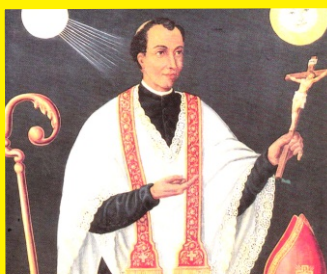
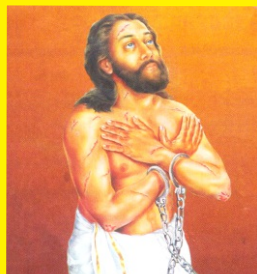




Lily of St. Anthony



St. Joseph Vaz
16th January



St. Devasahayam Pillai
14th January



St. Francis de Sales
24th January



St. Sebastian
20th January



**Gifted by the presence of our familiar Saints
we enter the New Civil Year**

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OF SAPIYOS WITH GREAT CREATIVITY**



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**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR ALL THE
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**FR. EDSON FERNANDES WAS THE MAIN CELEBRANT FOR THE
FEAST MASS AND DELIVERED AN INSPIRING
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NAZARETH AND HIGHLIGHTING THE VIRTUES OF THE BVM**



**OUR
CHOIR SINGING
WITH
MELODIOUS
VOICES DURING
THE FEAST MASS
OF BVM,
OUR GUIDE**



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ORGANISING THE LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
ON THE FEAST DAY AND ASSISTING CHRIST'S
FAITHFUL TO PARTICIPATE IN A BETTER MANNER**



SADARONN UTSOVIK VORSACHIA XEVOTTAK PADRE VIGARAN KELOLEM KHERIT MAGNNEM

Bapa Mogalla,

Az jen'na Sadaronn Utsovik Vorsacher ami porde denvoitanv, ten'na Tujea Putachea zolmanche imaji mukhar ani borochbor Tujea Putache Khursar khilailole Imaji mukhar ami dimbier asanv.

Poile suvater ami Tuka sorpott poddun nomoskar kortanv ani Tujea omolik Puta Jezu Krista udexim ailolea soddvonneche dennea khatir ami Tuka dhin'vastanv. Amchea patkantlim amkam soddoun Tujim prithivont bhurgim tunvem amkam kelim dekhun ami Tuje abhar mandtanv.

Hea Utsovik Vorsant Tuvem amkam Tujem bolleponn dakhoilem ani borochbor amchim patkam bhogsun amkam Tuji mahan doya dakhoili ani amche, Bhagevont Antoniche Igorjent amkam ek soeg dilo ani indulgensam vorvim amcheam mahapatkank favo zaloli ti khast Tuvem kaddun udoili dekhun ami sontostanv.

Purgotorintle khasti mekllim Tuvem amkam kelim. Firgojkaram koxim, kitlech Utsov ami he Igorjent somorombhle ani Tuka dhinvasun Tuji doya-moya ami onnbhovli, hea Tujea uprub dennea khatir ami Tuka vakhanntanv ami Tuka vonditanv.

Ami hangasor, akhea Varadachea Sonvskarloleancho Utsov somorombhlo, tech porim piddek-koxttank sompoddoleancho Utsov addailo, amchea veg-veglleam Confrarincho Utsov dobhajeam monoilo. Bhorvon'xancheam Ostoreancho, Gayon-mondollincho, kuttumbancho, bhurgeancho, Gonvleancho ani amcheam firgojent asloleam veg-veglleam pongollancho.

Hea Utsovik Vorsant ami Santam-bhoktancheo veglleo porbo somorombhun ami tancho alaxiro maglo.

Tech borobor veg-veglleam firgozant thaun bhavarteannim hanga porxim yeun hea Utsovik Vorsacho lab ghetlo. Zaum Ponje, Vagator, Pilar Lay Association Corporates, Arpora, Agonda, Assonora, Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery, hancha Lay Apostolate vangddim, Candolim, Ponda, Corgão, SFX Higher Secondary School Siolim, Anjuna, Calvim, Sé Cathedral Old Goa, Raia, Varca, Calangute,

Carona, St. John of the Cross High School Students Sanquelim, Oxel, Parra, Arambol ani Saligão.

Heam soglleam bhavarteam passot Tuka ami dhin'vastanv. Tancher ani amcher firgozkarancher Tuzo bhorpur axirvad ghal. Amkam ani tankam rakh ani samball ani fuddleam vaitantlim nivar ani rakh.

Ami aiz jen'na ho Utsovik Vorsacho dhobazo sompoitanv, ami Tuje kodde magtanv, ki hea Utsovik Vorsachi kurpa amche modem sodam ballgun samball ani Tuje kurpechim dennim ami amchea dispot'tea Kristi jivitant onbhovunk nirmi.

Ho Utsov ami sompoitanv koro, punn rokddoch anik sat vorsannim ami ek v Dodd Mha-Utsov somorombhtoleanv ani to mhollear 2033 vorsak. Tea Vorsak ami Tujea Putachea Paskanchea Guttacho Utsov somorombhtoleanv. Tor to-vui v Dodd bhokten ani dobhajeam ani khore atmik toyari korun somorombhunk amkam toyar kor.

Hem ami Bapa Tuje kodde magtanv Tujea Puta vorvim.

~Pri S. Mendes

TESTIMONY

Selzina Oliveira from Sanguem, in 2021 during Covid Pandemic, was going through the procedure of processing her Portuguese Passport. The Passport Department required a certain document, which was very difficult to acquire during the Pandemic lockdown. She prayed to St. Anthony fervently and attended online Mass on every Tuesday. On the ninth day of her Tuesday Mass, she got a call from the Passport Office that her Portuguese Passport has been issued. She is currently residing in Ireland and doing well. She is grateful to St. Anthony for heeding to her request and granting this favour of getting her Portuguese Passport.



SANTAM-BHOGTANCHEA PRERONAN ANI TANCHE BOLLVONT VINOVNNE UDEXIM HEA NOVEA VORSANT PROVES KORUM-IA

Don vozar ponchvis vorsam bollanddun ghelim ani hacho ugddas niktench sopun ghelolea Utsovik Vorsak ami kelo ani Sorvesporak Tannem amkam aple udar kaklutan ek dann koxem dilolia soddvonnechea denneam khatir dhin'vaslo.

Ho Janeracho mhoino amche mukhar anik ek novem voros dovorta ani tem mhollear don hozar sovisvem. Eka vorsak bara mhoino asat. Ani amchea monant ken'na ken'nai oxem yeta, Jezun bara dhormdut vinchle ani tanchio porbo tor eka mhoinoant ek somorombhloli zalea, barai-i mhoinoant ek-ek Dhormdut astolo aslo. Punn tanchio porbo akhea vorsant vanttun poddleo asat. Ken'na ken'nai eka mhoinoant don legun. Polleum-ia tanchio porbo khoinchia mhoinoant poddtat tio. Fokot bara dhormdut nant, punn Povitr Sobheche survatekuch thaun dusre “Apostl” nemlode dixti poddtat. Dekhik, Bhagevont Pauluk zo apnnakuch Apostl mhonnta (Rom 1,1; 1Kor 1,1) Punn Paulu (Saulu tache Hebrev nanv) ani Barnabasak Apostlanchia vorgant bhiton kaddo tem amkam Dhormdutanchea Itihasant mellta. (DI 13,1-3). Tor heam Apostlanchio porbo khoinchia mhoinoant poddtat tem polleum-ia: May mhoinoant 3^{er} Bhagevont Filip ani Jacob dhakto; teach mhoinoant 14^{er} Bhagevont Matthias; 11^{er} Junache Bhagevont Barnabas; teach mhoinoant 29^{er} Bhagevont Pedru ani Paulu. Julai mhoinoache 3^{er} Bhagevont Thomas; teach mhoinoant 25^{er} Bhagevont Jacob vhoddlo. Agostache 24^{er} Bhagevont Bartholomeu; Setembrache 21^{er} Bhagevont Matheu; Otubrache 28^{er} Bhagevont Simanv ani Judas Thadev, Novembrache 30^{er} Bhagevont Andre ani Dezembrache 27^{er} Bhagevont Zuanv. Hangasor ami don subhez laileat te mhollear Bhagevont Paulu ani Bhagevont Barnabas. Soglle mhellun chovda zatat.

Poile tin mhoino amkam “Apostl” konnu-i mevonnant. Punn ami tumche mukhar hea Janer mhoinoant chear koddegant Sant dovortanv. Tantuntlo poilo mhollear Bhagevont Jose Vaz, taka ami Sri Lankecho APOSTL mhonntat. Tor to-ui ek Apostl koso zalo. Tachi porob 16^{er} Janerachi. Tache voir amche bhoinnin Helen-hinnem hea khas ankacher ek lekha boroila.

Magir ek namnecho Sant asa, ani to mhollear Bhagevont Sebastianv. Amchia Marnechea Kopelacho Askari to ani to osugachi pidda pois korta ani je pelvonn (Athletes) vo Sportsmen (khellpi) asat tanchio askari. Tachi porob Janerache 20^{er}. Tache voir Olive, hinnem ek dakttulo lekha boroila.

Magir asa ek novo Sant, ani taka griosthi hacho askari nemla ani to mhollear Sant Devasahayam Pillai, Tamil Naducho. Tache vixim ek amche firgojent vavurtolea Fr. Inbaraj hia Tamil Padrin boroilam.

Tea bhair Apostl Bhagevont Paul hachea Mon-bodolnnechi porob heach mhoinoachi 25^{er} zata, tor taka hea Janer mhoinoant haddun, taka hea mhoinoancho askari koso korum yeta. Tache vixim Pri Mario, amchea Pri Kuran ek lekha boroila. Tor hea vorsacho poilocho mhoino amkam hia novia vorsant proves kortana kherit Santanchi, odhik korun ami zannanv tanchi ollokh korun diun, tanchi vinnovnni ami magunk amkam nettan apoita.

Febrerachea mhoinoant amkam Apostle nant khore punn, hea mhoinoache 4^{er} ek kherit Sant asat; to mhollear Bhagevont Zuanv Britto. To Portuges Missionar, zaka Bharatant pattoilo ani taka don nanvam Bharatant poddlim. Ek mhollear, Portuges Sant Francis Xavier ani dusrem mhollear Bharatacho Zuanv Baptist. Tannem Tamil Nadunt aplo Missionar vaur kelo. Tannem dhormporgottnechea vavrant Bharati nhesson ghalpachi pod'dot vapuddli ani ek sanyasi koso govaiki dili ani Zuanv Baptistian Herod patxiak dilo toslochi nirop tannem eka kunvrak dilo ani tache eke bailen ragan aplea Bapaik chaddio sagun tacho jiv ghetlo. To ek amkam ek vorti dekh ami Bhartant govai diunk, apoita.

Dusro ek Febrerantlo Sant mhollear Bhagevont Gonsalo Garcia, zacho porbecho dis mhollear 6^{er}. To mhollear ek griosthi Franciscan bondu (brother) tacho bapui Portuges ani tachi avoi Vassaichi. Tannem khuxi dakhoili Japanant vochunk ani Xubhvortoman porgottunk, punn Franciscanacher garannim ghalun tankam khursar khillavun ek-ekleak balean topun marle. Ho-i Sant amkam Kristi totvanchi xakxi diunk apoita ani Febrerachea mhoinoant he dogui Sant amche passot vinonti kortat.

Mars mhoinoant ekuch amcho bhov Xrestt Sant mhollear, Bhagevont Juze. To zaun asa Rakhonndar Povitr Sobhecho ani samballnnar Povitr Ghorabeacho. Tache oslo vorto Sant nam. To monis zalolea Jezuchon sonvsari bapui koso amkam bapuiPONNACHEA mogan vagoita ani amchea mornachea vellar pavta ani ek povitr moron favo korta. Tor Mars mhoinoant tachi vinnovnni ami muzrot magum-ia.

Urloleam mhoinoannim amkam chovda Apostl asat tanchi vinnovnnim magum-ia ani he bhaxen akhea hea vorsant mhoinoachea mhoinoant tanche rakhnne khal jieum-ia. Punn ugddas dhorocho ki amcho Bhagevont Antonio mhoinoachea mhoinoakuch nhoi punn dor Munglarak ani dor disa vorsas 365 dis amche passot Deva mukhar vinonti korit asa.

Tor hea akhea vorsant ami soglleam Santachi modot magun hem novem voros suru zalam tantunt bhiton sorun tanchio alaxiro sodum-ia.

“Soglleam bhagevontanno amche passot hea 2026 vorsak magat” hem amchem magnnem zaunchem.

Pri Socorro

Pri Mario

Pri Joaquin

Pri Inbaraj

A NEW YEAR! A NEW GRACE! WALKING INTO 2026 WITH HOPE

A New Year always arrives wrapped in hope. As we stand at the threshold of 2026, many of us feel that familiar stirring, a quiet belief that something new and better awaits us. Calendars change, diaries are fresh, and hearts are filled with expectation. The New Year feels like God's gentle reminder that life offers us another chance.

January 1st also ushers in the season of resolutions. Eat healthy, pray more, exercise daily, be kinder, be calmer...the list is often ambitious and sincere. Yet, if I am being honest, I must confess: I am that person who faithfully carries last year's resolutions into the New Year... untouched. They patiently wait, year after year, like guests who were invited but never attended to. Many of us smile at this because it sounds familiar. We begin with enthusiasm, but somewhere between January and February, life happens and resolutions quietly slip into the next year.

Perhaps 2026 invites us to a different approach. Instead of being weighed down by long lists and unrealistic promises, maybe it asks us to slow down. Forget about rigid resolutions, good as they may be, and choose something deeper and more lasting: to live one day at a time, with purpose and faith. Jesus reminds us, *"Do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own"* (Matt 6,34). This wisdom encourages us to focus on the present moment, where grace is always available.

The New Year is also a gentle nudge to remember an important truth, we are pilgrims on this earth. This world is not permanent; our lives are fragile and fleeting. Psalm 90,12 prays, *"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."* When we live with this awareness, our priorities shift. We learn to value relationships over possessions, kindness over pride, and faith over fear.

The Book of Ecclesiastes offers a powerful reminder: *"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth"* (Ecc 12,1). This verse is not only for the young in age, but for all of us to keep our hearts young in faith, gratitude, and trust in God. Remembering the Lord daily anchors our lives, no matter what the New Year brings.

As we welcome 2026 with great hope, let us choose to live intentionally one day at a time, one prayer at a time, one act of love at a time. Let us carry in our hearts the spirit of the recent Jubilee Year and its powerful theme: *"Hope does not disappoint"* (Rom 5,5). It is a reminder to have deep trust in God's promises that sustain us even when life does not go as planned.

~Clarissa Catherine Camêlo

ST. JOSEPH VAZ: THE PATRON SAINT OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF GOA

St. Joseph Vaz, a beacon of faith and resilience, is revered as the Patron Saint of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman. His remarkable life, marked by unwavering dedication and service, continues to inspire countless devotees.

Early Life and Calling:

Joseph Vaz was born on April 21, 1651, in Benaulim, Goa, to devout Catholic parents, Christopher Vaz and Maria de Miranda. He was the youngest of six children. His birth was indeed marked by a miraculous sign- a star appeared in the sky at noon, which his father Christopher Vaz saw and looked at it as a prophecy of his son's greatness. This extraordinary event is often cited as a harbinger of Joseph's future saintliness and missionary work. From a young age, he exhibited a strong inclination towards spirituality and service. Joseph Vaz pursued his studies at the Jesuit College of St. Paul in Goa, where he was deeply influenced by the missionary zeal of the Jesuits. He was ordained priest on September 20, 1675, and soon became known for his eloquent preaching and compassionate attitude.

Missionary Work:

Fr. Joseph's life took a significant turn when he travelled to Ceylon (modern-day Sri Lanka) in 1686, driven by a desire to serve the persecuted Christian community. At that time Christianity was under threat, and many Churches were destroyed. Fr. Joseph Vaz, along with a few companions, worked tirelessly to revive the faith, often in secrecy. He travelled extensively by night disguised often as a beggar, or bangle-seller to evade Dutch persecution. He preached secretly, administered the sacraments and established Churches. His dedication earned him the title "Apostle of Ceylon".

He translated important Catholic texts into Sinhala and Tamil, making faith more accessible to the locals. Serving the poor, the sick and the marginalised earned him great respect among the people. His prayers for rain during a severe drought in Kandy are said to have brought abundant rainfall, leading to many conversions and earning him the king's favour.

Legacy and Canonisation

St. Joseph Vaz's unwavering faith and perseverance left an indelible mark on the Christian Community. He passed away on January 16,

1711, and was canonized by Pope Francis on January 14, 2015. His feast day, celebrated on January 16 is a testament to his enduring legacy.

Patron of Goa

As Patron saint of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman, St. Joseph Vaz embodies the values of compassion, humility and service. His life serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of faith, perseverance, and dedication. Devotees in Goa and beyond seek his intercession, inspired by his selfless love and unwavering commitment to spreading Christianity.

St Joseph's Vaz's story is a testament to the transformative power of faith, inspiring generations to come. His legacy continues to guide and inspire the people of Goa, reminding them of the importance of living a life of purpose and devotion.

~Helen Fernandez

SIOLECHI POVITR SOBHA

I. Povitr Sobheche Nove Vangddi zalea:

1. Asher Dsouza s/o Anthony & Mackelyn, Vaddy, 14/12/25
2. Reizel Faye D'Souza d/o Russel & Razia, Panaji, 21/12/25



II. Kristant ekvottleant:

1. Alvin Kevin Boyle & Marizine Noel Deacon
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2. Tony Roy Theo Sequeira & Priya Kalidas Mahale
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3. Roger Fernandes & Evita Tina Fernandes
Portavaddo / Gaunsavaddo, 20/12/25
4. Liam Joshua Rozario & Denise Jillian Quadros
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5. Boris Francis D'Souza & Shiny Sharon Alfonso
Fernandes vaddo / Arambol, 22/12/25
6. Nigel Anthony D'Cruz & Siona Conceta Fernandes
Igrejvaddo / Nagoa Bardez, 29/12/25



III. Bapachea Utrak Raji:

1. Antonio Francisco Lobo, Gaunsavaddo, 10/12/25
2. Femina Maxi D'Cruz, Cruzvaddo, 19/12/25
3. Gregorina Taumaturga Lopes e Fernandes, Bamonvaddo, 27/12/25



LIBERATION DAY SPEECH

A very pleasant morning and a Happy Liberation Day to all. A warm welcome to our dear Rev. Fr. Dr. Socorro Mendes, (the parish priest), Rev. Fr. Mario Carvalho, (the assistant to the parish priest and the animator of St. Anthony's Catechetical Association, the consecrated women, the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the members of the Fabrica, the members of the Confraria, the Catechists, the youth and my dear friends, who have gathered here today, in St Anthony's Church yard, in a Spirit of hope, unity, peace and thanksgiving to celebrate Goa's Liberation Day.

After having celebrated the Holy Eucharist, we come together to unfurl the tricolour, not only to symbolise India's Sovereignty but also to offer our tribute and homage to our forefathers who, with selfless dedication and immense resilience, endured great suffering, punishment and imprisonment to secure our freedom from the yoke of foreign rule. Today we celebrate the end of colonial domination and the birth of self governance which opened the doors to a bright and promising future for us, the people of Goa.

19th December, 1961, marked the beginning of a new identity for our beloved Goa and its people. Today our hearts bow in deep gratitude to the brave freedom fighters who fearlessly sacrificed their lives so that we, and the generations after us, could walk in the light of freedom.

Our forefathers were visionaries. Their objective or mindset was not to amass wealth and to become filthy rich and prosperous themselves, but to uphold and uplift the freedom and the dignity of every person without any distinction of caste, creed or religion. They lived the values that Jesus Himself proclaimed and testified. Their motto was never self gain but the well being of all and the pursuit of self sufficiency. They shaped education, music, ethical values, community life, built places of worship as symbols of faith where people can devoutly practice freedom of religion.

The Sacred Scripture from Proverb 22 verse 28, beautifully teaches us, "Do not remove the ancient landmarks that your fathers have set." Our traditions, our culture, our language, our music, our religion, our scenic and serene surroundings -- comprising crystal clear waters, densely wooded mountains rich in flora and fauna, scintillating beaches, peaceful villages and clean air were priceless treasures passed down through generations. But what about today's Goan

scenario? Are we really fulfilling the dreams and aspirations of our ancestors? We need to seriously ponder and act. Personally, I prefer not to refer to any of the anti social activities that are clearly visible before us through social media. But what I would like to highlight is our sacred duty and responsibility that our faith teaches us. St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, (10, 26), truthfully educates us that "*the earth is the Lord's and everything in it.*" And the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that, "*God entrusted the earth to mankind for common stewardship, enjoyment and care.*" And our late Pope Francis has also reminded us that "*when we respect the creation we honour the creator.*"

On this day, let us recognise our moral duties and responsibilities and let us work peacefully toward restoring our Goan identity, culture and traditions. Let us pray that God may guide our political leaders to be truthful and honest in executing their duties and responsibilities wisely for the well being of the common man and the State of Goa. Let us implore for protection and blessings for all, and safeguard our beloved Goa from the influence of evildoers and exploiters. May the spirit of freedom inspire us and fill our hearts with love, kindness, generosity, compassion and not with pride, vengeance, injustice, hatred, lust and greed. Let us be genuine symbols of hope to the hopeless and work for a bright future and prosperity for all.

United in Christ! United in Peace! Long Live Liberated Goa!

~*Rosalia Barreto*

JANUARY 2026

Samania Sonkolp:

PAP SAIB MAGUNK LAITA

Devachea Utran magnnem korche pasot:

Devachea Utran magnnem korun amchea jivitant ghottai mellunk ani bhorvanxeachi zhor amche somudaiant zaunk, bhavponnachi ani misionari Povitr-Sobha bandunk ami adar diunk magum-ia.



General:

POPE'S INTENTION

For prayer with the Word of God:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

THE GREAT FESTIVAL OF EPIPHANY

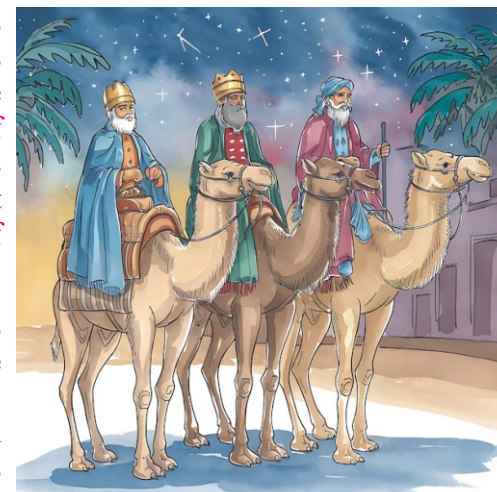
A butterfly, so elegant in its flight and breathtaking in its colours, moves through the air like a sudden whisper of wonder. One glimpse is enough to awaken a quiet wow, as though beauty itself has briefly learned to fly.

The magic of the butterfly is contained within its fragile beauty—coloured wings, graceful movements, and effortless flights. But this beauty is not created in the open. Instead, it is created in the darkness of a cocoon, a life hidden from sight, a life that is silent. In this cloak of obscurity, the beautiful life of the butterfly does not burst forth right away. Instead, it patiently awaits, undergoing a process that is invisible and hidden from human sight.

Though dark and enveloping, the cocoon contains a life already existing and growing and changing silently inside. There seems to be nothing happening on the surface, and yet a beauty unspoken is at work. It comes out gently and patiently, easing itself into the light. Its wings unfold slowly, revealing colours and beauty that were always there, though hidden from sight. What was once unseen now becomes visible, not by force, but by grace and time.

Similarly, the grand festival of the Epiphany of our Lord also commemorates this revelation of God. God's glory, veiled in humility and silence bursts forth in nothing more dramatic than gentle revelation, encouraging those willing to listen, to labour, to identify what has all along been present in their midst. The Epiphany of Our Lord: When Light Finds Its Way!

The Epiphany of the Lord is one great festival that celebrates this radiant unveiling. The word epiphany itself means manifestation: making visible what was hidden, showing God's saving presence not to one people alone, but to all nations. In the child of Bethlehem,



wrapped in frailty and simplicity, God lets his light spill beyond familiar borders, reaching hearts near and far.

The Epiphany story draws our attention to the Magi, to men of insight and searchers of the truth. God does not make Himself known to them by thunder and command, but by a star, a soft and beckoning light against the expansive darkness of the heavens.

The star does not command the Magi; it persuades. It inspires their curiosity, their hunger, and launches them on an adventure which demands endurance, trust, and bravery. They move through their cloud of confusion, their haze of misunderstanding, and even the Throne Room, locus of earthly power, where the star shines temporarily imperfect. Yet the star reappears – constant and loyal – leading them, not to a palace of glory, but to a dwelling place.

Here shines the glory of God in all His glory. But this revelation happens in a quiet manner without much fanfare or exhibition of power. It comes quietly, wrapped in simplicity. The Magi perceive what many others overlook that the King of the universe lies before them as a vulnerable child, clothed in ordinary human weakness. They recognize this mystery, and at once they fall to their knees. Not out of fear, but out of deep wonder and awe.

Their gifts now speak more than words. Gold honours Him as King. Frankincense acknowledges His divine presence. Myrrh, gently and silently, points toward suffering yet to come.

Through these offerings, the Magi show us that Epiphany is not just about seeing, but about responding. When God reveals Himself, He invites worship, surrender, and a change of heart. This encounter with the Light changes the Magi. After observing God's revelation, they choose a different route to go home. Epiphany always leads to transformation. No one who truly meets God can return the same way. They go back to the world with new eyes, carrying within them a quiet radiance and the gentle glow of the Light they have experienced.

Like a butterfly emerging from the darkness of its cocoon to show its beauty and freedom, God reveals Himself gently, transforming everyone who truly sees Him. The Magi were changed by what they saw, and we too are transformed when we recognise God's presence. We are called to unfold our lives in faith, beauty, and love, and to move forward carrying His light into the world.

~Sr. Marisa Dias, SCC

ST. PAUL, A MISSIONARY PAR EXCELLENCE

Of all the missionaries, St. Paul stands out as the one who travelled the most, the length and breadth of the ancient world enduring hardships and difficulties of travelling. His endurance and tenacity helped him to achieve his goal and convert large numbers to our faith. Looking back on his life, St Paul was born in Tarsus, in the province of Cilicia, of Jewish parents who maintained with great care their pharisaic tradition and pious customs. As the tradition goes, on the occasion of his circumcision he was given the name Saul after the first Jewish king, and in addition a Roman name, Paulus, as was then the custom among Jews who were Roman citizens.



As he grew up, he learnt the art of tent making, to make him self-supportive in the later years. While he was still young, he was sent to Jerusalem to study Jewish law under the famous rabbi Gamaliel, being Roman citizen, they had special rights and privileges in this school. Roman citizens could not be imprisoned without a trial nor could they be scourged and crucified. His Roman citizenship saved Paul many times during his ministry. He made three great missionary journeys before being arrested in Jerusalem and taken to Rome where he was beheaded in 62 AD.

During his early life Paul was responsible for the persecutions and death of many Christians including St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. He planned to persecute Christians even abroad and bring them back bound in chains. It was on one such undertaking that he experienced the conversion of his life, from being a fierce persecutor to be an ardent missionary.

He undertook three missionary journeys and worked enthusiastically and zealously to proclaim Christ. Some of the features of his ministry are as follows:

1) **His missionary call:** He is proud of being an “apostle”, someone sent on a mission, even though he was not one of the twelve. He took his sacred task given by the Risen lord as a ministry and not as an occupation and fulfilled it with a fervent zeal and enthusiasm.

2) **Universal mission:** His acceptance of the call to be the apostle to the gentiles shows the universality of the mission. Jews considered themselves as the chosen people leaving gentiles out. But for Paul even the gentiles are now invited into God's new family of faith. There were virtually no limits to His mission. His missionary undertakings had no boundaries. It was open to all.

3) **Focus is Jesus Christ:** The main content of his message was proclaiming the “Gospel of Christ.” Christ was the center of his preaching, teaching and catechising. In short, the Gospel was about the salvation that has come in with Jesus Christ who by His life, ministry and even more by His death on a Cross and Resurrection has redeemed the world.

4) **Hope in the face of suffering:** Paul had to undergo physical as well as emotional hardships during his mission to the gentiles. In the second letter to the Corinthians he highlights the extreme hazards encountered by missionaries of his day: imprisonments and beatings, shipwreck, attack by the robbers, rejection by Jews and gentiles, hunger and thirst, insomnia, emotional concern for his Churches and so on. (2 Cor 11, 21-29). He insists that such sufferings are a way of proving that one is indeed fulfilling the ministry entrusted to him. He retains his hope even in the midst of such trial which, in fact, strengthened him.

~Fr. Mario Carvalho

THE BYGONE ORDINARY HOLY YEAR AND DIVINE BLESSINGS RECEIVED ON OUR PARISHIONERS

December 25th, 2024, marked a significant and grace - filled moment in the life of the Holy Catholic Church, when Pope Francis proclaimed the Ordinary Holy Year for the Universal Church with the theme, "Pilgrims of Hope" highlighting hope and trust in God. We, the parishioners of St. Anthony's Church, Siolim were the privileged ones, since the Church has been widely recognised for its spiritual significance and has a strong tradition of attracting thousands of devotees to seek intercession of St Anthony and obtain spiritual graces, favours and blessings. The Holy Year of Redemption was inaugurated in our parish, on 29th December '24 and will be concluded on 31st December 2025.

We, the parishioners, look back with gratitude on the Ordinary Holy Year, that has now drawn to a close. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving to God for the abundant divine graces and blessings poured out upon our parish, families and communities.

It was a sacred time of renewal, repentance, reconciliation and hope. It invited the faithful to return to the Lord with sincere hearts and experience His mercy in a deeper way. As the Lord says through the prophet Joel, chapter 2, verses 12 - 13, "*Return to me, with all your heart.....for I am gracious and merciful.*"

The Holy Year reminded us of the promise given by Jesus, "*Come to me, all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.*" Placing hope and trust in His "divine promise" many parishioners regularly received the Sacrament of Reconciliation, participated in the Holy Eucharist, prayed before the Blessed Sacrament, and spent tranquil hours before the beautiful, magnificent image of the Crucified Jesus, entered the Church several times and spent fruitful hours in prayers, surrendering everything into the divine hands of Jesus and gained several indulgences, obtained countless blessings, graces and have experienced His divine goodness, power, presence and providence. Many testified to receiving inner peace, healing of relationships, renewed faith and clarity in moments of doubt.

These were signs of God's quiet but powerful presence among us. The gigantic image of Christ the Redeemer, installed on 7th May '25, facing the Church, during this Ordinary Holy Year, stands as a

powerful symbol of Jesus's boundless love. With His Precious Hands stretched, He offers comfort and peace to the troubled and wounded hearts of all people, irrespective of their faith.

Many of our parishioners undertook pilgrimages to the main Churches, shrines and other pious places designated for this purpose, thereby gaining spiritual benefits and indulgences.

Solemn Jubilee Year celebrations for the Women of Hope, the Confraria, the Consecrated persons and the Choir were prayerfully organised at the parish as well as deanery level, thus drawing the faithful closer to Jesus, helping them experience His mercy, love, live the Gospel more authentically through acts of charity, forgiveness and serve with renewed zeal.

"This is the will of God, your sanctification." (1Thesalonians 4,3) The Holy Year filled us with the grace to have an intense force to overcome all sorts of weaknesses that have taken roots in us. Many could give up their temptations, vices and evil ways of life and renew their lives for the glory of God and endeavoured to grow in holiness, becoming faithful messengers of Jesus by repenting for their sins and living a life of virtues. This spiritual achievement brings an indescribable joy into the hearts of many.

"Be merciful, just as your father is merciful". (Lk 6, 36) . One of the calls of the Holy Year was to practice mercy and charity, reflecting the love of Christ in our daily lives. Many parishioners silently reached out to the needy, the elderly, the sick and the marginalised through various initiatives and acts of service which brought magnanimous joy into their hearts, thus enhancing their faith.

"See I am making all things new." (Revelation 21, 5) Though the Ordinary Holy Year has bygone, its spiritual fruits will remain. The grace received is not meant to be exhausted but to continue bearing fruits in our lives. We are encouraged to move forward with renewed commitment, trusting in God's promises.

May the blessings of the Holy Year inspire us to live each day in hope, faith and love. Let us continue to walk as a parish, carrying the light of Jesus into our homes and upon the earth.

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His mercy endures forever." (Psalm 131:1)

~*Rosalia Barreto*

WHEN PEACE CEASES TO EXIST-A NATION COLLAPSES (What do WE wish for our India?)

How precarious can the present time be? Well, precarious enough that we have to measure Global Peace.

The GPI (Global Peace Index) is published annually by Institute for Economics and Peace. The GPI 2025 analysed 163 countries, representing 99.7% of the world's population and guess what, India the largest democracy and the most diversified nation in the world has been ranked 115th, based on 23 indicators militarisation, external conflicts, homicide, and terrorism, while Iceland continues to hold the top position as the most peaceful country, yet Portugal 7th and England 30th are also the top peaceful counties globally. So what do we gather from this statistics? England and Portugal were once our brutal colonisers. We drove them away so that we could restore freedom and peace; they are much higher in the ranking on global peace. Ironical, is it not true?

Recently, I came across this acronym for **PEACE-POSITIVE ENERGY ALWAYS CORRECTS ERRORS**. The next question was, are we truly experiencing this in our India today?

Source-The Mind of Mahatma Gandhi **"A free India wedded to truth and nonviolence will teach the lesson of peace to the inhabitants of South Africa. But it will be for us and the Congress to decide whether a free India will follow the way of peace or the sword"**

It is said that when politics divides, peace suffers. Our country today does not lack intelligence, talent or resources, what it increasingly lacks is peaceful coexistence. Gandhiji, whom we call as the father of our nation believed absolutely that India has a mission for the world. She is not to copy the violent past colonial behaviour of Europe blindly, rather adopt nonviolence to the utmost extent possible and that will be India's great contribution to the peace of the world and the establishment of a new world order.

Sadly, adoption of nonviolence and peaceful corrections of errors is far from reality. Currently what we are seeing across our nation is a lot of unethical tolerance. Ignorance often comes with false power; may it be our national capital Delhi or a buzzing city like Mumbai or any other cultural, commercial or educational hub like Kolkata, a IT hub like Bangalore, or a susegad tourist place like Goa, our pristine surreal Kashmir, or the land of palaces, great Indian desert and world's oldest mountain ranges the Aravalli-Rajasthan, the Land of Jewels-Manipur,

Hyderabad the City of Pearls, or Jabalpur the Marble City of India and many other parts of India has been under constant attack and unrest in various forms. Innocent people berated and grilled for not knowing the language of the place, assaults on innocent minorities attending religious programmes by their own free will, the most recent undesirable occurrences across our country where few extremists vigilante groups tear down festive decorations and disrupt of religious services, harassment of roadside vendors for selling Santa hats ahead of Christmas; many gruesome events have taken place and continue to take place; these have sent shivers down the spine and have shaken public conscience specially the R.G Kar case of rape in Kolkata, the deep seated ethnic violence, the deafening cries of women and children assaults, forced silence of people in Manipur as it kept burning for months leading to significant loss of human life, sexual violence, displacement and destruction of cultural sites; merciless destruction of India's flora and fauna in the name of development, leading to silencing of the voices of our true sons and daughters of the soil, for they stand their ground as protectors of our land, fighters for justice and human rights, we call these brave hearts '**Social Activists**'. They are our modern day unarmed warriors, all that they wear is a shield of sacrifice, ready to give their lives amidst the death threats they receive.

With all these events unfolding Peace has indeed become extremely scarce and a significant reason lies in the way politics has learned to manipulate emotions rather than solve problems. Instead of uniting citizens for nation-building, political parties often use elements of genocide like ethnical, racial, religious groups, and historical context, also culture, minority identity, terrorism, fear, corruption, bribes (power of money) and caste as tools to gain power- turning 'Us', the ordinary citizens as their puppets and many times instruments of division.

Religion, which was once a source of spiritual guidance and moral strength, is frequently turned into a political weapon. Temples, mosques, churches and gurudwaras meant to give a feeling of peace are dragged into political battles. We, as citizens of this beautiful nation are pushed to defend identities rather than values, forgetting that **Faith Was Never Meant to Divide Humanity**.

India's long and complex history is often selectively rewritten only to fit the political narratives and fuel present day anger and we behave so silly or rather senseless, we fight over events that we have not witnessed nor caused, while the real issues of education, healthcare, employments, sustainable development, environmental issues,

climate change etc. are pushed aside.

The culture which should celebrate diversity, is increasingly used to define who belongs and who does not. Citizens are judged not by their contribution to the society but by how closely they fit into a politically convenient ideological culture.

The constant political labeling on the minority communities often creates insecurity, resentment and mistrust. They are either portrayed as threats or as vote banks, never as equal citizens. When minorities feel unsafe and majorities are made to feel superior, peace collapses.

Instead of real debates on jobs, inflations, education or healthcare and sustainable development, environmental protection, there's this emotional camouflaging and propaganda campaigns that dominates every form of election. So, when everyday struggles of a citizen remain unresolved, peace suffers as frustration grows and hope fades.

When peace suffers, hooliganism, rowdynism and gangsterism becomes stronger and dominant and corruption thrives best in such chaos and here is where divisive politics becomes a shield behind which corruption quietly continues.

The PREAMBLE of The Constitution of India states:-

WE, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a

SOVEREIGN SOCIALIST SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

JUSTICE, social, economic and political;

LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship

EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all

FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation.....

Our leaders of 1940s-50s were fully aware of India's sufferings under the dark colonial era, yet they were very clear that whole of India accepts the divine law of love, to follow the way of peace and not the sword, to be the nursery of nonviolence, learning the best that the West has to give, bringing the message of deliverance to the oppressed and exploited races. They truly believed in **Democracy**. They had no doubts that India belonged to each and every citizen of her's, and securing **Justice, Liberty, Equality and Fraternity must be the birth right of every Indian citizen**. Our Preamble is a testimony of how glorious and peace-loving our mother India is and

how we her children are shamelessly out to break the very foundation of social harmony that is Peace for the sake of Greed (Wealth), Power and Fame.

I hope this article will throw some light on the eyes that see shades of grey, minds that are blocked and ears that are deaf at hearing what is true and just. It is important that we wake up from our deep sleep of illusion, from our misunderstood or misinterpreted facts before it is too late. We must know that we represent a nation, the only one of its type, so uniquely blessed with diverse landscape, tropical monsoon type, giving rise to vast range of social, cultural and ethnic coexistence. We must be proud that we belong to such a glorious nation where the world looks upon us for the diversity we own. We cannot let the peace of our mother India be destroyed by her won few dishonest children.

The clock is ticking fast, backstabbing and bloodshed will wipe off you and me and us the entire human race. We will have our children at the receiving end of this horrifying warfare of greed and power. Therefore it is near time we begin a revolution, a peace revolution **#Peace Begins With Me Movement.**

We must refill our hearts with divine love, as love comes to us naturally because we are created in the image of God who is LOVE; it is hatred that we have learned and something that we have learned is easy to unlearn. Each and every family must be built on a strong foundation of good values like empathy, acceptance and respect for every human being, immerse in the grandeur of different art, cultures, languages, beliefs, spread the messages of harmony and truth instead of false rumours and hatred. We must let our children grow in nurturing HUMANITY and letting them feel the soil of the Earth.

As parents and elders let's not sow the seed of division, differences, greed, ego, selfish ambitions, inequality and worldly pleasures which will only infuse hatred. Hatred will kill peace, with no peace divine Love cannot survive. The lifeline of every nation is Peace and Love. If Peace and Love ceases to exist our nation will collapse. So it is for **You, Me and Us** to decide **NOW.**

~Bertha Fonseca Kadam



LEGAL IN EQUALITY OF INDIAN MEN-AN UNTOLD STORY

India speaks proudly of women empowerment but ignores men who suffer silently. Rising false accusations, laws that presume men guilty whereby balance of justice has tilted dangerously. True equality will return only when compassion, not gender decides who deserves protection. Men with case files in hand sit lonesome on wooden benches with hopeless eyes are seen in court halls all over the country, some charged with acts of cruelty they never engaged in, some made to pay for long defunct marriages, some father's who have not given their kids a hug in years and kids who never experienced fatherly love. Men's voice undoubtedly still has no platform and their pain has definitely no name, for the law that was intended to protect women from injustice has been abused against men, thus ruining reputations, careers and families. A man suffering is labeled as weak, and society labels this act as shame, the system claims that justice is served when men remain silent. One needs to relook at the other half- sons, husband's, father's, who make silent sacrifices, yet their cries have no legal sanctity.

Misuse of Laws: Laws meant for women's protection, such as those related to domestic violence (498A) or maintenance, are weaponized in personal disputes, creating disproportionate impacts on men leading to unfair financial burdens, emotional distress, and lack of support for men experiencing abuse or false accusations, thus calling for true gender justice through balanced, unbiased legal frameworks.

Lack of Recourse for Men: Men have limited legal avenues or societal support for issues like emotional abuse, harassment, or false accusations, contrasting this with easier access for women to file complaints.

Financial Burden in Divorce: Maintenance and alimony provisions often place lifelong financial pressure on men, even when women are financially stable.

"Protection" vs. "Privilege": While initially protective, these laws have tipped the balance, creating an unlevel playing field where gender bias influences legal outcomes.

Call for Gender Justice: The core message advocates for true equality where both genders are seen fairly, emphasizing that achieving justice requires men to share power and collaborate, not just for women to fight alone.

Laws originally intended to protect women, have become tools for

persecution and harassment against men.

1. Misuse of Protective Laws

The misuse of laws designed to protect women, specifically-**Section 498A (Dowry Harassment)**: this law is frequently weaponized by wives to file false cruelty cases against husbands and their families, often leading to biased arrests and social humiliation. **Rape and Sexual Offense Laws**: a significant gap between rape allegations and convictions, alleging that these laws are sometimes misused for personal vendetta or financial extortion. **Maintenance and Alimony**: maintenance laws often create lifelong financial burdens for men, even when the wife is well-educated and capable of earning, reinforcing a system where men are "expected to provide endlessly."

2. The Concept of "Legal Inequality"

Legal inequality as a system that "stopped being blind to gender." Points out several areas where the balance of justice has tilted:

Lack of Recourse for Men: There is no equivalent law, helpline, or support system for men experiencing domestic or emotional abuse.

Presumption of Guilt: In many gender-specific cases, the law effectively presumes a man's guilt before facts are fully examined, destroying reputations before a trial even begins.

Institutional Bias: India celebrates women's empowerment, it often ignores the "silent suffering" of men in biased family courts.

3. Advocacy for Gender-Neutral Laws

Equal Accountability: Making both partners equally accountable in cases of infidelity or domestic disputes.

Data Monitoring: A database to track "serial complainants" who file multiple sexual offense cases to prevent systemic misuse.

Balanced Justice: True equality will only return when "compassion, not gender, decides who deserves protection."

The first step to a path ahead is acknowledgement, to hear, document and address men's complaints. Men need legal assistance and mental health support as a man should never be forced to remain silent. The goal is justice for one gender's empowerment should not come at the expense of another's emotional, material, or legal well being. True equality will happen only when both parties are safeguarded under one legal umbrella, not one sided. Gender does not define justice but wears a blindfold, it does not have a saree or a suit, but needs to be receptive to hearing both sides before making a decision where equal rights, voice and dignity make an indiscernible mark.

~Adv. Lida João

ST. SEBASTIAN: SOLDIER, EMBODYING SACRIFICE, AND SPIRITUAL RESILIENCE



St Sebastian lived in the 3rd century during the reign of the Roman Emperor Diocletian. According to tradition, he served as a Commander in the Roman Army, a position that required loyalty to the Emperor and the Roman gods. Despite this, Sebastian was a committed Christian at a time when Christianity was forbidden by the Emperor

Rather than hiding completely, Sebastian used his position to support persecuted Christians. He is said to have encouraged prisoners, visited the sick and strengthened others in their faith, quietly resisting the empire's attempts to suppress Christianity.

When Sebastian's faith was discovered, he was punished for refusing to renounce it. He was tied to a post and shot with arrows, left for being dead and was abandoned. God inspired St. Irene to seek him and nurse him back to health and life. His survival of an initial execution attempt became central to his story, symbolising spiritual resilience and divine protection. He bravely confronted the emperor again leading to his death by clubbing.

For Christians, St Sebastian represents courage, perseverance, and

loyalty to conscience even in the face of great danger. His story emphasises moral strength rather than physical force. He is invoked for protection against plagues, pestilence and archers. He is the Patron Saint of soldiers, athletes, and those suffering from illness, especially during times of plague. In medieval Europe, people prayed to him for protection and healing, believing his endurance reflected hope during widespread suffering.

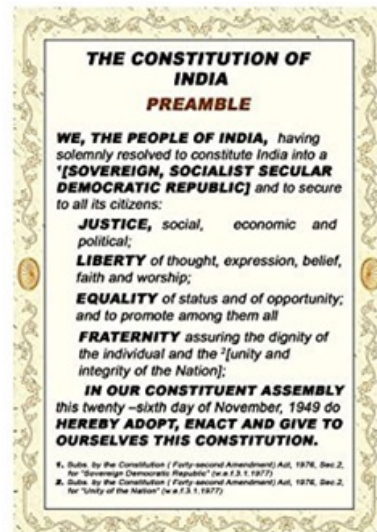
At **Marna, Siolim**, the **feast of St. Sebastian** has been celebrated for as long as the **St Sebastian Chapel has existed**, which dates back to its establishment in the **early 20th century as a formal place of worship**. The Chapel, which is linked to St Anthony's Church, Siolim, itself was built and began functioning with a resident chaplain from **8 December 1937**, when Rev. Fr. Philip M. D'Souza took charge and helped develop the Chapel further. The feast has been celebrated annually on the **Sunday after 20 January**, since the Chapel's establishment in this community comprising of VoiloVaddo, ModloVaddo and Chaudi Vaddo.

The feast honours **St. Sebastian's role as Patron and protector**, particularly invoked for strength and protection during hardships, a devotion that is central to the local Catholic community in Marna and throughout Goa.

~Olive Fernandes, Chauddi vaddo



INDIA AS A REPUBLIC: THE GROUND REALITY IN CURRENT TIMES



Although India achieved Independence on 15 August 1947, it did not attain complete freedom from British rule until the Constitution of India, drafted **under the leadership of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar** and his team, came into effect on 26 January 1950, marking India's transformation into a true Republic. India is a **Democratic Republic** because its President is indirectly elected by the people rather than being a hereditary monarch.

Dr. Rajendra Prasad, the President of the Constituent Assembly, in his address, expressed hope that future generations would remain committed to preserving independence with truth, non-violence, moral strength, and faith. Echoing this spirit, **Mahatma Gandhi**, in his post-prayer speech on 26 January 1948, warned against the **"demon of corruption,"** emphasising that indifference to corruption is itself a grave wrongdoing.

However as one among many concerned citizens and activists being labelled 'anti-national' by political Governments today, simply for raising issues, I shall share my experience in light of the Preamble of our Constitution. The present Government uses the Enforcement Directorate, CBI, Police and anything to crush down the people's voices.

The value of Democracy and justices are slowly being eroded in a systematic manner by projecting developmental, majoritarian rule and targeting particular religion or political opposition as anti-social elements. If the trend continues soon the Constitution will be amended and a new Authoritarian Democracy rule will be enforced on the people of India.

1. Status of Fundamental Rights and Civil Liberties

Citizens' freedoms are constitutionally protected under Articles 19–22, however reports documented over **329 violations of the Freedom of Expression** in the first four months of 2025 alone.

2. Press and Media Freedom

India ranked **151st out of 180 countries** in the **2025 World Press Freedom Index**, reflecting the critical situation due to political pressure and corporate ownership concentration.

While the Indian State is formally secular, however, a number of Hindu nationalist organizations promote anti-Muslim views. Attacks against Muslims in connection with the alleged slaughter or mistreatment of cows, continued with the BJP facing criticism for failing to mount an adequate response. Further, legislation in several States criminalises religious conversions that take place as a result of “force” or “allurement,” which can be broadly interpreted to prosecute proselytizers. Recent attacks on Christians during Christmas celebrations is nothing but total intolerance towards the minorities who are living peacefully within the Constitution of India.

Communal rioting between Hindus and Muslims occurred in multiple States. So also, members of the predominantly Hindu Meitei and largely Christian Kuki communities continued to clash in Manipur over a court order granting scheduled-tribe status to the Meitei.

Goan people who raise issues of violation, environment and corruption are systematically targeted by politically backed filthy rich people, who engage history sheeters to silence the voice of the common man. The latest trend is the use of the Government enforcement agencies to win over opposition politicians to the ruling side for support and all their corruption cases get dropped and cases in courts are ceremoniously dropped to claim power to rule states by hook or by crook.

The established tools to fight corruption are being systematically diluted example, RTI, Lokayuta and the judiciary system is out of reach for a common man because of the cost that is involved.

This makes a mockery of our country being recognised as the world's largest Democratic Republic country by the hidden agenda used by the ruling Government in power to change or amend any rules under majority number.

Gregory E. D'souza

Convenor of Siolim Civic and Consumer Forum

ST. DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI: LAY MARTYR OF FAITH

St. Devasahayam Pillai holds a special place in the history of the Indian Church as the first lay Catholic Saint of our country. His life is a powerful testimony that faith in Christ, when lived with courage and integrity, can transform society and touch countless lives even centuries later. He was born on 23 April 1712 in Nattalam, in present-day Kanyakumari district, and was named Neelakandan Pillai. He belonged to a respected family and was well educated. Because of his abilities, he was appointed to an important position in the Royal Court of the Travancore Kingdom under King Marthanda Varma. At this stage of his life, he was a sincere and disciplined man, deeply rooted in his traditions. A turning point came when Neelakandan Pillai came into contact with Captain Eustachius De Lannoy, a Dutch officer who shared with him the Christian faith. Neelakandan was deeply moved by the person of Jesus Christ, especially by the message of a loving God, forgiveness of enemies, and the dignity of every human being. After serious reflection and instruction, he received Baptism in 1745 and took the name Devasahayam, meaning “God is my help.” His baptism marked a radical change in his life.

As a Christian, Devasahayam Pillai lived a life of prayer, humility, and charity. He openly rejected caste discrimination and stood in solidarity with the poor and the oppressed. This fearless witness created strong opposition. He was falsely accused of treason and arrested. For nearly three years, he endured severe torture, humiliation, hunger, and public abuse. He was paraded through villages with his body chained and wounded, yet he never denied his faith. His strength came from constant prayer and complete trust in God.

On 14 January 1752, Devasahayam Pillai was taken to the forest of Aralvaimozhi and shot dead, thus giving his life for Christ. His martyrdom did not end his influence. Soon after his death, people began to experience God's power through his intercession. Many testified to physical healings, especially from chronic illnesses, relief from family problems, and protection during dangerous journeys. Water from the places associated with his suffering and martyrdom has been a source of consolation and healing for many devotees. After careful investigation, the Church recognized a miracle attributed to his intercession for his beatification, and another medically unexplained healing for his canonization. He was declared Blessed in 2012 and canonized as a Saint by Pope Francis on 15 May 2022.

St. Devasahayam Pillai reminds us that holiness is not limited to priests or religious but is a call given to every baptized person. His life challenges us to live our faith courageously, to stand for truth and justice, and to remain faithful to Christ even in times of trial. May the witness of St. Devasahayam Pillai inspire our parish community to grow in faith, charity, and commitment to the Gospel.

~Fr. Inbaraj SSS, Gaunsavaddo

THE ORDINARY JUBILEE YEAR - AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S GOODNESS

The Catholic Church, also known as the Roman Catholic Church is one of the oldest and largest international institutions that played a major role in the history and development of western civilization and significantly in the entire world too.

The Church teaches that it is the one, holy, catholic and apostolic church founded by Jesus Christ while commissioning in His twelve apostles, and that the Pope is the successor of Saint Peter, upon whom primacy was conferred by Jesus Christ.

It is important to note that the Catholic Church maintains that it practises the original Christian faith taught by the apostles, preserving the faith infallibly through scripture and sacred tradition as authentically interpreted through the magisterium or teaching office of the Church.

One such important tradition is the observance of Jubilee years. A jubilee is a special year of remission of sins, debts and universal pardon. In the Book of Leviticus, a jubilee year is mentioned as occurring every 50th year (as per Leviticus 25,8) during which slaves and prisoners would be freed, debts would be forgiven and the mercies of God would be particularly manifest.

In Western Christianity, the tradition dates to 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII convened a Holy Year, following which ordinary jubilees have generally been celebrated every 25 or 50 years, with extraordinary jubilees in addition depending on need. Catholic jubilees, particularly in the Latin Church, generally involve a pilgrimage to a sacred site, normally the city of Rome. However, in order to make indulgences more accessible to Catholics around the world, certain places of religious significance are designated. It was a moment of deep joy and gratitude when St. Anthony's Church, Siolim, was chosen as one of the Jubilee Churches of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman. For generations, this Church has drawn devotees from far and wide-people of every faith, language, and background-who come with trust to place their intentions at the feet of St. Anthony.

The following Churches were also designated as Jubilee Churches across Goa:

- ST. JEROMES CHURCH, MAPUSA

- SE CATHEDRAL, OLD GOA
- HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH, MARGAO
- ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CHURCH, TIVIM
- BOM JESUS BASILICA, OLD GOA.
- HOLY CROSS SHRINE, BAMBOLIM
- MONASTERY, PILAR
- OLD CHURCH, SANCOALE, FACADE
- ST. ANTHONY'S CHAPEL, DEUSSUA.

The Jubilee Year 2025 has been a special blessing for the people of Siolim. Announced by Pope Francis with the bull "Spes non confundit" (Hope does not disappoint) under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope".

We are profoundly thankful to His Eminence Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão for granting the people of Siolim this grace to obtain Jubilee indulgences through prayer and devotion.

The Jubilee was inaugurated on 27th December 2024 with the installation and blessing of a special crucifix. Throughout the year, the faithful gathered in prayer before the crucified Lord, found peace, healing, and renewed hope. Gazing upon the Cross, we are reminded of God's boundless love-a love that consoles our hearts and strengthens us in every trial.

Throughout the Jubilee Year, St. Anthony's Church truly became a sacred gathering place for Pilgrims of Hope. Numerous groups journeyed to this holy shrine to obtain Jubilee indulgences.

This is the list of groups that visited our Church:

FEBRUARY

02nd Sunday -Small Christian Community from St. Sebastian Chapel, Fountainhas, Panaji

02nd Sunday - Jubilee of the Consecrated - The Consecrated of the Deanery.

05th Wednesday-Liturgical Group from St. Anthony's Parish, Vagator

22nd Saturday - Pilar Lay Association Corporates from all over Goa

26th Wednesday - Parishioners of Holy Trinity, Nagoa, Bardez

MARCH

14th - Catechists of St. Anne's Parish, Agonda

APRIL

01st Wednesday - PPC members, Catechists & Youth of St. Clare,

Assonora

02nd Tuesday - St. Joseph's Sisters, Portavaddo along with members of Lay Apostolate

10th Thursday - Two Small Christian Communities from Our Lady of Hope Parish, Candolim

12th Saturday - One Small Christian Community from St. Anne's Parish, Ponda

14th Monday - Parishioners from St. Francis Xavier's Parish, Maina-Corgao

JUNE

20th Friday - Students of St. Francis Xavier's Higher Secondary School, Siolim

JULY

20th Sunday - Parishioners of St. Michael's Parish, Anjuna

AUGUST

24th Sunday - Catechists and children from St. Sebastian's Parish, Calvim

25th Monday - Divine Mercy Group from Sé Cathedral, Old Goa

27th Wednesday - Parishioners of Our Lady of Snow's Parish, Raia

SEPTMBER
17th Wednesday - Legion of Mary group of Our Lady of Gloria's Parish, Varca

OCTOBER

02nd Thursday - St. Vincent de Paul members from St. Alex's Parish Church, Calangute

12th Sunday - Parishioners of St. Rita of Cascia Chapel, Carona - Aldona

17th Friday - Students of St. John of the Cross High School, Sanquelim

25th Saturday - Catechists and students from Our Lady of Sea Parish, Oxel

NOVEMBER

17th Monday - Parishioners of Our Lady of Sea, Oxel

20th Thursday - Legion of Mary members from St. Anne's Parish, Parra

23rd Sunday - Jubilee of the Choir - Choir members from Siolim Deanery.

DECEMBER

12th Friday - Small Christian Community from Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Arambol

26th Friday - Members of one of the Somudai of Muddavaddi from Mae de Deus Parish, Saligão

As the Jubilee Year draws to a close on 31st December 2025, the spiritual fruits it has borne in Siolim remain deeply etched in the hearts of the faithful. St. Anthony's Church stood not merely as a place of pilgrimage, but as a living witness to faith, unity, and hope-where prayers were lifted, burdens were lightened, and lives were renewed in Christ. This sacred year strengthened the bonds of communion among parishes, religious communities, and pilgrims, reminding all that the Church is truly a pilgrim people journeying together in hope. With hearts filled with gratitude, we look forward to carrying the spirit of the Jubilee beyond its calendar year, living out its call to mercy, reconciliation, and steadfast trust in God's unfailing love.

~Angela Costa, Portavaddo

TESTIMONY

Joaquim D'Lima from Carona Aldona was suffering from heart valve problem. In the course of time he got a job opportunity in Germany. As he was a heavy duty technician, his ailments aggravated, for which he had to undergo a surgery. He prayed to St. Anthony to help him, as he would have to bear a huge amount to undergo a surgery in Germany. He would regularly participate in online Tuesday Masse and on one Tuesday after the Mass, his Officials called and informed him that the Company will bear all the expenses and will also accept him as their employee after the surgery. He attributes this miracle to St. Anthony as through the powerful intercession of St. Anthony, he could undergo the surgery and the Company accepted him as their employee, unconditionally.



JANER- FEVRER 2026 MHOINEANT

Somudaiam Pormonnem Igorjent Aitarachea Misachi Mandavoll

01 st Jan '26 Thur	6.30 a.m.-	Novsornnecho Zomo
	8.00 a.m.-	Mass in English
03 rd Jan Saturday	5.30 p.m.-	Bhag. Maria Goretti – Bamonvaddo / Modlem Bhatt
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
04 th Jan Sunday	6.30 a.m. -	Bhag. Sebastiao – Voilo Vaddo
	8.00 a.m. -	Bhag. Jerome – Tarchibhatt
10 th Jan Saturday	5.30 p.m. -	Bhag. Thomas – Portavaddo
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
11 th Jan Sunday	6.30 a.m. -	Bhag. Paulo – Igrejvaddo
	8.00 a.m.-	Bhag. Tadeus – Tarchibhatt
	9.30 a.m.-	First Holy Communion
17 th Jan Saturday	5.30 p.m.-	Lourdes Saibinn – Fernandes Vaddo
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
18 th Jan Sunday	6.30 a.m. -	Bhag. Joao Baptist – Igrejvaddo
	8.00 a.m. -	Bhag. Bartholomeu – Tarchibhatt
24 th Jan Saturday	5.30 p.m. -	Bhag. Francis Xavier – Querem
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
25 th Jan Sunday	6.30 a.m.-	Bhag. Lawrence Portavaddo
	8.00 a.m. -	Bhag. Joaquim-Ana – Bamonvaddo
31 st Jan Saturday	5.30 p.m.-	Guia Saibinn – Pereira vaddo
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
01 st Feb Sunday	6.30 a.m.-	Bhag. Juze Vaz – Valadares vaddo
	8.00 a.m. -	Bhag. Filipe – Tarchibhatt
07 th Feb Saturday	5.30 p.m.-	Bhag. Pedro – Chauddi vaddo
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
08 th Feb Sunday	6.30 a.m.-	Bhag. Christopher – Portavaddo
	8.00 a.m. -	Bhag. Bernard – Bamonvaddo
14 th Feb Saturday	5.30 p.m.-	Padr Agnel – Noronha vaddo
	7.00 p.m.-	Mass in English
15 th Feb Sunday	6.30 a.m.-	Bhag. Francis d'Assisi – Portavaddo
	8.00 a.m.-	Bhov Povitr Kallza Jezuchea – Dongormag
18th February – Ash Wednesday		
	6.00 a.m.-	Mass in English
	7.15 a.m.-	Bhag. Andrew – Cruzvaddo
	8.30 a.m.-	Fatima Saibinn - Igrejvaddo

MHOINEACHI KARIAVOLL

JANUARY

Brestar - 01 ^{ler}	6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Sanders & Rhea Fernandes
	8.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass (English) – Anthony & Rosette Fernandes
	11.00 a.m.	Mass in Hindi
	3.30 p.m.	Sports
Sukrar- 02 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Lognacho Rupea Utsov: Joe & Irene Noronha
	8.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas: Philomena Remedios
Sonvar - 03 ^{rer}	6.30 a.m.	Somplelea Stanley Barreto
	8.00 a.m.	Zolm Dis: Lucio Antonio Fernandes Barreto
	11.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Tyson Fernandes & Alice D'Souza
	3.00 p.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Delroy D'Souza & Rachel Fernandes
	5.30 p.m.	21 ^{vo} Zolm Dis: Janice Noronha
	7.00 p.m.	21 ^{vo} Zolm Dis: Alan Almeida
Aitar- 04 ^{ter}	3.30 p.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Valencio Araujo & Andrea Sequeira
Somar- 05 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Legacy Mass
	8.00 a.m.	Bolaike khatir: Kylaa Mascarenhas
Mungllar- 06 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Silver Wedd. Annv. Michael & Filu Noronha
	8.00 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Fatima Noronha
	9.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Tyson & Alice Fernandes
	4.30 p.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Robert D'Mello
Budhvar - 07 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	60 ^{vo} Zolm Dis: Regina Fernandes
	8.00 a.m.	Somplele Lilia Bocarro
	9.00 a.m.	Mass at PHC
Brestar - 08 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Khasgi intessanv: Ana Noronha
	8.00 a.m.	
Sukrar - 09 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplelea Angelina Angela Dias
	8.00 a.m.	
Sonvar - 10 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	1 ^{lo} Zolm Dis: Immaculada Felicia Mendes
	8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas: Apolina D'Souza
	3.00 p.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Alston Bento Fernandes & Merlyn Crasto
	5.30 p.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Steven Fernandes
	7.00 p.m.	Lognacho Dis: Richcil & Reema Fernandes
Aitar - 11 ^{ver}	9.30 a.m.	Bhurgeancho Poilo Kommunianv
Somar - 12 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Ruby Noronha
	8.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas: Anton Francisco Lobo
Mungllar- 13 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass: Guilette Fernandes

		8.00 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Playzel & Greta Barbosa
		9.30 a.m.	Khasgi intessanv: Severina Gonsalves
		4.30 p.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Kevin Fernandes
Budhvar	-14 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Zolm Dis: Aubrey Lobo
		8.00 a.m.	
Brestar	-15 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Bolaike Khatir: Regina Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	
Sukrar	-16 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	St. Joseph Vas – Stat. Mass
		8.00 a.m.	
Sonvar	-17 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Karen Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	
		5.30 p.m.	1 ^{lo} Zolm Dis: Ariella Fernandes
		7.00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Mass: Carrisha Rodrigues
Somar	-19 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplote Heraclita Caldeira
		8.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas: Femina Maxi D'Cruz
Mungllar-20 ^{ver}		6.30 a.m.	St. Sebastian – Stat. Mass
		8.00 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Antonio & Filomena de Oliveira
		9.30 a.m.	Lognacho Rupea Utsov: Nascimento & Valie D'Cruz
		4.30 p.m.	Khasgi intessanv: Minguel & Bitoch Fernandes
Budhvar	-21 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
Brestar	-22 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Leg. Mass
		8.00 a.m.	Zolm Dis: Nestor Faleiro
Sukrar	-23 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplotea Luis Peter D'Souza
		8.00 a.m.	
Sonvar	-24 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somploteam Diego Paul & Marianna Souza Raimundo
		8.00 a.m.	
		5.30 p.m.	
		7.00 p.m.	
Aitar	-25 ^{ver}	9.30 a.m.	Feast of St. Sebastian – Marna Chapel
Somar	-26 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Logn Sonvskaracho Dis: Augustine & Maria Fernandes
			Flag Hoisting after 6.30 a.m. Mass
		8.00 a.m.	Tisrea Vorsacho Ugddas: Nicholas D'Souza
Mungllar-27 ^{ver}		6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Flinton Rodrigues
		8.00 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis Philip Fernandes
		9.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Alex Trindade
		4.30 p.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Devina D'Souza
Budhvar	-28 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplote Matilda Angelica Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	Tisrea Vorsacho Ugddas: Dominic Anthony Colaco

Brestar	-29 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	Poilea Vorsacho Ugddas: Claude Borges
		3.30 p.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Glenford & Genevieve Fernandes
Sukrar	-30 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	Mhoineacho Ugddas: Gregorina Taumaturga Lopes e Fernandes
		11.00 a.m.	Logn Sonvskar: Arnold Fernandes & Melissa Pereira
Sonvar	-31 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
		5.30 p.m.	
		7.00 p.m.	
			FEBRUARY
Somar	-02 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Day dedicated to the Consecrated
		8.00 a.m.	
Mungllar-03 ^{ver}		6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
		9.30 a.m.	
		4.30 p.m.	
Budhvar	-04 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplote Catherine Pereira
		8.00 a.m.	Tisrea Vorsacho Ugddas: Maria Augusta Fernandes
Brestar	-05 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Perpetua Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	
Sukrar	-06 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somplote Liberata Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	
Sonvar	-07 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Somploteam Anthony & Marcelina Fernandes
		8.00 a.m.	
		5.30 p.m.	
		7.00 p.m.	01 st Birthday of Eliezer Zac D'Souza
Somar	-09 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
Mungllar-10 ^{ver}		6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
		9.30 a.m.	
		4.30 p.m.	
Budhvar	-11 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	
		8.00 a.m.	
		4.30 p.m.	BVM of Lourdes – Piddestam khatir kherit Mis
Brestar	-12 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	Arghanchem Mis: Jeane Pereira
		8.00 a.m.	
		4.30 p.m.	Feast of Infant Jesus – Bamonvaddo Chapel
Sukrar	-13 ^{ver}	6.30 a.m.	

MHOINEACHIM VACHPAM

JANUARY

01 Mon	Rdg	Is 4, 2-6; Ps 121, 1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9; Mt 8, 5-11
01 Thu	Rdg	Holy Mary, The Mother of God Num 6, 22-27; Ps 66, 2-3.5.6+8; Gal 4, 4-7; Lk 2, 16-21
02 Fri	Rdg	Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 1 Jn 2, 22-28; Ps 97, 1.2-3ab. 3cd-4; Jn 1, 19-28
03 Sat	Rdg	The Most Holy Name of Jesus 1 Jn 2, 29---3,6; Ps 97, 1.3cd-4. 5-6; Jn 1, 29-34
04 Sun	Rdg	The Epiphany of The Lord Is 60, 1-6; Ps 71, 1-2.7-8. 10-11. 12-13; Eph 3, 2-3a. 5-6; Mt 2, 1-12
05 Mon	Rdg	1 Jn 3, 22---4,6; Ps 2, 7-8. 10-11; Mt 4, 12-17. 23-25
06 Tue	Rdg	1 Jn 4, 7-10; Ps 71, 1-2.3-4ab. 7-8; Mk 6, 34-44
07 Wed	Rdg	1 Jn 4, 11-18; Ps 71, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13; Mk 6, 45-52
08 Thu	Rdg	1 Jn 4, 19---5,4; Ps 71, 1-2. 14+15bc.17; Lk 4, 14- 22a
09 Fri	Rdg	1 Jn 5, 5-13; Ps 147, 12-13. 14-15. 19-20; Lk 5, 12- 16
10 Sat	Rdg	1 Jn 5, 14-21; Ps 149, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6a+9b; Jn 3, 22-30
11 Sun	Rdg	The Baptism of The Lord Is 42, 1-4. 6-7; Ps 28, 1a+2. 3ac-4 3b+9b-10; Ac 10, 34-38; Mt 3, 13-17
12 Mon	Rdg	1 Sam 1, 1-8; Ps 115, 12-13. 14+17. 18-19; Mk 1, 14-20
13 Tue	Rdg	1 Sam 1, 9-20; Ps 1 Sam 2, 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd; Mk 1, 21b-28
14 Wed	Rdg	St. Devasahayam Pillai 1 Sam 3, 1-10. 19-20; Ps 39, 2+5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10; Mk 1, 29-39
15 Thu	Rdg	1 Sam 4, 1-11; Ps 43, 10-11. 14-15. 24-25; Mk 1, 40- 45
16 Fri	Rdg	St. Joseph Vaz Jer 1, 1. 4-10; Ps 111, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6; 1 Cor 9, 19-23; Lk 10, 1-9
17 Sat	Rdg	St. Anthony 1 Sam 9, 1-4. 17-19, 10, 1a; Ps 20, 2-3. 4-5. 6-7; Mk 2, 13-17
18 Sun	Rdg	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 49, 3. 5-6; Ps 39, 2+4ab. 7-8a.8b-9. 10; 1 Cor 1, 1- 3; Jn 1, 29-34
19 Mon	Rdg	1 Sam 15, 16-23; Ps 49, 8-9. 16bc-17. 21+23; Mk 2,18-22
20 Tue	Rdg	1 Sam 16, 1-13; Ps 88, 20. 21-22. 27-28; Mk 2, 23-28
21 Wed	Rdg	St. Agnes 1 Sam 17, 32-33. 37. 40-51; Ps 143, 1.2.9-10; Mk 3, 1-6
22 Thu	Rdg	1 Sam18, 6-9, 19, 1-7; Ps 55, 2-3. 9-10ab. 10c-11. 12-13; Mk 3, 7-12
23 Fri	Rdg	1 Sam 24, 3-21; Ps 56, 2. 3-4. 6+11; Mk 3, 13-19

24 Sat	Rdg	St. Francis de Sales 2 Sam 1, 1-4. 11-12. 19. 23-27; Ps 79, 2-3. 5-7; Mk 3, 20-21
25 Sun	Rdg	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 9, 1-4; Ps 26, 1. 4.13-14; 1 Cor 1, 10-13. 17; Mt 4,12-23
26 Mon	Rdg	Jer 31, 31-34 Ps 90, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 9-10; Jn 8, 31-36
27 Tue	Rdg	Sts. Timothy & Titus 2 Tim 1, 1-8; Ps 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10; Lk 10, 1-9
28 Wed	Rdg	St. Thomas Aquinas 2 Sam 7, 4-17; Ps 88, 4-5. 27-28. 29-30; Mk 4, 1-20
29 Thu	Rdg	2 Sam 7, 18-19. 24-29; Ps 131, 1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14; Mk 4, 21-25
30 Fri	Rdg	2 Sam 11, 1-4a. 5-10a. 13-17; Ps 50, 3-4. 5-6a. 6bc-7. 10-11; Mk 4, 26-34
31 Sat	Rdg	St. John Bosco 2 Sam 12, 1-7a. 10-17; Ps 50, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17; Mk 4, 35-41
FEBRUARY		
01 Sun	Rdg	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Zeph 2, 3, 3, 12-13; Ps 145, 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10; 1 Cor 1, 26-31; Mt 5, 1-12a
02 Mon	Rdg	The Presentation of The Lord Mal 3, 1-4; Ps 23, 7.8.9.10; Lk 2, 22-40
03 Tue	Rdg	2 Sam 18, 9-10. 14b. 24-25a. 30-19,3; Ps 85, 1-2. 3- 4. 5-6; Mk 5, 21-43
04 Wed	Rdg	St. John de Britto 1 Cor 9, 19-27; Ps 67, 29-30. 33-35a. 35b-36d; Jn 12, 20-32
05 Thu	Rdg	St. Agatha 1 Kgs 2, 1-4. 10-12; Ps 1 Chr 29, 10b. 11ab. 11d-12a. 12bcd; Mk 6, 6b-13
06 Fri	Rdg	Dedication of The Cathedral Church of Goa Is 56, 1.6-7; Ps 83, 3-5. 10-11; Jn 2, 13-22
07 Sat	Rdg	Sts. Gonsalo Garcia, Peter Baptista & Comp 2 Cor 6, 4-10; Ps 29, 2+4. 5-6. 11-12a+13b; Mt 10, 17-22
08 Sun	Rdg	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 58, 7-10; Ps 111, 4-5. 6-7. 8a+9; 1 Cor 2, 1-5; Mt 5, 13-16
09 Mon	Rdg	1 Kgs 8, 1-7. 9-13; Ps 131, 6-7. 8-10; Mk 6, 53-56
10 Tue	Rdg	St. Scholastica 1 Kgs 8, 22-23. 27-30; Ps 83, 3.4.5+10.11; Mk 7, 1-13
11 Wed	Rdg	Our Lady of Lourdes 1 Kgs 10, 1-10; Ps 36, 5-6. 30-31. 39-40; Mk 7, 14-23
12 Thu	Rdg	1 Kgs 11, 4-13; Ps 105, 3-4. 35-36. 37+40; Mk 7, 24-30

THE IMAGE OF THE BVM, OUR GUIDE TAKEN SOLEMNLY IN PROCESSION BY OUR CONFRADES



THE NATIONAL FLAG, THE FLAG OF THE HOLY SEE & THE FLAG OF ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE CHURCH ON LIBERATION DAY



MOTORCADE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, OUR GUIDE



THE BLESSING OF THE BANNER (FAMA) BEFORE THE NOVENA OF THE BVM, OUR GUIDE.



THE DANCERS PERFORM THEIR "COCONUT SHELL" DANCE ON LIBERATION DAY



THE ELEVATED BANNER OF BVM OUR GUIDE



CATECHISTS ATTENDING RECOLLECTION AT BADEM





PARISH FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION DURING CHRISTMAS OCTAVE



CHRISTMAS SPORTS FOR THE PARISHIONERS



**THE BEAUTIFUL CRIB
MADE BY
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OF SAPYOS**



**MIDNIGHT CELEBRATION OF
THE SOLEMNITY
OF MOTHER OF GOD
&
THE NEW CIVIL YEAR**



**THE BAND OF YOUNGSTERS PERFORMING ON
CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR DAY**



**THE CUTTING OF THE
CHRISTMAS CAKE
AFTER
MIDNIGHT MASS**



THE CRIB IN THE CHURCH



**THE CRIB DONE BY THE PARISH
PRIEST IN THE COURTYARD
OF THE CHURCH**



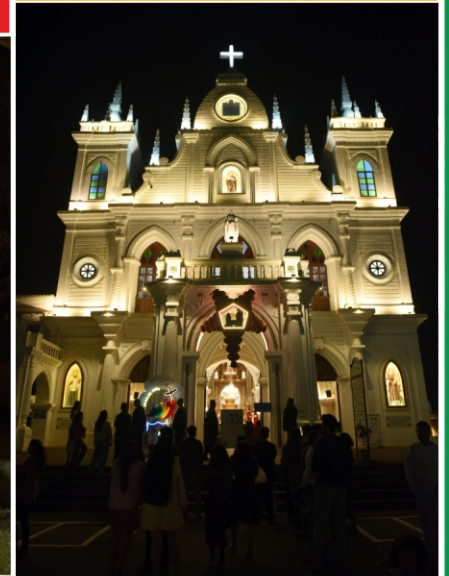
**THE ILLUMINATE HAND MADE STARS BY THE
CATECHISM CHILDREN**



**THE CHOIR SINGING
DURING THE
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**



**THE ILLUMINED CHURCH
BY NIGHT**



**THE ENTRANCE PROCESSION
FOR THE
CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS**

