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2021 Motto

“Prepare to meet your God”

“നിന്റെ ദൈവത്തെ എതിരേല്പാൻ ഒരുങ്ങിക്കൊൾക”

Amos 4:12b

Autumn Retreat - November 06
Sunday School Sunday - November 07
Men's Sunday - November 14

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Editorial

Vanity of vanities, all is vanity (Ecclesiastes 1:2)

We are sojourners and on a pilgrimage to the Promised Land. We're all longing for that Heavenly Jerusalem. So the little time that we spend here is of great value and meaning. How do we really manage what God has entrusted us? We're usually guided by boasting, the sidekick of our own thoughts and actions. This shell has to be broken, and a probe conducted if we should be enlightened.

We may have quite a lot of things to brag about. 1 Corinthians 12:26 clearly tells us that it is possible to have special gifts in our lives, which can make us really proud. We may delve into the realms of unknown, gather information and be apprised. But the Word of God says, though it is good to crave for higher insight, if the knowledge has not set us free, then it is of no use. Veritas vos liberabit – the truth should open our minds and hearts to hold the most important and sublime virtue- love/charity.

Precisely, actions speak louder than words. Being philanthropic is indeed a noble quality, but if not translated into actions, it is like a garland on a stone. Though the fragrance lingers, the stone is incapable of knowing and enjoying the fragrance. Similarly, people may be able to view some of our actions and make us legends. But be aware that the hearts, though hidden from others, are not from God. The word says though we get the whole world, it doesn't profit us. Mother Theresa was truly selfless when she took good care of the needy. We may not have the same heart and nerve, but the actions that we do everyday should herald the inherent cornucopia of love. Our dear and near ones, relatives, friends and everyone should be able to partake in that fragrance we create. Thomas Gray in his 'Elegy written in a country churchyard' says, "Full many a flower is born to blush unseen". However, we shall not waste its sweetness – but be transformed into a sweet aroma for our Lord.

The possession and display of charity is definitely not an easy task. Paul says, if a person can endure long suffering, bear all that comes his/her way and have that special duo: belief and hope seasoned with kindness; then selflessness will become the touchstone of greatness, for love is the greatest virtue. The unfathomable love of God should kindle in us the spark of love. This love ought to be set ablaze as we walk into the season of thanksgiving and harvest festival. This supreme virtue, love, should rule our hearts and mould us into the children of light! (ref. *Pilgrim* October 2012 Editorial)

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

We are celebrating another World Sunday School Sunday. It is the responsibility of parents and Sunday school teachers to guide our children to the divine light. That is the responsibility God has given us. Teachers have very little time for Sunday school education. But it takes a lot of effort to be able to give Jesus to children in a short amount of time. Self-study of the parts to be taught, preparation and prayer for it all show the loyalty of the teachers.

But for parents, things are a little easier. Parents also need prayer, preparation, and Bible study. They will also have more time to teach their children spirituality through the Bible. This is Christian responsibility. As Christians, we need to do these things. If not, we will have to answer to God. The Sunday School movement, started under the leadership of Robert Rakes, has spread around the world today. Through the movement he started, God prepared many children for the kingdom of God. It continues to this day. So pray for the Sunday school movement, teachers and children.

November 14 is celebrated as Men's Fellowship Sunday.

The choir has begun preparations for our Christmas carol. Your prayers are needed in all things.

Our Church Thanks giving service & Harvest Festival was held in the most beautiful way. Congratulations to the Church Committee and others who worked behind it. Those who were unable to attend on the same day can submit their contribution in the following weeks. The details about the auction amount will be e-mailed to you. You are requested to e-transfer the amount to donate@csichurchtoronto.org at the earliest with the message - Auction.

Rev. Binu Philip has been appointed as the new presbyter-In-Charge of our Church after my term. Please pray for Binu Achen and family.

May God bless us all

Rev Anish M George Padickamannil

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Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

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

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”



The Bible study will take place on every Thursday 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 Zoom.

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer) - donate@csichurchtoronto.org

Please make ALL your contributions (offertory, missions, membership, donations etc.) to CSI Church Toronto using donate@csichurchtoronto.org.

Mission's Retreat – November 06, 2021

Mission's retreat will be held on November 06, 2021. Christopher Moothedom, Abraham P. George and Abraham K Varghese will lead the retreat. Please see Mission's director, Christopher Moothedom for more details.

Children's Sunday – November 07, 2021

Sunday, November 07, 2021, will be observed as Children's Sunday

Board Meeting

The next online board meeting will be on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 9:00 pm.

Men's Sunday – November 14, 2021

Sunday, November 14, 2021, will be observed as Men's Sunday

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on Saturday, November 06, 2021, at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Abraham P George and Elzy George. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Ajoy Lional & Rejy Elizabeth. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Gilead area prayer will be held on Saturday, November 20, 2021, at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Jacob Cherian & Biby Abraham. 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 secretary@csichurchtoronto.org

November 07 Sunday School Sunday	Heirs of the Kingdom of God		
	Old Testament	Jeremiah 31:1-12	English Service
	Psalm	63	Read by
	Epistle	1 Peter 1:3-5	Sunday School
	Gospel	Matthew 5:1-12	
November 14 Men fellowship Sunday	Light on the Lamp Stands		
	Old Testament	Zechariah 4:1-14	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	27	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 3:10-15	Men's Fellowship
	Gospel	Matthew 5:14-16	
November 21 Sunday for the Girl Child	Protecting the Girl Child		
	Old Testament	Job 42:10-17	English Service
	Psalm	45:8-14	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16:16-18	Abigail, Anaya & Annika
	Gospel	Matthew 15:21-28	
November 28 1 st Sunday in Advent	Meeting of Mary with Elizabeth Celebrating the Good News		
	Old Testament	Exodus 2: 1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	117 - 118:9	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 9: 10 -18	Jithin Thomas Ninan & Family
	Gospel	Luke.1:39-56	



BIRTHDAYS

02	Steeptomol S.S	18	Jared Chacko
03	Ani Chacko	18	Chris George
03	Bijino A.S	20	Biby Esther Abraham
04	Christina Fredrick	20	Paul Daniel Frederick Asokan
06	Asher Mathew Jacob	25	Surekha Jacob
08	Alby Williams	26	Prem Narayan
08	Benony A.S	26	Milly Johnson
09	Nikhil Joseph	26	Nesy Victor
10	Paul Samuel	27	Mary Jacob
10	Jithela Yohannan	27	Shona Sam
10	Dawn Abraham Sabu	27	Leanne Chacko
13	Reji Johnson	29	Matthew Gajraj
14	Ashley Lionel Ajay	29	Sonijya Raj
14	Mathew Abraham	30	Aneasow P. Anish
15	Elizabeth Kuruvilla	30	Smitha Titus
16	Balaji I. Kuruvilla	30	Susan Mathew
17	Tomcy Thomas		



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- 10 Sanjay Charuvil Ninan & Jency Jose
- 11 Sanal N. David & Mithul Nimmy Manuel
- 18 Abraham K. Varghese & Shalini Mary G. Enoch
- 19 Ajoy Lional & Rejy Elizabeth
- 22 Rakesh Thampi & Neena Kuruvilla
- 25 Nibu Varguise & Ajin Annie Varguise
- 26 Abraham P. George & Elzy George
- 30 C. Mathew Thomas & Rebeccamma Thomas

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