

ஆண்டவர் எவ்வளவு நல்லவர் என்று  
சுவைத்து பாருங்கள் -சங் 34:8

ஆண்டவராம் இயேசு கிறிஸ்துவின்,  
அன்பும் ஆசீர்வாதமும் என்றும் நம்மோடு !  
சோதனை சூழும் நேரங்களில் ,  
தேற்றரவாளனானவர்,  
அலகையை விரட்டி, அனுதினமும் காத்து  
அடைக்கலம் அருளுபவர்!

அவரின் உன்னத திட்டங்களை நாம்  
அறியாததினாலே,  
எதிர்பாராத தோல்விகள், அவமானங்கள்,  
நிந்தனைகளை, நினைத்து  
கலங்குகின்றோம் !  
விசுவாசத்தில் தளராமல்,  
நீடித்த பொறுமையுடன் காத்திருப்போம்,  
நம் பொறுமையினால் அகமகிழும்  
தேவன் , முடிவில், ஜெயத்தை நமக்கு  
பரிசளிப்பார் !

மனம் கலங்கி, செய்வதறியாது கலங்கும்  
வேளைகளில்,  
தம் தூதர்களை கொண்டு  
நல்லாலோசனை வழங்கி ,  
தெள்ளிய சிந்தனை கொடுக்கிறார் !  
ஆவியின் வரங்களால் நிரப்பி,  
பெலனையும் , சந்தோஷத்தையும் ,  
நிறைவாய் நாம் பெற்று கொள்ளும்படி  
கட்டளையிடுகிறார் !

தம் பிள்ளைகளை தாமே சோதித்து  
அறிவார்,  
அயலான் சோதிப்பதை அனுமதியார்,  
கடிந்து கொள்வார்!  
நாம் கீழே விழுவதை தாங்க மாட்டார்,  
கரம் பிடித்து தூக்கி விடுவார் !

யாரும்ற்றவராய் நாம் உணர  
தேவையில்லை!  
ஏனெனில்,  
நாம் கூப்பிடும் சத்தத்தை கேட்டு உதவ,  
பரிந்து பேச, நமக்காக வாதாட,  
நம் ஆண்டவர் ஆவலுடன்  
காத்துகொண்டிருக்கிறார்!

- கவிதா ரெமி

## Graduation

**“For I know well the plans I have in mind for you—oracle of the LORD—plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope” - Jer 29:11**



Dear Graduates,

It is the time of Graduation. Some of you might have graduated from middle school, others from high school and yet others from college. Graduation marks a remarkable day in the chapter of a young person's life. “There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens” Eccles 3:1. All these years it was the time to study hard, to do your homework and to prepare for your exams. Now it is time for your celebration of your achievements. It is also the time for thanksgiving, a time for recollection and reflection and a time to contemplate the future. It is a time of looking back and of gazing forward.

As you look back you will see how many people were behind your success. First God, then your parents and family members, teachers and mentors, your classmates and friends. All of them were part of your success. How are you going to thank them all? Maybe you can offer a thanksgiving mass for all of them.

It is the time to reflect on what school has taught you all these years. It has not only taught you how to survive academically, but it has also taught you how to care for others, how to forgive, how to love, how to give back to the community what school has given to you. God has also given to you some of the gifts through the school. They are the Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgement, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence (Gifts of the Holy Spirit). How are you going to spot these gifts and make use of it? You can notice them in the same way you recognize other gifts

from God. You know you have athletic ability because you made it to the team. You know you have the gift of music because you opened your mouth and sang and found out that you can sing. These gifts from Holy spirit also have some of the same characteristics as athletic ability and singing talent. Expressing them, practicing them, seems to enlarge and expand their presence in your life and activities.

Graduation marks the end of one phase of your life and the beginning of a new phase. Some of you may enter the High School, others may enter the college or workplace. It is time to keep yourself ready, so that when opportunities present, you will maximize your chances for success. This can be done only by surrendering your plans to God. “Entrust your works to the LORD, and your plans will succeed- Prov 16:3.

Your parents are very proud of you. They are very happy to see you grow into a very fine person. They have lots of hopes and expectations from you. Yet, they are not really expecting you to graduate as the coolest or the most handsome or the prettiest of the class. They are only hoping that you grow to become learned, responsible, faithful, and mature person. At your baptism, you received the light of the Christ. Your parents kept it burning brightly throughout these days. It is time for you to keep this light burning brightly in your heart and be the light of the world. Congratulation!

In Christ,

Agnes Arokiaraj



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**JULY, 13 2013, 6:45 PM**



### Saint of the Month - St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Aloysius Gonzaga was born on March 9th 1568 at Castiglione, Italy. Aloysius in Italian is Luigi and in French is Louis. And he was named after the great St. Louis of Toulouse. He is a great role model for young boys.

The first words he spoke as a little child were “Jesus and Mary”. He was full of wisdom even as a child. At the age of nine, he made a vow to surrender his life to God. By God’s grace he received his first holy communion from St. Charles Borromeo. His father sent him to attend the court of the Grand Duke of Tuscany, Florence and then later to Spain to join the court of Philip II in Madrid. His father Ferrante being a nobleman wanted him to enter the military. Aloysius resisted his father’s wishes and returned to Italy. Finally at the age of seventeen, Aloysius renounced the title of Marquis and the vast wealth to inherit, and joined the newly founded novitiate of the Society of Jesus. His spiritual director was St. Robert Bellarmine. He lived a life of holy purity and a devotion which was an irritation among his fellow brothers. He was said to have stopped on each of a staircase to say a Hail Mary. His superiors tried to urge him to change his ways. But it was of no use. He was happy in his vocation and set a new standard of austerity and devotion.

### Father’s Advice

Fathers are the head of the family. All important decisions about the family are discussed with the father. Especially dads pay more attention around our children - whether they go to school properly and on time, finish their home work, taking them to extracurricular activities & classes to make sure they have everything they need, removing all the roadblocks, telling them all inspiring stories and providing all sort of advises from our life experiences. So they are well prepared to face the challenges ahead and they are not lost in facing the problems when they encounter them in their lives and their life is shining the way we want to. In short, we all want our children to be the lead in whatever they do or compete.

In the same way, one father advised his son. We can see his advice is somewhat different than we do normally in this world. His advice is concentrated in the areas of how to live a good life in the eyes of God and how to take care of the poor by our possessions. He never told his son to be the lead in everything. That father name is Tobit and his son is Tobias. We can read his advice on Tobit chapter 4. As the father Tobit we are also advising our children every day. Did we ever ask them how they are doing spiritually? Did we check our children that they are clean outside and inside or we give importance only to the outside appearance and inside we don’t care even they live with greed and self-indulgence because all we care about they earn more money and live wealthy so that they make their parents very proud. If we bring up our children with this attitude let us be aware one day they will not even worry to sell the parents to make more money. We can hear thousands of stories like this if we talk to the parents living in the home for the elderly or to the parents thrown into the streets of Calcutta and rescued by the organization started by Mother Theresa.

He continued his studies at Rome. During that time an outbreak of plague hit the streets. The Jesuits opened up a hospital to serve the sick. Aloysius saw this as an opportunity to serve God. He asked permission from Father General and joined the volunteers at the hospital. Eventually he contracted the disease and he felt very happy to have a chance to go to heaven. He received his last rites and miraculously he started recovering from his illness. But soon he died on the 21st of June, 1591. He was only 23 years old. His last words were “In thy Hands”.

St. Robert Bellarmine, at his death bed asked him to be buried next to St. Aloysius. Today they rest alongside at the church of St. Ignatius Loyola in Rome. The only Jesuit University in the world named after St. Aloysius Gonzaga is located in Spokane, Washington.

Pope Benedict XIII proclaimed Aloysius a saint in 1726. 3 years later he made St. Aloysius patron saint of youth in the Catholic Church and in 1926 Pope Pius XI confirmed it. On June 21st we celebrate the feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga. Let us present our youth in the hands of St. Aloysius Gonzaga, so that they may follow in his footsteps and be role models to the youth of the world.

- Joe Natar

Don’t we clean a cup or plate inside and outside in our homes? Do we use a cup or a plate in a restaurant if it is cleaned only outside but not inside? In fact, we all know the inside of a cup or plate gets dirtier than outside. When we give more importance for a cup or a plate to its cleanliness on the inside why don’t we give more importance to inside when it comes to spirituality? I can think one reason for this. It is because people see only our outside not inside. So we take every effort to keep our outside very clean so that we appear to be super spiritual to others while paying little or no attention to clean the inside. But God sees only our inside “The LORD sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart” (1 Samuel 16:7).



Outside we may look very clean in the eyes of humans by praying every day, going to church every day, reading bible every day, actively participating in all the church activities, etc but God only knows what is going on inside us as Jesus said “Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person” (Matthew 15:17-20). As we read if our inside is not clean we can still live a good life and appear to be righteous in the eyes of men looking only outside but we are cheating God inside and we are spiritually dead & useless from His view. St. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians “We speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts” (1 Thessalonians 2:4). He understood that God will test our hearts to find out we are pleasing human beings or God. “The crucible for silver and the furnace for gold, but the LORD tests the heart” (Proverbs 17:3).

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Are our children living as whitewashed tombs? Which look beautiful on the outside, many people will visit and praise its architecture but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside do our children appear to people as righteous but on the inside they are full of hypocrisy and wickedness? If we look at Old Testament when people gave too much attention to clean their outside but no attention to clean inside, God the Father was unhappy about their behaviors. So prophet Isaiah prophesied "The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is based on merely human rules they have been taught" (Isaiah 29:13). Also in New Testament we can see Jesus Christ was referring to the same verses.

While we tell our children about all the greatest and latest leaders, did we ever tell them that they should live like Jesus? We won't because we know Jesus did not have a pleasant life in human eyes. He did not have wealthy possessions, luxurious life, did not live for name and fame, did not boast Himself, did not maintain a high social status, did not live to be served or to command others or did not even own a house to sleep. All He got was flogged, crowned with thorns, mocked, slapped, spat on the face, humiliated, naked, crucified, thirsty, and died but He lived a perfect life in the eyes of God the Father. We want our children to live luxuriously and to have a pleasant life in human eyes and not suffering like Jesus. So we won't tell our children to live like Jesus but we want them to live

Holy. I am not sure how it is possible to live holy without living like Jesus.

God destroyed all the living creatures on earth by flood during Noah's time. Why? Because of the wickedness of man and every thought of his heart was continually thinking to do evil. So God the Father was very angry, He was very sorry and it grieved Him to His heart for creating humans on earth. "The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the ground, man and beast and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them" (Genesis 6:5-7).

It is our duty to check our children to make sure they are clean not only outside but also inside and advise them accordingly as the great father Tobit did to his son because God looks only inside not outside as the Apostle Peter said gentle and quiet characters hidden in our hearts are very precious in the sight of God "let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable jewel of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious" (1 Peter 3:4). So let us and our children take every effort to keep our inside clean with gentle and quiet characters and look precious in the eyes of God.

Wish you all a very happy father's day

- LEENUS RICH



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