

Vicar's Message

Dearly Beloved in Christ

Greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Let us praise and thank the mighty God who enables us to live with hope and faith. God gives us room for strengthening our faith even in the midst of all adversities and our God helps us to walk in accordance with the divine statutes. Let us praise God for the divine guidance that we received for the successful completion of VBS.



On July 3rd, we contemplated the divine martyrdom of St. Thomas, the Apostle of our Lord. On second Sunday, i.e., on 10th July the Church praise God for the blessed service of the priests and we proclaim that priests are the ambassadors of Christ. On third Sunday the church contemplates the sacrament the anointing of the sick. It is the sacrament of healing. On fourth Sunday the church meditates on the divine purpose of marriage. It is the sacrament administered only to those who listen to the call of God to form Christian family. On fifth Sunday we probe into the importance of theological education and learning.

May the peace of God that surpasses all human understanding guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, Amen

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Assistant Vicar's Message

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings in the name of our lord and savior Jesus. July is the month which provides heat and warmth of the Sun in fullness. July is named after Roman dictator Julius Caesar (100 B.C.–44 B.C.). Caesar developed the precursor to the Gregorian calendar we use today. Not to mention July 4th is the most celebrated Independence Day of the American Republic. As we peruse through July lectionary the first Sunday of July (third) is celebrated as St. Thomas day and the tithe Sunday, St. John 11:16 presents one of the famous faith statements of apostle St. Thomas, to the disciples saying let us also go to Judea to die with him. That represents how dedicated they were. And how far we can be dedicated to serve with our time and money a lifetime investment. Still further we celebrate the second Sunday as Priests being the ambassadors of Christ, their life to be the best shepherds of Christ who serve and risk life for the flock. Third Sunday emphasizes the importance of sacrament: anointing the sick, and how important is our mental equilibrium for a healthy body which can only be acquired with maintenance of proper relationship with God and other creations. Family is a call for God's greatest gift of companionship, the center of warmth as admonished on 4th Sunday through sacrament of holy matrimony. A marriage is fruitful only when it is God centered. 5th Sunday points to the fact that faith is nourished only by Knowing and learning the Word of God (theological education). May the triune God bless us and endow us with the spiritual warmth of July.



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