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2024 Motto

“Humble yourselves before the Lord and He will exalt you”

“കർത്താവിന്റെ സന്നിധിയിൽ താഴുവിൻ; എന്നാൽ അവൻ നിങ്ങളെ ഉയർത്തും”

James 4:10

Happy New Year!

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Editorial

God of All Seasons

The new year is a time when we take stock of the past year to reflect on our lives; what worked, what did not, and what needs to change. Our realizations often influence the resolutions we make for ourselves for the year ahead. According to Forbes Health, the two most popular new year resolutions people made in 2024 were to improve fitness (48%) and improve finances (38%). These are valid, practical things to focus on, but it would be incorrect to think that more money and better health alone can make us happy and successful.

It is a fact that the world we live in is becoming increasingly materialistic and profit motive drives almost all spheres of life including human relationships in some situations. While the world teaches us to strive to accumulate more wealth, leisure and comfort, the Bible reminds us that, "...all is vanity and a striving after wind" (Ecclesiastes 1:14). The Bible teaches us to focus on contentment, and Paul describes how he has learned, "...the secret of being content in any and every situation". (Philippians 4: 11-12).

Contentment is not to be confused with complacency, and we each must use and grow our God given skills and talents. What we must recognize is that each of us are equipped with what we need for the situations of life that God has planned for us. So, if we find ourselves in a season of struggle or discontent, rather than striving for a way out of the situation, perhaps we should quieten ourselves to learn to be content and depend on Jesus to change things in His time. Maybe what is keeping us in this season longer than we need to be is our unwillingness to learn what Jesus wants to teach us now. Even though we do not see it God is always at work and His grace is sufficient for all the seasons of our lives.

Wishing you all the very best in 2024!

Reshma George
Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we stand on the threshold of a new year, I am filled with gratitude for the journey we have shared as a faith community in the past year and anticipate for the blessings that await us in the coming months.

The start of a new year is a time for reflection and renewal. It provides us with an opportunity to set new goals, deepen our spiritual journey, and strengthen our bonds with one another. In the spirit of renewal, I encourage each one of you to take a moment to reflect on your personal journey and consider how you can grow in faith, love, and service in the coming year.

Our parish community has always been a beacon of hope and love, here in this second home. Let us continue to shine brightly, reaching out to those in need, welcoming newcomers with open arms, and sharing the transformative message of God's love. Together, we can make a positive impact on the lives of those around us and be a source of inspiration for others seeking the light of Christ.

As we embark on this new year, let us also remember to keep those who are struggling, lonely, or in pain in our prayers. May our faith guide us to be compassionate, understanding, and supportive of one another, building a community that truly reflects the love of Christ. Amidst uncertainties, let us hold fast to the promises of God and trust in His guidance. May the peace of Christ fill your hearts, the love of God surrounds you, and the Holy Spirit empower you to live out your faith in meaningful ways.

May 2024 be a year of abundant blessings, growth, and grace for each one of you and for our beloved parish. Wishing you a Happy New Year filled with hope, peace, and the love of Christ.

In Christ's love,
Binuachen



Bible Study – Book of Colossians: The Bible study will take place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the book of Ephesians. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Zoom**.

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 **Zoom**.

Board Meeting

The monthly board meeting will be held on January 14th after the social hour.

Cottage Prayer

- **Jordan** area virtual prayer will be held on **Friday**, January 5th, 2024, at 7:30 PM. This **online** prayer fellowship will be hosted by Mrs. Daisy Mathai, Mr. Christopher Gajraj, and Mrs. Rejini Gajraj.
- **Gilead** area in-person prayer will be held on **Saturday**, January 20th, 2024, at 6:30 PM. This **in-person** prayer fellowship will be held at 110 - 11 Harrisford Street, Hamilton, ON L8K 6L7, the residence of Dr. Joesph K. David and Mrs. Jeena David.
- **Shalom** area prayer - No area prayer fellowship has been scheduled.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send your e-mail ID to the Secretary at secretary@csichurchtoronto.org

January 7, 2024 2nd Sunday after Christmas	Living worthy of your calling		
	Old Testament	Proverbs 20:1-11	English Service
	Psalm	14	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 6:12-21	Jacob John & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 7:16-23	
January 14, 2024 2nd Sunday after Epiphany	One Lord, One Baptism		
	Old Testament	Numbers 11:23-30	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	23	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	Ashwin Philip & Family
	Gospel	John 10:7-18	
January 21, 2024 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Ecumenical Sunday - Unity for Justice and Peace		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 37:15-28	English Service
	Psalm	4	Read by
	Epistle	Philippians 4: 8-20	Pulikkaparambil Family
	Gospel	Matthew 5: 21-26	
January 28, 2024 4th Sunday after Epiphany	The Goodness of Creation		
	Old Testament	Genesis 1: 24-31	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	104:1-13	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 1:3-14	Febin Varkey Mathews & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 6:9-13	



BIRTHDAYS

01	Ajana S Vijayakumar	10	Riddhi Ghosh
03	Abin George Joseph	11	Sherin Mariyan Jacob
03	Abin Joseph	12	Binssy Mathew
04	Ninu Ann Varghese	12	Thalvina Varkey
04	Ryan	14	Tom Karottaparambil John
04	Jis Maria George	16	Jenny Mathews
04	Alyssa Nibu Issac	17	Juby George Thomas
05	Sonia Mathews	20	Angelin Freeda Paul
06	Daniel	20	Elna Ann Sydney
06	Mary Mridul Mathew	21	Preethi Elsa Thomas
06	Sarah Elizabeth Cherian	22	Aji V. Mathews
06	Kingson Jacob	22	Christina Mary Aby
06	Ruben Thomas Paul	23	Abraham P. George
06	Zachriah Philip	24	Sneha Elizabeth Sunny
06	Naveen John	24	Ashak Johns Mathew
07	Sharon Lawrence Idaraji	25	Reeni Philip
07	Suraj Saju	25	Tanisha John
08	Febin Varkey Mathews	26	Rijo Mathew
09	Joy Abraham	28	Ryan Mathews
09	Jency Jose	28	Aparna Sabu
10	Aezekiel. V Aji	29	Neha Chemmanoor



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- 29 Megan Thomas
- 29 Abiel Thomas Nainan
- 29 Andrio Issac Nibu
- 29 Jithun Thomas Varghese
- 30 Ezra Sam
- 30 Nainan P. Thomas
- 31 Selvarajan Thampy Puthenkulangara

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- 01 David Thomas & Rachelamma Thomas
- 02 Nittu Mathew Jacob & Anu Mariamma Easo K
- 03 Santhosh Cherian & Jenny Cherian
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- 08 Michael Govada & Neashini Govada
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- 12 Kingson Jacob & Juby George Thomas
- 13 Joy Chemmanoor & Mini George

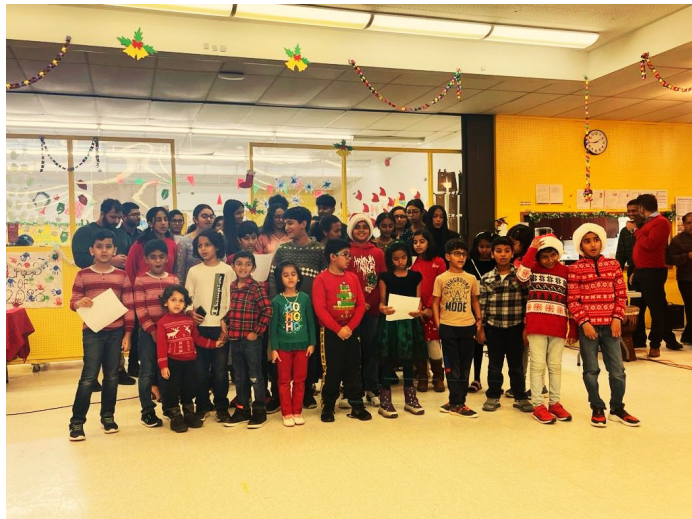


- 16 Sudeep Oommen & Sarah Oommen
- 21 Raj Hariharan & Sonijya Raj
- 21 Jacob P. John & Mary Jacob
- 21 Christopher Johnson Moothedom & Glen Mary Jacob
- 23 Jithin Sathyaraj Kanaath & Minu Samraj
- 26 Shibu Paul Pulikaparambil & Shiny Shibu
- 27 Joseph Thomas & Raimole Joseph

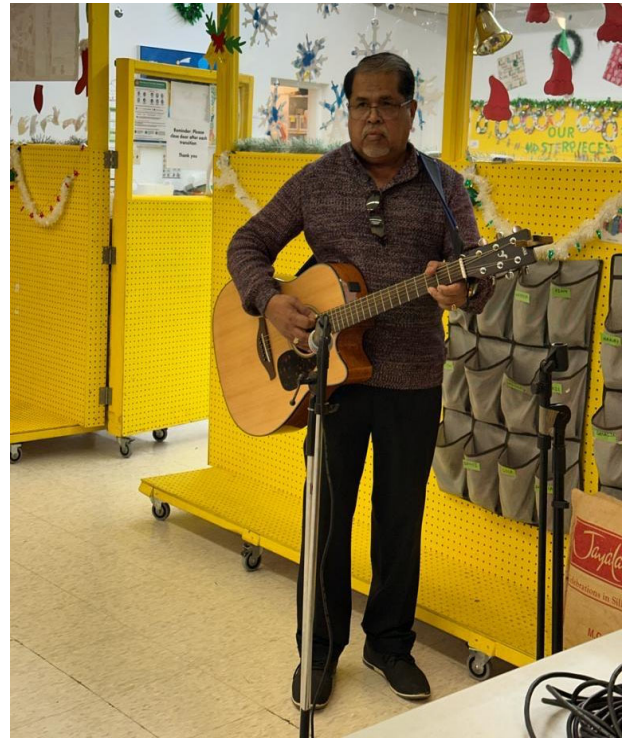




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