



## BAY AREA TAMIL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Monthly Newsletter - April 2009

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”

John 3:16

#### அருட்தந்தை பகுதி..

My dear Sisters and Brothers,

**No other religion attaches so much importance to its founder as Christianity.** When the founders of all the other religions pointed to something or someone outside of themselves as the destination, **Christ would project Himself as the point of arrival.**

Buddha would be more interested in people following the eightfold path that he lay down than in venerating himself. Mohammad was concerned with directing his followers to the One True God than gathering them around himself. All that Confucius wanted was that people live the project of life that he laid down them. **These founders knew and said that their life was not about them.**

But not so with Jesus. In fact, He would say, “I am the way, the truth and the life”. He would point to Himself as “the Alpha and the Omega” - the beginning and the end. **Jesus would proclaim** towards the end of His life, **“I am the Resurrection and the Life”.**

It is on the truth of that single statement that Christianity either stands or falls. As St. Paul says, **“If Christ has not been raised from the dead, then in vain is our preaching and in vain is your faith”.**

We are an Easter-people. We love the Cross. It symbolizes all that God did for us in Christ. But the Cross itself makes no sense to us if it does not lead us to His Resurrection.

And the good news is that the Cross **does** lead us to our own Resurrection in Christ. “If you have died with Christ, then you will also rise with Him” (St. Paul).

May the celebration of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ facilitate our dying to ourselves and our sinfulness that we may rise with Him on the third day.

**Happy Easter!**

With prayers, wishes and blessings,

Rev. William Rozario

#### நமது குழு செய்திகள்..

Dear friends in Christ,

May month Mass is scheduled to be on **May 2nd due to unavailability of the church on May 9th.** Please remind each other of this date change just for May 2009.

RC is planning for **Children's Mass in June**, stay tuned for more information.

St. Joseph's Parish International Festival is on May 29 – 31. BATCC is invited to perform cultural events and have food booth. More information will follow.

Board has decided to dedicate August Tamil Mass to our volunteers & their families instead of presenting a certificate to them during the Sangamam celebration.

*“Rise up; this matter is in your hands. We will support you, so take courage and do it.” Ezra 10:4*

Please consider to volunteer your time, talent and treasure to our need for male singers to join the choir and to help the facility committee.

#### நினைவில் நிற்க..

- April 3 - Stations Of the Cross @ 8 PM - by Fr. Lawrence
- April 4 - Lenten Retreat by Fr. Lawrence @ 10 AM (Please be on time) Holy Hour with Eucharistic for Job safety and fast turnaround for Job Seekers; Followed by Healing Mass in Tamil
- April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion
- April 6 - 11 -- Holy Week
- April 9 - Holy Thursday - Passover Begins
- April 10 - Good Friday Of the Lord's Passion (Fast and Abstinence)
- April 11 - Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass @ 11 PM
- April 12 - Easter Sunday - The Resurrection Of The Lord



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## குழந்தைகள் பகுதி...

Dear Kutties,  
Hope you are spending some time with Jesus as you walk with HIM during the Stations of the Cross. Did you notice someone helped Jesus carry the Cross, who is that? Can you be like that person? Each day try to find an opportunity to help a friend, brothers, sisters or parents because each one of us is the image of Jesus.

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## மக்கள் மன்றாட்டு...

Let us pray for all sick, unemployed and world peace and please remember Sri Lanka Tamil victims in your prayers.

Please send any special intentions you may have to [newsletter@tamilcatholic.org](mailto:newsletter@tamilcatholic.org).

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## வாசகர் பகுதி...

### WISDOM IS WEALTH

As we see nowadays, this world is more of fashions, beauty, technical developments, more entertaining and what not. This world what yields us today is unrealistic or fading happiness. To attain a real and worthy happiness, we need a good understanding of life. But what we search in life also matters more. Are we running behind money & fame or truth?

**Finding the Truth:** To have a better understanding in any kind of life, we need someone to guard or watch us and tell us if we are doing the right or wrong. Everyone needs more knowledge and a sense of truthfulness to handle everyday activities in this world.

**The Real Blessing from above:** It is a real blessing from God, if we have a powerful thinking that perfectly says 'you are right' or 'you are wrong or do the right thing' and that power is "Wisdom". Wisdom is granted from above. It is a Blessing from Our Lord.

**Wisdom Means,** The quality of being wise, viewing things clearly, seeing things as they are and acting in prudent and effective ways. The knowledge of the perfect judgment, discretion, skill & dexterity with a Holistic approach.

## The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom.

One who earns wisdom could even rule the world. So far in the history of the world, God Never made any rich people to known to everyone or never made a rich to rule the world. But he made the Wise people to rule the world and made them rich and made them known them to the whole world.

**King Solomon's Story:** I like to recollect the story of how God offered the gifts of wisdom or wealth to King Soloman. Soloman chose wisdom and that wisdom helped him to eventually achieve great wealth. As we read through **2 Chronicles 1: 1- 16** (shortened here)

God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, "Ask what I shall give you."

Solomon said to God, "You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people; for who can judge this thy people that is so great?"

God answered Solomon 'wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee; and I will give the riches, and wealth, and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before thee; neither shall there any after thee have the like'.

**The World of Wisdom:** This world may now seem to be more of richness, happiness, technologically developed and financially challenging...but everything could be made 'True, Healthy, Happy and Blessed' only if wisdom does its role in every matter. !...

"Wisdom is radiant & unfading and She is easily discerned by those who love her and is found by those who seek her" - **Wisdom of Solomon 6:12**

**Pray for Wisdom:** Any task we undertake, or any role we are opt to play, there we need the Blessings of God, and it is 'Wisdom'. Let us Pray to God for Wisdom that gives true understanding in all the ways of our life.

"Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me" - **Wisdom of Solomon 7:7**

- Agnes Matilda

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