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2020 Motto

'Let us rise up and build'

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Nehemiah 2:18

Happy Canada Day..

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Editorial

Looking through the faith lens....

Have you experienced opportunities knocking at your door? Or, have you thought, "I've been waiting for long. Opportunities have never smiled at me."? Though the invalid at Bethesda waited for thirty-eight years, Jesus saw him, healed him, and set him free. Bartimaeus, the blind beggar received mercy and eyesight as he did not give up calling for help. Labourers, who waited for all day long at the marketplace were hired to work in the vineyard and were given fair wages.

"And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'" (Matthew 20:6-7)

Human standards usually separate veterans from novices. Our eyes warrant a pro-rated, enhanced pay or appreciation for those who have long been in service. The distribution of wages given in Matthew 20: 9-16 might be incomprehensible to many. Everyone receives the same wage whether he/she has long been in service or has just been hired. What an equality! But to be eligible for this type of wage, you need to be ever ready, waiting for the call. Labourers coming to the marketplace and waiting for their turn is a familiar scene in many parts of the world. The master of the vineyard is the same shepherd who has come looking for the lost sheep.

Those who have been in His service must continue and remain strong. They should not forget that high expectations can blow out the light within. Those who are still considering taking the first step, must come to the marketplace and wait for His call. But remember, time is running out. It will soon be night. So, gear up! Be hired or keep the one talent He has entrusted you and lose the eternal life. The decision is yours – gain or lose!

God bless!

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Hebrew word Ruah / Ruwah means soul and breath of wind. There is a misconception that the Old Testament does not place much emphasis on the Holy Spirit. But in Genesis, we see the Holy Spirit working on the waters in the beginning. It was that spirit who breathed into man and woman. It was this Holy Spirit who raised the prophets, including Moses. Not only prophecy, but power from the Holy Spirit is at work. Samson, one of the old law judges, received the power of the Holy Spirit. Judg. 14: 6. The Holy Spirit is described metaphorically. Genesis 1: 2, Ezekiel 1:12. In the New Testament, the word paraclete is used to refer to the Holy Spirit. It teaches us that we cannot see the Holy Spirit, but He dwells within us. John 14:17.

The disciples understood the truth through the Holy Spirit. It was the Holy Spirit who gave them courage to preach the gospel. The Holy Spirit has guided them in spirit and truth. The evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke also describe the Holy Spirit in a wide range of activities. It is the Holy Spirit who empowers us for Jesus. Consider how important the Old Testament and the New Testament describe the Holy Spirit. Jesus emphasized the importance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gave the Holy Spirit very much importance. Then every Christian must receive this Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit cannot be bought. But if we prepare our heart, the Holy Spirit will dwell in us. If we confess our sins and present it to God, the Holy Spirit is ours from that moment on. This power is needed by the church today. You should all be prepared for that.

The Rev. George Jacob, former pastor of our parish, gave us the message on Trinity Sunday. Also our former priest, Rev Raju Jacob delivered the sermon from the word of God on June 28th. I think it was a great pleasure to meet the priests who had served in our parish for so long. On behalf of CSI Church, Toronto, I would like to express my sincere thanks to Raju achen and Siby achen. Every Sunday, the virtual social hour will be held after the worship. Please take this opportunity to talk and see each other.

I believe we can restart our worship from July. Arrangements are being made for that. But worship will be conducted in keeping with the government's instructions. Please co operate with the instructions.

Church celebrated Father's day virtually.

V Rev T J John will deliver the message of God in worship on Sunday, July 19th. Increase your prayer times for all. Strengthen each other in your prayers.

May God bless you by these words.

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil

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BIRTHDAYS

03	Bishan Ghosh	12	Joshua George
04	Premax C. P	12	Habel Jacob Kingson
04	Rejy Elizabeth	14	Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil
04	Angelina Jophy	15	Ayaan Vivek
04	Siji Joseph	15	Sumin George
04	Preetha Rejikumar	16	Mridul Mathew Kuruvilla
05	Dhyan Vivek	18	Nathan Abraham
05	Mohan Philip	19	Aleyamma Jacob
05	Jovin Mathew	21	Atul Mathew Thomas
05	Sini Pramod	23	Christopher Moothedom
06	Saurang P. Thampy	25	Selvakumari Sam Daniel
07	Ajoy Lional	25	Bino Oommen Samuel
08	Shalin Jacob	25	Jish John Varghese
10	Rajitha Jinoj	28	Sneha John
10	Sarah Ann Abraham	30	Nithin Chemmanoor
11	Anna Esther Samuel	31	Anushka Aley Abraham

ANNIVERSARIES

- 01 Prem Narayan & Reshma George
- 02 Vivek Joseph & Shruti Balakrishna
- 14 Siby Jacob & Ancy Jacob
- 16 Daniel Thomas & Mariamma Thomas
- 19 Suby Mathews & Ruby Mariam Mathew
- 21 Jeferson Sam & Shona Sam

<p>July 05 5th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Stewardship: Responsible Resource Management		
	Old Testament	Exodus 18:13-27	English Service
	Psalm	147:1-11	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 8:1-15	Abraham P George & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 25:14-30	
<p>July 12 6th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Equipping the People of God		
	Old Testament	Deuteronomy 6:1-17	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	119:89-104	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 4:7-16	Santhosh Cherian & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 7:24-29	
<p>July 19 7th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	People of God Ambassadors of Christ		
	Old Testament	Joshua 1:1-9	English Service
	Psalm	18:1-30	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 5:16- 6:10	Abraham K Varghese & Family
	Gospel	Mark 6:7-13	
<p>July 26 8th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Ordained Ministry: Transformed to Transform		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 33:1-9	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	99	Read by
	Epistle	1 Timothy 3:1-13	Rennie Philips & Family
	Gospel	John 21:15-19	



Virtual Worship

Sunday worship service starts at 10:00am. Although we are not able to come together to worship in the sanctuary due to COVID-19 restrictions, please join the Sunday worship and other activities of the church using one of the 3 options below:

1. Dial-In. Using your Phone (audio only)

- Canada: +1 (647) 497-9373
- Canada: 1 888 299 1889 (Toll Free)
- Access Code: 885-075-085
- Press # key once you input the access code.

2. Mobile App. Join from your Smartphone/tab (audio & video):

- Please follow the instructions in the attached PDF file
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3. Computer/Laptop (audio & video):

- Joining through web:
 - <https://www.gotomeet.me/CSChurchToronto>
- Joining through application
 - install the GoToMeeting desktop application and join
 - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/885075085>

Please put your phone on “**MUTE**” as soon as you join the tele-prayer to avoid disruption

For technical assistance, please contact:

- Varghese V John (Shibu) – 647 855 7004
- Santhosh Cherian – 647 885 5773

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer)

Please make your offering through on-line giving at csichurchtoronto@outlook.com



Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, July 04, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Church Sanctuary. Please join through **Virtual Worship**.

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”



The Bible study takes place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the

Bible studies. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Virtual fellowship**.

Re-opening of Church

The board endorsed sub-committee is looking into the possibilities of reopening our church for Sunday worship. The sub-committee members are Rev. Anish M George, Zac Santhosh Koshy, Daniel Thomas, Abraham K Varghese, Elsie Verghis, Varghese V John, Chris George, Hans Thomas Varghese and Dr. Nibu Varguise. Please keep the subject matter in your prayers.

Board Meeting

The board has decided to meet on every Sunday at 8:00 pm through dial-in facility during the restriction period of COVID-19.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 04, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Jophy Jacob Philip and Smitha Victor Sam. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Balaji I Kuruvilla and Rebecca Kuruvilla . Please join the virtual fellowship.

Gilead area prayer will be held on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Jefferson Sam and Shona Sam. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send an e-mail to the Secretary at torcsichurch@gmail.com

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"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

John 14:15-17