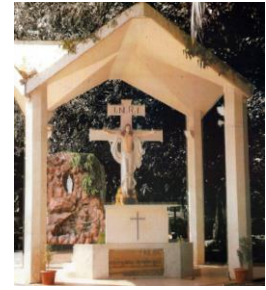


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With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020, to 8 December 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Holy Father wrote Patris corde against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” Saint Joseph, in fact, “concretely expressed his fatherhood” by making an offering of himself in love “a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.” Pope Francis adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

2020 vorsa, 8ver Decembrache thaun 8ver Decembrache 2021 porian Sant Juzek bhettoilelem voros mhonn Pap Saiban porgottni kelea. Sant Juzek ek doiall, mogall ani kalljidar bapui zaun aslo. To sosnikaian ani bhorvaxean aplo vaur kortalo. Tannem Jezuchi seva-chakri keli. Hea amchea koxttamchea vellar Sant Juzecher vinontin amkam pekvonni ani boreponn mellunk magnnem korum ia.

*Fr Anthony D’Souza, Parish Priest*

## SCC REPORT

As we are still in the period of the dreadful pandemic we wish one and all a very Happy New Year and hope to have a better and safe year ahead. Since the lockdown, communication was mainly through WhatsApp/Zoom & phone calls. Some communities had meetings via zoom app and also through WhatsApp calls. Animators continued visiting families assigned to them and passed on all relevant information pertaining to the church / community activities / distribution of church calendars. Members were also being encouraged to put aside petty differences and to assist those in need. Members reached out to the lonely – senior citizens living alone and helped with getting them groceries and ensuring they are keeping in good health.

The community Feast of St. Anne’s was celebrated and they had a virtual cultural program organized. The members of the community participated in reciting the Litany for the 3-day Tridium (22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2020) and for the Feast day 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020 virtually. The members of all age groups of St. Anne’s zone performed in the virtual cultural program on the Feast day.

Prayer sessions were held on every Friday/1<sup>st</sup> Fridays to pray in some communities for those suffering from Covid-19, and to find a cure / vaccine to combat the virus and also for our Government authorities to help curb the virus. To pray for the families who lost their near and dear ones, to pray for the front-line warriors to win this war against this deadly virus and to keep us all safe and healthy.

The world day of the poor was celebrated by sharing grocery bags with the lesser fortunate families and children in and around the parish. Some community members donated generously towards this good and noble cause. With help of JAGRUTI – the NGO run by the sisters of the Cross, animators and volunteers distributed grocery bags to 30 families in our Parish.

As a gesture of love, affection and care for nature, plants were taken care and watered in the absence of a community member every day. Also keeping abreast recent happenings in Goa and Mumbai we encouraged community members to sign online petitions to save the forest (our lungs) – and to Say no to coal – save our future generation.

Keeping with the theme for this year “No one in need” food packets were handed over to the needy and poor of our area. Groceries and food packets were distributed on a few occasions to the aged and sick in the parish. During the lock down period many were jobless and with no income found it difficult to buy basics for their daily needs, financial help was rendered to a few to help them tide over this period by some communities. Helped in distribution of food packets to the poor every month to the needy of our parish which was financed/donated by the church to help them take care of their basic requirements and that no one goes hungry during these difficult times.

Christmas season - Members from a community, from Children to senior citizens came together to showcase their talents – through handmade cards, Christmas decorations, song, dance, Christmas Carols, talk on the positive aspects of the Lockdown and pandemic made us come together as a family and work together as a team. Program was very well appreciated and created a positive vibe in the community and to a certain extent helped in being practical and tide over this very serious period of the pandemic.

Calls were made to community members and bereaved family were visited to share their pain and to help them and support them in the times of need and sorrow. As being Christmas season, sweets were distributed amongst non-Christian neighbours / postal / building security – spreading the joy and love of

the Christmas season. All community members including members belonging to other faiths also came to gather to make the crib and the star and kept the Jesus as the focus of our works.

During this Covid-19 period some of the problems addressed were: Sanitization of the buildings for Covid-19 as a precautionary measure. Addressing issues of mosquitoes by getting the area fumigated on a regular basis. Cleaning of house gullies around the buildings. Repairing chambers for sewage and also ensured the storm water drainage was cleaned to avoid collection of water. Cleaning the streets and also ensuring garbage bins were kept clean.

*Victor D'Souza (Parish SCC Coordinator)*

## OUR FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS – 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021

**Katelyn Rodrigues, Amber Rodrigues, Zach Almeida, Jeremy Viegas, Elijah D'Souza, Jash Pereira and Adriel Rodrigues**



### BAPTIZED IN CHRIST

BAPTISM DATE	NAME	CHILD OF
23 May 2020	Zoey Gomes	Sydney Savio Maximus & Myola Cajetan
15 Nov 2020	Zaneta Maeve D'Souza	Joscelyn Edward & Seraphina Natty
15 Nov 2020	Sapphire Jade Dias	Calroy Ludwig & Joslyn

### RESTING IN CHRIST

BURIAL DATE	NAME	RESIDENCE
16 April 2020 (Cremated)	Mario Lacerda Andrade	Ruby Mansion Barrack Road
1 May 2020	Alex C. Menezes	5/18 Indra Bhuvan Bldg. Dadi Santook Lane
6 May 2020	Augustine Manuel Xavier	22/28 J. S. Pereira Bldg. Navjeevan Wadi
8 May 2020	German Domnic Fernandes	4 D Kilachand Bldg Princess Street
15 May 2020	Maximiana A. Luis	29 B Shamji Champsey Mansion Dadi Santook Lane
28 May 2020	Angelo Joseph Fernandes	Morarji Hemraj Building
14 June 2020	Rosy Fernandes	6 D/33 Wellington Terrace Wellington Street
14 June 2020	Cyril Germain Viegas	LIC Bldg No. 70 2 Floor First Marine Street
8 July 2020	Agnelo John Gomes	3 Indra Bhavan Dadi Santook Lane
12 July 2020	Cajetan Francis Po	3/16 Indra Bhuvan Dadi Santook Lane
1 August 2020	Anthony Emidio Mascarenhas	1/7 Wellington Terrace Wellington Street
17 August 2020	Joseph Francis Rodrigues	LIC Bldg Anantilal Podar Marg
11 Sept 2020	Euthilda Raymond Gomes	44 Daruwala Bldg Third Marine Street
12 Sept 2020	Frank John D'Souza	Daulat Mansion Barrack Road
22 Sept 2020	Maria Victoria Rebello	36/44 Surya Kalyani Mansion
24 Sept 2020	Francisco Agnelo Fernandes	Plot No. 15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor New Marine Lines
3 Oct 2020	Rita Luciana Silveira	House 19/21 Room 13 Second Marine Street
14 Oct 2020	Margaret Rocky Braganza	Wellington Terrace Room 31 Wellington Street
19 Oct 2020	Alroy Joseph Furtado	Flat 5 Chemox House Barrack Road
18 Dec 2020	John Bazil Furtado	1/4 Indra Bhavan Dadi Santook Lane
24 Jan 2021	Mary Rajan Shetty	44 A Petit Parsi Agiary Churchgate
29 Jan 2021	Wency Dominic Coutinho	288 Dimelo Legeis D'Souza Bldg, C. H. Street

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