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தரணி போற்றும், தன்னிகரில்லா  
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நீரே!

நாடி வந்தோர் நலம் போற்றும்  
அடைக்கல அன்னையே,  
வேண்டும் வரம் தந்திடும் அம்மா!

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மாதவே !

துவண்டுபோன, காயப்பட்ட  
இதயங்களுக்கு,  
துணிவு தந்து, ஆறுதல் கூறும்,  
அமலோற்பவ மாமரியே!

உதவி வேண்டி நாடுகையில்,  
கனிவுடன் மகனிடம் பரிந்து பேசும்,  
லூர்து மாதாவே!

சிறியவர் எங்களின் அறியாத  
தவறுகளை,  
மன்னித்து, அரவணையும்,  
சகாயத்தாயே!

பார் போற்றும் தாயே, பரம பிதாவின்  
ஆசிபெற்றவரே,  
பக்தியுடன் எங்களை வழிநடத்தும்  
நிர்மல தாயே!

ஆரோக்கிய தாயே, மாசில்லா  
கண்ணிமரியே!  
எம் பிள்ளைகளுக்கு,  
குறைவில்லா ஆரோக்கியம் அருளும்  
அம்மா!

ஒப்பற்ற தாயே! மனுக்குலத்தின்  
மாணிக்கமே!  
விண்ணரசியாம் உம்மை  
போற்றுகிறோம்! ஆராதிக்கின்றோம்!  
என்றும் உம்வழி நடக்கின்றோம்!!!

- கவிதா ரெமி

## Friends

The end of summer and the start of a new school year is an exciting time. Some of you might even start a new school. It gives a chance for new friendship. But for some, the beginning of school could be nervous. You might even worry about finding new friends. However, everyone need friends. Making friendship is also a

skill that you must learn just as any other skill. What makes a good friend?

### Faithfulness:

Friends do not desert each other when times are bad. David and Jonathan are the great example for friendship in the Bible. Jonathan remained loyal to David even though he lost his future power and his relationship with his father.

### Trust worthy.

Friends do not gossip. "Perverse speech sows discord, and talebearing separates bosom friends" (Proverbs 16:28). Friends know when to tell someone and when to keep confidences.

### Kindness:

Friends do not carry jokes or pranks too far. Friends know the difference between a joke or harmless prank and going too far.

### Generosity:

Friends do not turn away when their friend is in need.

### Forgiveness:

Friends do not seek revenge, rather they forgive. Best example for

forgiveness is Joseph. Joseph forgave his brothers even though they sold him as a slave (Gn 50:19).



### Encouraging:

Friends do not criticize, rather they encourage and bring out the good qualities of their friends. They look out for each other.

### Truth:

Friends tell the truth even if it cost their friendship.

**Unselfishness:** Friends look out for the interests of each other.

**Golden rule:** Friends treat each other as they would like to be treated.

### Reflection:

How does Jesus treat us? Jesus said, "I have called you friends" (John 15:15).

"I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Jn 10:11. The good shepherd here refers to a genuine friend. How can you be a good friend? When you are looking for a friend, what quality is the most important to you? How will you be a good friend?

Keep these questions in mind before choosing a friend. Follow the example of St. Perpetua and St. Felicity as they show us with their example to speak up when others are off track, bring joy to friends whenever together and lead the friends in a good direction. So, pray to Jesus to give you good friends and Holy Spirit will guide you to find good friend.

- Agnes Arokiaraj



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**CATECHISM CLASS,  
YOUTH and PRAYER  
GROUP**

**Every Saturday (except  
Second Saturdays) at 856 W  
El Camino Real, Mountain  
View CA 94040, 5 PM**

**SEPTEMBER MASS**

**SEP 14 2013, 6:45 PM**



### Saint of the Month - St. Clare

St. Clare was born in the city of Assisi in Italy on July 16, 1194. She was the eldest daughter of Favorino Scifi, Count of Sasso-Rosso and Ortolana. Clare was always devoted to prayer as a child. When she turned 12 her parents wanted her to marry a young and wealthy man, but she originally wanted to wait until she was 18. By the time she turned 18, she had heard St. Francis of Assisi preach and wanted to become a follower of him. She wanted to imitate him. She founded the order of nuns known as the "Poor Clares".

Clare wanted to live a poor, humble life dedicated to Jesus. But her parents were against it. She ran away from home and joined St. Francis of Assisi in a little chapel in Bastia outside Assisi. St. Francis cut off her hair, as she was very beautiful. She was given a brown rough habit to wear. Her parents tried their best to bring her back to their palace. It was in vain. Her fifteen-year-old sister Agnes also joined her. They remained with the Benedictine nuns. Due to the pressure of their parents, Clare and Agnes moved to the church of San Damiano that was built by St. Francis. As more and more women joined her, they started a small religious community of women. They were first known as the "Poor Ladies". They wore no shoes and ate no meat. They lived a very simple life. They practiced silence a lot.

For a short period of time Francis himself directed the order. Then in 1216, Clare accepted the role of abbess of San Damiano. Now she had full authority over them. Although pressure was on Clare to follow St. Benedict's rule, she wanted to follow St. Francis who was her spiritual father. She even took care of St. Francis during his illness until his death in 1226. After Francis's death, Clare continued to promote the growth of her order, writing letters to abbesses in other parts of Europe and thwarting every attempt by each successive pope to impose a rule on her order. She did this despite the fact that she endured a long period of poor health until her death. Clare's Franciscan theology of joyous poverty in imitation of Christ is evident in the rule she wrote for her community and in her four letters to

Agnes of Prague. On September 17, 1228, the pope sent her letters because she had filled him with admiration. The letters he sent her were for ways to view her grant.

Once the army of King Fredrick II tried to attack the convent. Clare took the Monstrance to the entrance and knelt down in front of it. She prayed to Jesus to save the nuns as she was old and could not protect

them. And a voice within her seemed to say: "I will keep them always in my care." At the same time, a sudden fright struck the attackers. They fled as fast as they could.

St. Clare was sick most of her life. She was abbess for 40 years but for 29 of those years she was very sick. But she said that she was joyful anyway because she was serving the Lord. Some people worried that the nuns were suffering because they were so poor. "They say that we are too poor, but can a heart which possesses the infinite God be truly poor?" St. Clare died on August 11, 1253. Just two years later Pope Alexander IV proclaimed her a saint.

Construction of the Basilica of Saint Clare was completed in 1260, and on October 3 of that year Clare's remains were transferred to the newly completed basilica where they were buried beneath the high altar. In further recognition of St. Clare, Pope Urban IV officially changed the name of the Order of Poor Ladies to the Order of Saint Clare in 1263. Some 600 years later in 1872, Saint Clare's remains were transferred to a newly constructed shrine in the crypt of the Basilica of Saint Clare where they can still be seen today. Although her body is no longer claimed to be incorrupt, her skeleton is displayed even now.

Her feast was celebrated on 12th of August as August 11th was assigned to Saints Tiburtius and Susanna. The 1969 calendar reform removed the feast of Saints Tiburtius and Susanna from the calendar, allowing St. Clare's feast to be celebrated on August 11, as a Memorial.

- Joe Natar

### Good Samaritan

Parable of Good Samaritan is an excellent parable from Jesus which teaches us how to find our neighbors and how to care for them.

As I read this parable more times I see this parable addresses two types of issues found in this world today. The first one is money and the second one is name and fame. Though these two issues are not directly mentioned, they are the hidden truths in this parable.

Let us see how this parable addresses the first issue "money". The Good Samaritan never worried about his money. His main concern is to see the injured man healed. He is willing to spend more of his own money for the good health of the injured man. That is the reason he is telling the inn-keeper to take care of the injured man well even if it needs more money he will pay back

when he comes back. He never worried about the financial status of the injured man whether he will be able to pay back all the expenses. If he worried about it he would have written a long letter saying that I am so and so, I have done so and so things for you and I paid these much money on you. So please pay by cash, check or credit card at your convenience. Good Samaritan worried about only good things. In this case he worried about the good health of the injured man more than anything else. He did not worry about "how I continue my journey if I spend all the money on the injured man?"

In a world where people are striving hard to save money, money and more money in whatever way they can think of to break the law, many times we turn the other side when we see poor people and to those in need...



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of help even to our own relatives needed help to save our own time, money and energy as done by other people in this parable, Good Samaritan was willing to spend more of his everything (time, money and energy) on a unknown person but a neighbor to him at that point even though he is not wealthy. We can see the true love from his actions. There is no word can explain his love for his unknown neighbor. We can imagine if he has this much love for an unknown neighbor how much love he will have for his relatives and family members. He would have given everything he had or done anything for them.

Let us go to the second issue "name and fame". The Good Samaritan did many good things for the injured man. He applied oil and wine in his wounds, put him on his donkey, brought him to the inn and took care of him. If we read this parable very carefully we know one thing the Good Samaritan did not do. He never bothered to inform the injured man who he was, what all the things he did are and how much his own money he spent on him. Unless the inn-keeper told the injured man who helped him and who paid all of his expenses he has no idea about what happened to him and how he came to the inn. One thing he might have remembered that he was attacked by robbers.

There are five types of people mentioned in this parable (the traveler, robbers, priest, Levite and Good Samaritan). Out of the five types of people Jesus mentioned in this parable let us know examine ourselves under which type we are falling. If we fall under Good Samaritan category we are fine. If we fall under any other category let us pray to God to straighten our paths so that we may live as Good Samaritan. After telling this parable Jesus said "Go and do likewise" meaning we should live likewise. Let us examine our lives. If we do not love our neighbor as Good Samaritan did let us ask God to give us the same mentality the Good Samaritan had.

Jesus told this parable in reply to a question raised by an expert in law "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" So from Jesus's reply we came to know if we do not live like a Good Samaritan we cannot inherit eternal life. In other words if we do not love the people we see every day, we cannot love the unseen God. 1 John 4:20-21 says "If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother". God does not want us living like liars. Let us think and live.

- Leenus Rich

## Pope's Homily at Closing Mass of World Youth Day at Copacabana Beach

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 28, 2013 ([Zenit.org](http://www.zenit.org))

Here is the translation of the homily given by Pope Francis at the Closing Mass of the 28th World Youth Day at Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro.

Brother Bishops and Priests,  
Dear Young Friends,

"Go and make disciples of all nations". With these words, Jesus is speaking to each one of us, saying: "It was wonderful to take part in World Youth Day, to live the faith together with young people from the four corners of the earth, but now you must go, now you must pass on this experience to others." Jesus is calling you to be a disciple with a mission! Today, in the light of the word of God that we have heard, what is the Lord saying to us? Three simple ideas: Go, do not be afraid, and serve.

1. Go. During these days here in Rio, you have been able to enjoy the wonderful experience of meeting Jesus, meeting him together with others, and you have sensed the joy of faith. But the experience of this encounter must not remain locked up in your life or in the small group of your parish, your movement, or your community. That would be like withholding oxygen from a flame that was burning strongly. Faith is a flame that grows stronger the more it is shared and passed on, so that everyone may know, love and confess Jesus Christ, the Lord of life and history (cf. Rom 10:9).

Careful, though! Jesus did not say: "if you would like to, if you have the time", but: "Go and make disciples of all nations." Sharing the experience of faith, bearing witness to the faith, proclaiming the Gospel: this is a command that the Lord entrusts to the whole Church, and that includes you; but it is a command that is born not from a desire for domination or power but from the force of love, from the fact that Jesus first came into our midst and gave us, not a part of himself, but the whole of himself, he gave his life in order to save us and to show us the love and mercy of God. Jesus does not treat us as slaves, but as free men, as friends, as brothers and sisters; and he not only sends us, he accompanies us, he is always beside us in our mission of love.

Where does Jesus send us? There are no borders, no limits: he sends us to everyone. The Gospel is for everyone, not just for some. It is not only for those who seem closer to us, more receptive, more welcoming. It is for everyone. Do not be afraid to go and to bring Christ into every area of life, to the fringes of society, even to those who seem farthest away, most indifferent. The Lord seeks all, he wants everyone to feel the warmth of his mercy and his love.

In particular, I would like Christ's command: "Go" to resonate in you young people from the Church in Latin America, engaged in the continental mission promoted by the Bishops. Brazil, Latin America, the whole world needs Christ! Saint Paul says: "Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel!" (1 Cor 9:16). This continent has received the proclamation of the Gospel which has marked its history and borne much fruit. Now this proclamation is entrusted also to you, that it may resound with fresh power. The Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is so characteristic of you. ....

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A great Apostle of Brazil, Blessed José de Anchieta, set off on the mission when he was only nineteen years old. Do you know what the best tool is for evangelizing the young? Another young person. This is the path to follow!

2. Do not be afraid. Some people might think: "I have no particular preparation, how can I go and proclaim the Gospel?" My dear friend, your fear is not so very different from that of Jeremiah, a young man like you, when he was called by God to be a prophet. We have just heard his words: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth". God says the same thing to you as he said to Jeremiah: "Be not afraid ... for I am with you to deliver you" (Jer 1:7,8). He is with us!

"Do not be afraid!" When we go to proclaim Christ, it is he himself who goes before us and guides us. When he sent his disciples on mission, he promised: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20). And this is also true for us! Jesus does not leave us alone, he never leaves you alone! He always accompanies you.

And then, Jesus did not say: "One of you go", but "All of you go": we are sent together. Dear young friends, be aware of the companionship of the whole Church and also the communion of the saints on this mission. When we face challenges together, then we are strong, we discover resources we did not know we had. Jesus did not call the Apostles to live in isolation, he called them to form a group, a community. I would like to address you, dear priests concelebrating with me at this Eucharist: you have come to accompany your young people, and this is wonderful, to share this experience of faith with them! But it is a stage on the journey. Please continue to accompany them with generosity and joy, help them to become actively engaged in the Church; never let them feel alone! And at this point I would like to express my heartfelt

thanks to the Youth Ministry groups, to the Movements and the new Communities that accompany the young people in their experience of being Church. They are so creative, so audacious. Carry on and do not be afraid!

3. The final word: serve. The opening words of the psalm that we proclaimed are: "Sing to the Lord a new song" (Psalm 95:1). What is this new song? It does not consist of words, it is not a melody, it is the song of your life, it is allowing our life to be identified with that of Jesus, it is sharing his sentiments, his thoughts, his actions. And the life of Jesus is a life for others. It is a life of service.

In our Second Reading today, Saint Paul says: "I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more" (1 Cor 9:19). In order to proclaim Jesus, Paul made himself "a slave to all". Evangelizing means bearing personal witness to the love of God, it is overcoming our selfishness, it is serving by bending down to wash the feet of our brethren, as Jesus did.

Three words: Go, do not be afraid, and serve. Follow these three words: Go, do not be afraid, and serve. If you follow these three ideas, you will experience that the one who evangelizes is evangelized, the one who transmits the joy of faith receives joy. Dear young friends, as you return to your homes, do not be afraid to be generous with Christ, to bear witness to his Gospel. In the first Reading, when God sends the prophet Jeremiah, he gives him the power to "pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant" (1:10). It is the same for you. Bringing the Gospel is bringing God's power to pluck up and break down evil and violence, to destroy and overthrow the barriers of selfishness, intolerance and hatred, so as to build a new world. Jesus Christ is counting on you! The Church is counting on you! The Pope is counting on you! May Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, always accompany you with her tenderness: "Go and make disciples of all nations". Amen.

**WILLING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER?**

Writing for the newsletter is a rewarding way to contribute to our BATCC community. Members are encouraged to submit articles of interest directly to BATCC Board ([board@tamilcatholic.org](mailto:board@tamilcatholic.org)). Personal transitions like marriages, babies, awards, college admissions, etc. are also welcomed. Accompanying digital photos and other artwork are strongly encouraged. A# articles, transitions and photos are subject to editing, available space, and the acceptance policy.

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