

St. James MTC Church Newsletter March 2022

Message from Rev. Joseph Chacko

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My Dear Parish Family,

The concept of 'walking with God' is a prevalent theme throughout the Bible. Walking symbolizes much more than physically moving from one place to another but represents a close relationship with our creator. We find in Genesis 5:21-24 that Enoch's walk with God can be described as a walk of 'longevity'. He was in a close relationship with God and walked with God for three hundred years. Then God took him away.

In this Lenten season, as we are seeking a closer walk with God, it means having a closer relationship with Him. We want to walk 'hand in hand' with Him by hearing His voice and submitting ourselves to Him. Sometimes we have a tendency to do things our way and walk ahead of God. This happens when we become impatient and do not want to wait on God. Sometimes we want to lag behind God, this happens when we are stubborn or 'hard-headed'. We must remember that God's time is not our time, and His ways are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Psalm 23 is David's personal testimony, and it is an expression of his personal relationship with God the great shepherd. In verse 4 he affirms that "even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me". David had seen tragedies, disappointment, throughout his life, but also, he had come to know God- a good shepherd who gives to His children more than they deserve. Here David tells us how to be fearless in adversity. He tells us that even in the valley of the shadow of death, he didn't dread the distress he would face or cringe in the face of crisis. David knew that God was beneath him in green pastures, beside him in still waters, before him at the table, and behind him pursuing him with goodness and mercy.

When we walk with God, we are able to face the difficulties and trials of life without fear. God will give us the confidence and courage to conquer any challenges we face in every walk of our life. On these Lenten days let us fast and meditate under the foot of the cross and attain spiritual strength to have a closer walk with the God Almighty.

God Bless,

JOSEPH CHACKO ACHEN

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Church Service

| DATE | CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICES: MARCH 2022. | TIME |
|--------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| 6-Mar | Holy Communion Service (Mal.) | 10:30 AM |
| 13-Mar | Holy Communion Service (Eng.) | 10:30 AM |
| 20-Mar | Holy Communion Service (Mal.) | 10:30 AM |
| 27-Mar | Holy Communion Service (Eng.) | 10:30 AM |

Lectionary

| | LECTIONARY: MARCH 2022 | | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Date | Lesson: 1 | Lesson: 2 | Epistle | Gospel |
| 6-Mar | Gives Healing that Comfort | | | |
| | | | Phil. 2: 21 - | Mark 1: 40 - |
| | 2 Kings. 5: 1-14 | Phlm. 1: 8 - 21 | 30 | 45 |
| 13-Mar | Healing through Forgiveness of Sins | | | |
| | | | ! Pet. 2: 21- | |
| | 2 Sam. 12: 1-13 | Acts 8: 9 -17 | 25 | Mark 2: 1 -12 |
| 20-Mar | | | | |
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| | Worship - which gives Perfection to | | | |
| 27-Mar | Personhood. | | | |
| | | | Rom. 8: 31: | Luke 13: 10 - |
| | lsa. 66: 19 - 24 | Acts: 2: 22- 36 | 39 | 17 |

Daylight Saving Time Begins on Sunday, March 13th: 1 hr. (forward)

Chain Prayer on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM & the concluding session with weekly Lent Prayer via Zoom

Fasting Prayer at 10:30 AM on Fridays via Zoom

Birthdays

| DATE | BIRTHDAYS - MARCH 2022 | | |
|--------|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| 2-Mar | Saramma C. Koshy (Julie) | Congers, NY | |
| 4-Mar | Chinnamma Mathews | Nanuet, NY | |
| 5-Mar | Reena J. Abraham | Poughkeepsie, NY | |
| 8-Mar | Angelina Elizabeth Daniel | Florida, NY | |
| 10-Mar | Jolly Tom | Congers, NY | |
| 11-Mar | Allen Ajay | Suffern, NY | |
| 11-Mar | Beena P. John | Spring Valley, NY | |
| 12-Mar | Steven V. Babu | Nanuet, NY | |
| 12-Mar | Josh Job | Flemington, NJ | |
| 12-Mar | Nikil K. Shoji | New City, NY | |
| 14-Mar | Daniel Thomas | Avenel, NJ | |
| 14-Mar | Mathews N. M. (Dharmishtan) | Suffern, NY | |
| 15-Mar | Hannah Binu | New City, NY | |
| 15-Mar | Eappen M. S. | Palisades, NY | |
| 16-Mar | Selwyn Alexander Jacob | Nanuet, NY | |
| 16-Mar | Timmy Yohannan | Valley Cottage, NY | |
| 19-Mar | Johnson George (Babu) | Bergenfield, NJ | |
| 19-Mar | Merry Jacob | New City, NY | |
| 20-Mar | Mariamma Philip | Spring Valley, NY | |
| 21-Mar | Jinsey Jacob | Tappan, NY | |
| 23-Mar | Nia Joseph | New City, NY | |
| 23-Mar | Isaiah Zachary Abraham | Poughkeepsie, NY | |
| 27-Mar | Susan John (Usha) | Spring Valley, NY | |
| 28-Mar | Shaimi Jacob New City, NY | | |
| 29-Mar | Sherin Elsa Jacob | Nanuet, NY | |
| 30-Mar | Amanda Elizabeth Mathew | Nanuet, NY | |

Wedding Anniversary

| DATE | WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES - MARCH 2022 | | |
|--------|------------------------------------|----------------|--|
| 3-Mar | Jessie & Anoop Cherian | Orangeburg, NY | |
| 4-Mar | Sumi & Benjamin Chacko | Suffern, NY | |
| 15-Mar | Saramma & Chacko P. George | New City, NY | |

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