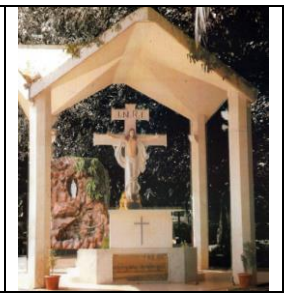


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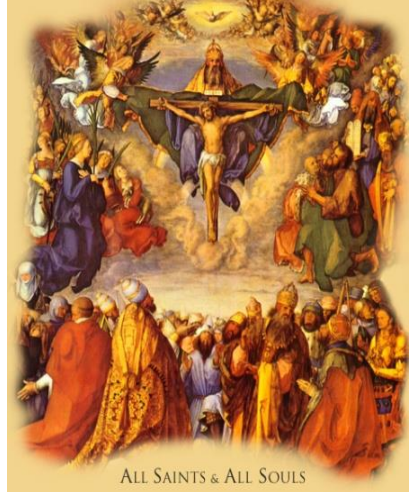
Nov 2022

WISHING YOU A HAPPY FEAST OF ALL SAINTS.  
WE PRAY FOR ALL OUR DEPARTED ON ALL SOULS DAY  
*The Parish Pastoral Council, Fr. Tony, Fr Lester & Fr Deepak.*

## WHO IS A SAINT?

ONE WHO

- GIVES GOOD EXAMPLE
- OBEDIENT TO GOD
- DETACHED FROM EVERYTHING AND ATTACHED TO GOD
- OUR DEPARTED ONES
- WE REMEMBER THEM
- THEY PRAY FOR US
- WE PRAY FOR THEM



## EK SANT KONN?

ZO MUNIS

- BORI DEKH DITA
- DEVACHEM UTOR PALLTA
- SOGLEM POIS KORUN DEVAK CHITTKONN ASA
- AMCHIM MELELIM
- AMI TANCHO UGDASS KORTANV
- TIM AMCHE PASOT MAGTAT
- AMI TANCHE PASOT MAGTANV.

*Fr. Anthony D'Souza*

## PARISH FEAST MASS ON 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022





## FOOD MELA BY ST ANNE'S COMMUNITY

St Anne's community organised a Food Mela and animated the Liturgy on one of the days during the Septenas in preparation for the Parish feast. Various mouth-watering items were prepared by our very own community members. For the mass the readings were in Konkani. We thank Susan who prepared the liturgy, our animators who did the readings and Greta for volunteering to do one of the readings.

*By Gracy Fernandes*



## COVERING LETTER – S.C.C. REPORTS FROM JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2022

The Covid 19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presents an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems, and the world of work and also changed the way we live and the things we did on a daily basis. The lockdowns have made us realise the importance of actually appreciating the things and people that we take for granted, but what it has taught us is the spirit of togetherness and giving help to others and helping where one can. It has come to show us that money and material things are not as important as human life and caring for each other in times of need, it has shown how much greatness can come from working together and what it can do for a nation and community just by giving a helping hand where it is needed and wanted. Covid 19 has also made a tremendous impact on religious life. There is a new realization that God is the source of our life and is in control of everything. Our sense of pride and self-sufficiency is shattered. An attitude of surrender to God is being fostered, a commitment to live a more intense spiritual life. Virtual mass

and absence of the Eucharist celebration in person has increased our appreciation for the celebration of mass and sacraments and made us long for spiritual experience. We hope and pray the present and the future Covid variants can be controlled without much loss to human life and pray that the global experts, government's, and partners to rapidly expand scientific knowledge on the new virus variants.

I hereby present the quarterly reports of our Parish for the quarter July – September 2022. The Parish comprises of 7 Communities, each community has a Coordinator and a Jt. Coordinator along with animators who form the Core group. In the reports each community has descriptively highlighted their community activities and programs held during the quarter July – September 2022. Conducted the Prayer Service in Preparation for The Rite of Presentation of The Lord's Prayer in our Community at the Cross. Attended by Animators, 6 Confirmands and their Parents. The Confirmands and their parents were informed / encouraged to give some time to help out in the Community.

Visit to the Elderly Sisters of Nirmala Niketan – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 : They were very happy to meet us and likewise – had a wonderful time reminiscing and laughing. Also Purchases of grocery /medicine for the elderly and home bound was done to help them and make them feel they are cared and loved.

Parents day was also celebrated as Grand Parents Day, the animators motivated the community members to attend the Triduum in large numbers as outside speakers were invited. Most of our youth from our community participated in the choir. The back drop in the church, the Tree with various fruits (values) was well depicted by our youth. The theme was “In Old Age” they will still bear fruits.

The Triduum was held for two consecutive days 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022. Organized free meals to community needy people on occasion of our church feast also visited the sick and home bound in our community and kept in touch with them all on the phone.

Each community put up a food stall on the days of the Septena and the money raised from sale of the food items, the amount collected was given to the needy of the community keeping in mind no want in want.

Vianney Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Parish Fathers were felicitated at Mass. Families in the parish came forward to offer love offerings in cash and homemade snacks were given to our priests. A small get together was also organised

SCC Papers for July & Sept discussed: In Old Age they will still bear fruit by Candida Mendoza: The elderly may not be highly educated but they have vast knowledge through their experiences – these are our jewels in our crowns – should be cared for within families and included in our community events (go together to church / garden for walks, participate in Septena cultural programs etc.) By our own example (actions) we will teach the youth to care for the aged.

Clusters: Animators requested to discretely find out birthdays/ anniversaries of their cluster families and wish them on their special days. This will make them happy and loved and make their day wonderful and a day to remember and cherish for a long time. Everyone should feel wanted and no one should be left out was the main idea.

Sports Day: A sports day was organized in the community wherein most members young & old took part in the football game. This was organized to have all round growth and encourage the youngsters to be active rather than be glued to the mobile. Will be organizing such events on a regular basis.

*By Victor D'Souza, (Parish SCC Coordinator)*

## **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**By Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October**, those who want to offer Masses for 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. kindly place your intention and any amount in the Special Mass intention boxes. All Masses on 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. will be offered for all intentions placed in the boxes. No individual receipts will be given for the intentions placed in these boxes. Mass intentions placed in these boxes will be published on the Notice Board but not announced in Church.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov.** is All Saints Day. Masses as usual at 7.30 a.m. in English & 7 p.m. in Konkani

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.** is All Souls Day. Masses at 7:00 a.m. 7:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. in English and 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. in Konkani.

## PARISH SPORTS DAY

Our Parish Youth are organizing Parish Sports Day on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. from 7.30 a.m. onwards at St. Xavier's High School Ground.

Since this youth programme will involve a lot of expenses we are looking for sponsors for the same. Contact Fr Lester Vaz for details.

## PARISH FAMILY DAY

Our Parish Family Day will be held on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at St Teresa's School Girgaum.

## PARISH CULTURAL PROGRAMME DURING SEPTENA



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