bible that does not contain the word "God"?
4. Manasseh was the longest reigning king recorded in the Bible. How long did he reign?
5. Which was the earliest written book in the Bible?

Your answers along with your name, age and contact details shall be submitted at the parish office on or before 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

OR

Email: [voiceofstpauls@gmail.com](mailto:voiceofstpauls@gmail.com)

## Bible Quiz Winners August-2021

1. Parineetha Ullas Raj - Grade 5
2. Cera Mariam Jijo - Grade 6



# Do you Know . . . 07 October Our Lady of the Rosary

## Memorial



This Memorial (originally 'Our Lady of Victories') commemorates the battle of Lepanto (7 October 1571), when the Christian fleet defeated the Turks. The victory was attributed by Pope St Pius V to the recitation of the Holy Rosary. This great Marian prayer is sometimes traced back to St Dominic de Guzman and his confrères, preaching against the Albigensian heresy in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, although it seems more likely to have its familiar form in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.



## Photo Corner



The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Celebration Malayalam Community (10-Sep)

Monthi Fest Celebration Konkani Community (10-Sep)

## St Paul's Catholic Church - Musaffah Malayalam Community Organized Bible Quiz 2021- Winners

### Kids Category



1<sup>st</sup> - Faron Gilto    2<sup>nd</sup> - Nevin Joji    3<sup>rd</sup> - Aaron Reeson    3<sup>rd</sup> - Cera Maria Jijo

### Juniors Category



1<sup>st</sup> - Favio Glitto    2<sup>nd</sup> - Jervin Jitto    3<sup>rd</sup> - Christo Justin

### Adults Category



1<sup>st</sup> - Teena Anup    2<sup>nd</sup> - Sojan Sebastian    3<sup>rd</sup> - Sophia Joseph

### Seniors Category



1<sup>st</sup> - Sherin Sunil    2<sup>nd</sup> - Justin Davis

### Family Category



1<sup>st</sup> - Lijo Sojan & Family    2<sup>nd</sup> - Anitha Jain & Family    3<sup>rd</sup> - Akhila Jiptin & Family    3<sup>rd</sup> - Desy Dalwin & Family

## KID'S CORNER



Art by Aleena Martin-Grade 1

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