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Blessings of Jubilee 2025 of Redemptive Era



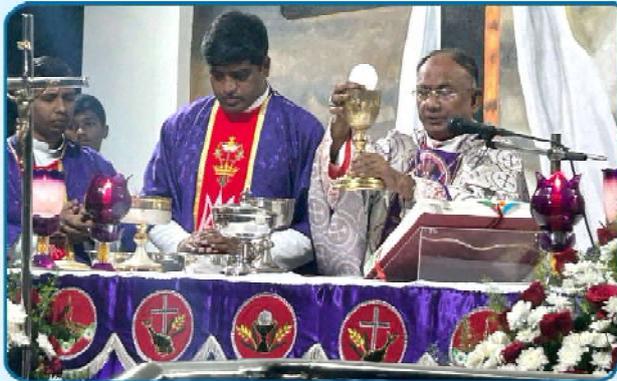
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White Coat Ceremony for Year-II FCIMS Students, Warangal



All Souls Day-Requiem Mass at Fatima Cathedral Cemetery



Blessings to Hindu Couples Wedding, Satya Sai Gardens, Mediconda



Silver Jubilee of Assisi Sisters, Fatimanagar



Installation Ceremony of Mar Prince Antony Panengadan at Shamshabad



Children's Day with Play School Inauguration at Mount Carmel School, Palakurthy

I. Mary and Joseph first to Welcome Jesus into the World

First to Greet Babe Jesus

The story, history and mystery of the birth of Christ is very significant to Christians as this is where the story of Redemption really takes off! In the Christmas event, the two key figures are Mary and Joseph. They are the centre scene BUT right behind Jesus in nativity. Christmas is about the incarnation of the 2nd Person of the Trinity, whose becoming a Human person, a MAN is an amazing thing! The circumstances surrounding the time were that Mary and Joseph had to travel far and under dangerous conditions to get from their home in Nazareth to the childhood home of Joseph in Bethlehem. Even after reaching Bethlehem, they faced further challenges! MARY and JOSEPH were the FIRST of Humanity to Welcome the Incarnate Word of God into the world! More overwhelmingly, they were chosen to be JESUS PARENTS on earth! Therefore, they are an indispensable part of the Nativity act. During Christmas season, Jesus is most often depicted as a newborn closely attended by his parents. Mary was the only human being to be present with Jesus when He was born, grew up and in His earthly death, from CRADLE to CROSS. Joseph's role too is very unique in the life of Jesus and Mary as Jesus grew and matured under His earthly parents' teaching (Lk. 2:52)!



Mary's Unique Response

The young Mary had the honour of seeing Jesus grow “in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and men.” But, unlike Joseph, she would also have to witness her son suffer and die. Certainly, Mary played the most significant role of any woman in the gospel story. She “found favour with God” (Lk 1:28) and she was “blessed among women” (Lk 1:42). No human has ever experienced, nor will ever experience, the unique role Mary held as a virgin mother to the Son of God. As sin entered the world through the woman Eve, salvation for that sin entered the world through the woman Mary. Ironically, by earthly standards, Mary's great honour was not readily apparent. In fact, from the very beginning, Mary's circumstances were humble and even difficult. In many ways, her life probably seemed insignificant. Yet, consider the view from heaven as recorded by the Apostle John (Rev. 12 Ch). What a contrast to the humble manger scene! Consider that as we serve God on earth, even in ways that seem trivial, we are part of a grand heavenly story. May we have a heart like Mary's who responded to the angel announcing Christ's birth by saying: “I am the Lord's servant” (Lk 1:38).

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Joseph's Response, not a Walk in Park

God Chose Mary 'Highly favoured and Joseph, righteous Man' in the plan of Redemption. Salvation was only possible by Jesus coming as a man to represent people and die for our sins. But God's plans were not a cakewalk. God often uses people to accomplish those plans. And the people He uses will often find that pushing forward God's plan is not easy. Though Mary has taken a much more prominent role than Joseph in history, it is heart-touching to consider the enormous task assigned to Joseph. He was to lead Mary as a husband and Jesus as an earthly father. God confirms this leadership role by communicating solely with Joseph on four different occasions. The gospel of Matthew records that an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in dreams: telling him to take Mary as his wife, telling him to escape with Mary and Jesus to Egypt, telling him later to return to Israel, and finally warning him not to settle his family in Judea (Mt 1-2 Chs).

Biblical Joseph, Fascinating Righteous man

The Bible tells us little more of Joseph than that he was a carpenter and a "righteous man." We can infer that he cared deeply for Mary, because when he learned of her pregnancy during their betrothal, he had in mind to divorce her quietly so as not to expose her to public disgrace. Betrothal in Joseph's day was much more binding than modern engagement. Only divorce could break it and adultery (during betrothal) was deemed punishable by death! Joseph's intention of divorcing Mary quietly was meant to protect not only her reputation but also her life. One can only imagine the pain that Joseph endured as he struggled to understand Mary's apparent unfaithfulness to him. God saw fit to allow Joseph's character to grow in this suffering before he finally revealed that what was conceived in Mary was from the Holy Spirit. In obedience to God, Joseph took Mary as his wife and became a father to Jesus. It is fascinating to consider that Jesus likely experienced the natural attachment that exists between a child and his parents. He probably felt a sincere love for Joseph, and thus would have suffered emotional pain at his death. Though the Bible never mentions Joseph's passing, he probably died before Jesus began his earthly ministry.

Turbulence around First Christmas

Most images nativity scenes look really beautiful, serene, peaceful, and calm. Cuddly. Even the animals cooperate and Mary and Joseph are on vacation just enjoying the natural scenery. God's plan for Mary and Joseph was not easy. They faced difficulties in almost every area: spiritual challenges of faith, relationship struggles, financial challenges, and government regulations and persecution. This did not change the fact that God was good and He did have a plan. Thus, they faced many challenges. But in every single challenge, they showed great obedience to God's Will!

Today we have been talking about challenges, the challenges facing Mary and Joseph as they followed God's plan. But the one who faced the greatest challenge of all was Jesus. He was in heaven surrounded by perfection. He then became a man. He took on the form of a helpless babe. The Creator condescended to become a man. He allowed himself to become helpless and depend on others. It WAS EQUALLY the most challenging part of His Mission and, He, with the model of Mary cum Joseph submitted to the Father's will!

Christu Jayanthi Shubhakankshalu, Nuthana Samvastara Shubhashisulu

II. Holy Father's General Intention: For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

III. Pope Francis: Pope Commends 'Christmas Contest' for Transmitting Christ's Peace and Joy

In his remarks addressed to the annual 'Christmas Contest,' the Holy Father reiterates how the Christ Child gives meaning to our loves and how Jesus 'speaks to them' in their annual Vatican-organized endeavor leading up to Christmas Day. "The Incarnation of Jesus Christ, who brings true peace to the world – and how much we need it today! – has inspired, over the centuries, countless artists of every language and culture, who have portrayed paths of fraternity in the world." Pope Francis stressed this in his remarks to participants in the Christmas Contest 2024. His prepared remarks were delivered to the participants given his Monday audiences were cancelled so he could recover from flu-like symptoms ahead of his upcoming 46th Apostolic Journey abroad to Belgium and Luxembourg.



'Christmas Concert'

The "Christmas Concert" is a concert organized by the Pontifical Foundation Gravissimum Educationis that aims to "give a voice to young people by inviting them to create new songs inspired by Christmas and its values." The competition is held in the run-up to the Christmas Concert, during which the pieces of the first prize winners will be performed. "I would like to recall with you, young singers and musicians who are dedicated to promoting the values of Christmas," the Holy Father noted, "that the birth of Jesus was accompanied by a heavenly song, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'"

God's love speaks to your hearts

The Pope told them they are part of a great movement that, he suggested, always manifests "God's love," which was "made man in Jesus Christ." That love, he insisted, "speaks to your hearts." The Pope reminded them that the Lord, throughout history, has brought much-needed peace to the world and paved paths for fraternity. "In your desire to express your artistic vocation and your human and Christian journey, all of you, in different ways," he implored, "feel the attraction of the mystery of incarnate love."

Jesus who gives meaning to our lives

The Holy Father marveled that they "sing about hope for those of your peers who have lost it for so many reasons," including "suffering, illness, war, forced migration, problems in the family, school or with friends." "Perhaps some of these young people will be touched by your witness!" he said. The Pope went on to suggest the great need for young people's talent and creativity, "who are motivated not by the idols of money or success," but by "a passion for beauty, for fraternity, for Jesus who saves and gives meaning to our lives."

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IV. New Liturgical Year: Season of Advent (Dec. 1)

The New Liturgical Year in the Church begins with the season of Advent a time to help us prepare for Christmas, when we celebrate the fulfillment of our longing for the Savior with the birth of Jesus. So, what is Advent: It's the season that lasts about four weeks, beginning four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. The Church's Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and lasts for twelve days. So, Advent is a season of anticipation that leads up to Christmas.



Advent Traditions: One of the primary traditions of Advent is the lighting of the Advent wreath. Each candle lit represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the coming of the Lord, Jesus Christ. The circle of branches of the wreath symbolize the eternal cycle of the seasons while the evergreens and lighted candles signify the persistence of life in the midst of winter. Advent Candles The Advent wreath contains 4 candles. All of the candles are purple except the third (which is rose). The symbolic meanings of the candles can vary but they are often:

1. **Hope** - expectation of what is to come and sometimes prophecy
2. **Love** - sometimes called the Bethlehem Candle
3. **Joy** - this rose candle is often called Mary's Candle
4. **Peace** - it can often be called the Angel's Candle

Colors of Advent: The color of Advent is purple. You'll see purple used quite often in banners around the church or in the vestments of the clergy. Purple is used at Advent as it is at Lent to represent the penitential nature of the season. In fact, Advent used to be known as "little Lent." The color is a symbolic reminder for us to be preparing ourselves for the coming of our Lord. The third Sunday during Advent is called Gaudete Sunday. The word Gaudete means "rejoice." On that Sunday your priest may wear rose vestments. This color is meant to remind us that Christmas is drawing near.

V. Feast of St. Francis Xavier (Dec. 3)

Francis was born in Xavier, in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7th 1506. He was born into a rich farming family, whose fortunes were severely damaged during the war with Aragon. Francis went to study in Paris, where he met Ignatius of Loyola, who would convince Francis to follow a religious life and become a priest. Francis was reluctant at first, leading Ignatius to ask the now-famous question: "What will it profit a man to gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?" Along with Ignatius, Francis became one of the founders of the Society of Jesus, commonly known as the Jesuits. They made private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Pope. They also vowed to go to the Holy Land to convert "infidels."

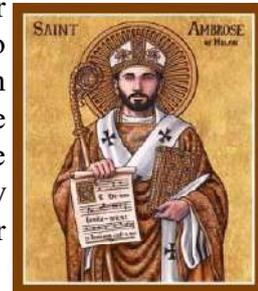


Francis left Rome for the Indies in March 1540. His future as arguably the greatest Christian missionary since St. Paul began almost by accident.

He wasn't originally chosen to be a missionary, but one of the two originally selected by Ignatius fell ill, so Ignatius asked Francis to go as a replacement. Over the next 12 years, Francis led a series of overseas missions, mainly in the Portuguese Empire of the time - Mozambique, Malacca and notably Goa. He was the first Christian missionary to travel Japan and on to Borneo and the Moluccan Islands. For his evangelist work, he became known as the "Apostle of the Indies". Francis was waiting to travel to take his missionary work to mainland China when he died from a fever on Shangchuan Island on December 2nd 1552. Francis was made a saint by Gregory XV on March 12th 1622. Saint Francis Xavier's relics are kept in a silver casket, inside the Born Jesus Basilica in Goa.

VI. St. Ambrose (Dec. 7)

The life of St. Ambrose (b. 337 AD) may be one of the best examples of how God's plans can be completely different from our own. And St. Ambrose's response provides a wonderful message for how saying "yes" to God and striving for holiness in our own lives can be an important witness to others. As governor of two Roman provinces headquartered in Milan, Ambrose attended the election of a new bishop to simply help keep the peace between the Nicene Church and the Arians. Well-loved for his fairness and charity, the assembled crowd called for His appointment to the see and he suddenly found himself the new bishop of Milan. Not yet baptized a Christian or versed in Christian theology, he refused and went into hiding.



But, with the Emperor Gratian's approval, Ambrose finally accepted.

He was baptized, ordained and consecrated the bishop of Milan within the week. Popular, persuasive and a fierce defender of the truth, Ambrose became one of the most influential figures of the fourth century and of Church history. Known primarily for his defense of Church teaching against the growing Arian heresy in his time, Ambrose repeatedly found himself tangling with emperors, but his humility and generosity fueled his popularity and increased his political power.

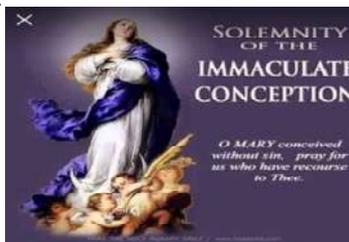
Ambrose is one of the four original Latin doctors of the Church, along with Augustine, Jerome and Gregory the Great. His extensive writings include treatises on ethics, the priesthood, sacraments, the role of Mary and the liturgy. A late student to Scripture, Ambrose used his background in Greek philosophy to share the lessons of the Old Testament through the lens of its heroes. Ambrose is credited with composing hymns that are the foundation for hymns used to this day. His influence as an orator may be best demonstrated by the impact his influence had on St. Augustine. Tradition teaches that Augustine was unimpressed with Christian theology, but was forever changed by meeting Ambrose.

Augustine's mother, St. Monica, credits Ambrose with Augustine's conversion, calling him, "An angel of God who uprooted her son from his former ways and led him to his convictions of Christ." Ambrose is the patron of Milan, beekeepers, beggars and learning. His feast day is

Dec. 7, the date he was consecrated bishop. His zealous embrace of God’s plan for him can be an inspiration for all who say “yes” to God’s unexpected plans for them.

VII. Immaculate Conception of Mary (Dec. 8)

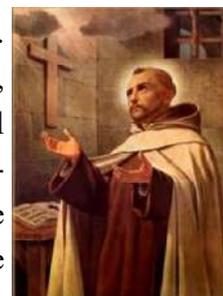
The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.” In 1854, Pope Pius IX’s solemn declaration, “Ineffabilis Deus,” clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary was conceived free from original sin. Mary was granted this



extraordinary privilege because of Her unique role in history as the Mother of God. That is, she received the gift of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. Even though Mary is unique in all humanity for being born without sin, she is held up by the Church as a model for all humanity in Her holiness and Her purity in her willingness to accept the Plan of God for her. Every person is called to recognize and respond to God’s call to their own vocation in order to carry out God’s plan for their life and fulfill the mission prepared for them since before the beginning of time. Mary’s “Let it be done to me according to Thy Word,” in response of the Angel Gabriel’s greeting, is the response required of all Christians to God’s Plan. The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a time to celebrate the great joy of God’s gift to humanity in Mary, and to recognize with greater clarity, the truth that each and every human being has been created by God to fulfill a particular mission that he and only he can fulfill. “The word of the Lord came to me thus: “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” (Jeremiah 1:5-6)

VIII. St. John of the Cross (Dec. 14)

John is a saint because his life was a heroic effort to live up to his name: “of the Cross.” The folly of the cross came to full realization in time. “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mark 8:34b) is the story of John’s life. The Paschal Mystery—through death to life—strongly marks John as reformer, mystic-poet, and theologian-priest. Ordained a Carmelite priest in 1567 at age 25, John met Teresa of Avila and like her, vowed himself to the primitive Rule of the Carmelites. As partner with Teresa and in his own right, John engaged in the work of reform, and came to experience the price of reform: increasing opposition, misunderstanding, persecution, imprisonment. He came to know the cross acutely—to experience the dying of Jesus—as he sat month after month in his dark, damp,



narrow cell with only his God. Yet, the paradox! In this dying of imprisonment John came to life, uttering poetry. In the darkness of the dungeon, John's spirit came into the Light. There are many mystics, many poets; John is unique as mystic-poet, expressing in his prison-cross the ecstasy of mystical union with God in the Spiritual Canticle.

But as agony leads to ecstasy, so John had his Ascent to Mt. Carmel, as he named it in his prose masterpiece. As man-Christian-Carmelite, he experienced in himself this purifying ascent; as spiritual director, he sensed it in others; as psychologist-theologian, he described and analyzed it in his prose writings. His prose works are outstanding in underscoring the cost of discipleship, the path of union with God: rigorous discipline, abandonment, purification. Uniquely and strongly John underlines the gospel paradox: The cross leads to resurrection, agony to ecstasy, darkness to light, abandonment to possession, denial to self to union with God. If you want to save your life, you must lose it. John is truly "of the Cross." He died at 49—a life short, but full.

IX. Nativity of the Lord (Dec. 25)

God used amazing events to communicate that Jesus Christ was the promised Messiah who would be the Savior of the world. Give this one-page handout to anyone who has questions about

the leading messages regarding Christ's birth:

Message One:- God Promised Christ's Arrival

Throughout History: The promise of the coming Savior appears like a thread running through the Old Testament, starting with a hint after the first recorded sin.

Message Two:- God Became a Man : The most astounding message of the Nativity is that God became man. John tells us God became flesh and lived with us (John 1:14)

Message Three:- Angels Testified to Christ's Coming: The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary, not only to prepare her, a virgin, for bearing the Son of God, but to give her specific instructions concerning him.

Message Four:- Witnesses Proclaimed Christ the Messiah: Eight days after Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph took him to the temple. Simeon, who had been promised he wouldn't die before seeing the Lord's Christ, said, "My eyes have seen your salvation.

Message Five:- Christ Came for Our Salvation: Jesus came to fulfill thousands of years of prophecy. He would be the one who not only represented God, but was God (John 1:1). When Adam and Eve sinned...



X. Saint Stephen (Dec. 26)

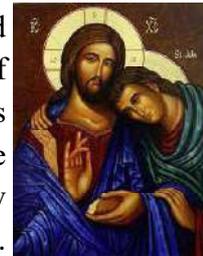
Saint Stephen is recognized as a saint and the first martyr in Christian theology. He was condemned for committing blasphemy against the Jewish Temple, and was stoned to death circa the year 36. Saint Stephen is a recognized saint in many Christian theologies, and is considered to be the first Christian martyr. According to the fifth book of the Bible's New Testament, the Acts of the Apostles, Stephen was denounced



for blasphemy after a dispute with members of a Jewish synagogue circa the year 36. According to Chapters 6 and 7 of the Book of Acts, he was condemned and stoned to death the scene of which was depicted in Dutch artist Rembrandt's "The Stoning of Saint Stephen." Today, Western Christians annually celebrate "St. Stephen's Day" on December 26.

XI. Feast of St. John, the Apostle and Evangelist (Dec. 27)

Today is the third day in the octave of Christmas. The Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. Born in Bethsaida, he was called while mending his nets to follow Jesus. He became the beloved disciple of Jesus. He wrote the fourth Gospel, three Epistles and the Apocalypse. His passages on the pre-existence of the Word, who by His Incarnation became the light of the world and the life of our souls, are among the finest of the New Testament. He is the evangelist of the divinity of Christ and His fraternal love.



With James, his brother, and Simon Peter, he was one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration. At the Last Supper, he leans on the Master's breast. At the foot of the cross, Jesus entrusts His Mother to his care. John's pure life kept him very close to Jesus and Mary in years to come. John was exiled to the island of Patmos under Emperor Domitian.

Patron: Against poison; art dealers; authors; bookbinders; booksellers; burns; composers; editors; engravers; friendships; lithographers; painters; papermakers; poisoning; printers; publishers; tanners; theologians; typesetters; writers; Asia Minor; Taos, New Mexico; Umbria, Italy; diocese of Cleveland, Ohio; diocese of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

XII. Feast of Holy Innocents (Dec. 28)

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few. Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the

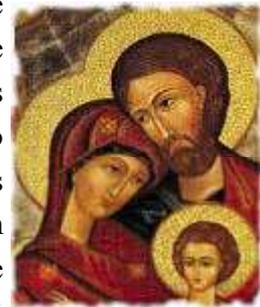


whereabouts of “the newborn king of the Jews,” whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also “do him homage.” They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt. Herod became furious and “ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under.”

The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: “A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children...” (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

XIII. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, Joseph (Dec. 29)

Feast of the Holy Family, Roman Catholic religious festival falling on the first Sunday after Christmas. Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph—also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the Copts from early times. In Western Christianity, however, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century and was not officially recognized until the feast day was formally instituted in 1921 under Pope Benedict XV. Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6), the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season.



The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, ‘God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary’s sake. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.’ (First Homily on the ‘Missus Est’).

XIV. Bishop's Schedule in December, 2024

- 01: Advent Season Begins: Communio Sunday-Special Collection; Mass at Cathedral
- 02: Office Day
- 03: Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Xavier Major Seminary at Karunapuram
- 08: Immaculate Conception Feast Celebrations, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Kukatpally Parish, Archdiocese of Hyderabad
- 09: Office Day for Consecrated
- 12: Office Day
- 13: Pre-Christmas Celebrations at LODI Social Service Center, Fatimanagar
- 14: CRI Warangal Unit Christmas Celebrations at Millenium High School, Mucherla
- 15: Greater Warangal United Mega Christmas Celebrations at St. Anthony's Cultural Shrine, Fatimanagar
- 16: Clergy Christmas Recollection at Bishop's House, Fatimanagar
- 17: Youth Pre-Christmas Celebrations at Arunodaya Youth Centre, Fatimanagar
- 18: Pre-Christmas Celebrations at Mount Carmel School at Jagitial
- 20: Office Day
- 21& 23: Christmas Wishes
- 22: Banjara Christmas Celebrations, Mahabubabad Parish
- 24: Christmas Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral Parish: **Launch of Jubilee 2025 by Holy Father at 7 pm Rome Time**
- 25: Christmas Feast: Samudrala Village of Ippagudem Mission
- 28: Presentation Sisters Silver Jubilee Celebrations at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 29: **Warangal Diocese Launches Jubilee 2025 at 7:30am Holy Mass at Fatima Cathedral**

NB: A. All Fatimanagar Priests, Religious and Faithful should join this Holy Mass

B. Kindly all Parish Priests announce the Launching of the Jubilee 2025 and Celebrate the Holy Mass of the Jubilee by displaying of Logo at an appropriate place (infront of Church) and a decorated Crucifix to be placed by the side of the Altar after taking the Crucifix in a solemn entrence procession.

January, 2025

- 01: New Year Vigil Mass at Fatima Cathedral, Fatimanagar
- 04: Holy Matrimony at Gudur Village
- 06: Centenary Celebrations of Patibandla Parish Church, Guntur Diocese

XV. Communications

1. Hearty Congratulations to Coadjutor Bishop Anthony Das Pilli: Fr. Pilli Anthony Das, Priest of Nellore is appointed as the Coadjutor Bishop of Nellore by Pope Francis on November 9, 2024. He was born on August 24, 1973, in Donakonda, Msgr. Anthony Das Pilli studied Philosophy and Theology at St. John's Regional Seminary and earned a Doctorate in Dogmatic Theology from the Pontifical Urbaniana University in Rome. Ordained on April 24, 2000, for the Diocese of Nellore, he has served in various roles, including Secretary to the Bishop of Nellore, Pastor of Gudlur, Rector of St. John's Minor Seminary, and Professor of Dogmatic Theology. He is the student of our Bishop at St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur.



2. Appointments: A. Rev. Fr. Allam Sravan is appointed as the Headmaster and Correspondent of St. John's High School, Kesamudram and Parish Priest of St. John's Church, Kesamudram Parish with the effect from November 4, 2024.

B. Welcome to Fr. Gopu Thomas, on his temporary return from USA: **Fr. G. Thomas (Senior) is appointed** as the Headmaster and Correspondent of Father Colombo Memorial School and Parish Priest of Theegarajupalli Parish with effect from December 7, 2024. **Very Many Thanks to Rev. Fr. T. Yaga**, who kindly took time and trouble to be the Headmaster for 3 months. May God reward his services.

3. Annual Returns for the year 2024, from January to December: All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions are requested to start preparing Annual Returns for the year 2024 from January to December, which are to be sent to Rome in the First Quarter of 2025. Forms of Annual Returns will be sent to you by post. If you don't get them, please contact Chancellor & Procurator or Secretary to Bishop, and get the forms by all means. After receiving the forms, please fill them correctly & fully and send them latest by end of January to the Chancellor & Procurator or Secretary to Bishop.

4. Clergy Christmas Recollection: In preparation for Christmas, a recollection is arranged for the clergy on 16th of December, 2024, from 9: 30 am to 1:00 pm at Fatimanagar. All the Priests are requested to participate in it without fail.

5. Ordo 2025: Ordo 2025 is available at Bishop's House. Please avail @ Rs. 60/- to celebrate liturgy in holy and meaningful manner!

6. Payment of Contributions Due: All the Parishes/Institutions who are due to send their Universal Church Contributions/Second Sunday Collections, Please do pay before the 2024 year ends. Otherwise you invite, to ignore your Parish in Diocesan Programs.

7. Advent Begins on 01 December 2024: Advent, (from Latin *adventus*, “coming”), in the Christian church calendar, the period of preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas and also of preparation for the Second Coming of Christ. In Western churches, Advent begins on the Sunday nearest to November 30 (St. Andrew’s Day) and is the beginning of the liturgical year. In many Eastern churches, the Nativity Fast is a similar period of penance and preparation that occurs during the 40 days before Christmas. The date when the season was first observed is uncertain. Bishop Perpetuus of Tours (461–490) established a fast before Christmas that began on November 11 (St. Martin’s Day), and the Council of Tours (567) mentioned an Advent season.

The liturgical meaning of the Advent season referred to the dual “coming” of Jesus—then Roman Catholicism the traditional liturgical colour for Advent is violet; many Protestant denominations have adopted blue or purple. The third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday, is commonly marked by the use of rose-colored vestments and candles.

8. Communio India contribution for the Year 2024: The Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) has come up with the idea of establishing a ‘Funding Agency’ in India, similar to the one like ‘MISSIO’ in Germany. The idea of establishing Communio is to raise funds in our country, with a view to helping the Mission Dioceses and Religious Congregations in India for the variety of needs they have. This year it falls on 1st of December. I request the Parish Priest to observe the Communio India Sunday any Sunday in December 2024-January 2025 and send the offerings and contributions of that Sunday to Rev. Fr. Kommareddy Joseph, the procurator as early as possible. Kindly announce that they can contribute any Sunday/ Day of the year for the purpose. Let them take the envelopes and give back any day during the year. It is out of Love and obligation towards the Church in Motherland, India.

9. News from the Pastoral Centre

A. Marriage Preparation Course (MPC): Marriage Preparation Course is held on 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, providing engaged couples with a rich blend of spiritual enrichment and practical insights vital for a flourishing marriage. This month, we joyfully welcomed 31 enthusiastic participants who actively engaged in sessions led by Director-Pastoral Centre and Mrs. Jyothi MPC Team Member.

B. Report of the Meeting of the Diocesan Directors of the Commissions for Ecumenism and Dialogue

The Meeting was held on 06-07 November 2014, at Bishop’s House, Vijayawada, presided. The Chairman, Bishop Most. Rev. Dr. Thelagathoti Joseph Raja Rao SMM, Bishop of Vijayawada, presided over it. Then Rev. Fr. Kondaveeti Anthaiah, the Regional Secretary extended a warm welcome to Chairman, both the state coordinators and to all the Diocesan

Directors and presented the annual report of the Commissions. After an elaborate discussion, the following plan of action for the regional commission in tune with the national plan was suggested and agreed upon: 1. Celebrate Christian Unity Octave with renewed vigour at every Diocese and Parish level. 2. Diocesan Committees/Resource Teams for the commissions at least 5 members. 3. Ecumenical United Christmas Celebration in every Diocese and Parish level and Inter-denominational Choir competitions. 4. Organizing one day seminar for priests those ordained during last 10-15 years. 5. Efforts to be made to celebrate national and religious festival such as Diwali, Sankranti together with people of other religions at every parish level and in particularly in educational institutions.



C. Preparatory Meeting of Jubilee-2025: The Preparatory Meeting for the Jubilee -2025 was conducted at Bishop's House on November 15, 2024. His Lordship, Most. Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala Presided over along with the Diocesan Chancellor Rev. Fr. K. Joseph. The Priests' Senate members,



College of Consulters, Deans, CRI Office Bearers' participated. There was an elaborate discussion about the planning and celebration of the Jubilee 2025. Bishop illustrated that Pope Francis', **Bull of Indiction, *Spes non Confundit***. "**Hope does not disappoint,**" hope is the unifying theme of the Ordinary Jubilee of 2025. The Jubilee Year begins with the traditional opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica on December 24, 2024 by Pope Francis and continues until the closing of the Holy Door on January 6, 2026, the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. Jubilee year begins in Local Church with inaugural mass my Local Ordinary at Cathedral on December 29, 2024 and closing will be on December 28, 2025. Jubilee Year/Holy Year is a significant Catholic event occurring every 25 years and holds deep spiritual meaning. It's an opportunity for pilgrimage, reconciliation, spiritual growth and celebration, re-establish with God, with one-another, and with all of creation. The Jubilee is an experience of faith and a profound encounter with the Lord.

Fr. T. Joseph, Director-Pastoral Centre

10. News from LODI MSSS:

I. Title of the Project: Poverty Reduction among Poor and Marginalised rural households with Livelihoods, Ecological farming and Natural Resource Management in 22 villages of Dharmasagar and Velair Mandals of Hanumakonda district.

Achievements in November: 1 240 farmers were provided with sprayer pumps, solar light traps, neem oil, growth promoter, pheromone trap, yellow plates to promote ecological farming methods and to improve the soil fertility and soil nutrients.

2. Distributed mulching sheet, shady net, support net, fruit fly traps to 100 farmers to promote improved vegetable cultivation and get additional income and fresh vegetables, for consumption purpose. 3. 200 women were provided with concentrate feed and minerals nutrient bags for female calves to enhance the nutrients among calves and ensure that calves become dairy cattle and later yield milk. 4. 500 women were trained on promotion of backyard poultry, vaccination, feeding to poultry and to enhance secondary income of the target families in 16 villages. 5. Distributed 20 Aseel chicks each to 500 target women. Totally 10,000 Aseel chicks were provided in order to promote Backyard Poultry to enhance secondary income in 16 project villages. 6. Renovated 8 Feeder channels in 8 project villages and 160 farmers were benefited with increase of irrigation and recharge of bore wells. 7. Six small ponds in 6 project villages were renovated by clearance of jungle on the bund and strengthened the bund and 180 farmers were benefitted with the increase of irrigation sources.

II. CARE & SUPPORT PROGRAMME FOR HIV INFECTED / AFFECTED CHILDREN

- Orientation program was conducted on stigma and discrimination on HIV/AIDS at Residential School at Timmapur village of Rayaparathi mandal.

- Children's Day celebration was held at Lodi MSSS on 14.11.2024. 105 CLHA and CAA children participated in the program. Games and sports were organized and prizes were distributed to the winners.



- Students from Australian Catholic University had an exposure visit to Lodi MSSS and also at field level.

- Free medical camp was conducted, in collaboration with Suhaas Foundation, Hyderabad.

REVOLVING FUND LOANS

- During the month of November, 2024, 32 beneficiaries of 2 villages were supported with the loan of Rs. 6,40,000/-.

- Members of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham were supported with the general loan of Rs. 1,10,70,000/-.

- Total contribution towards Savings of Fatima Mahila Sahakara Sangham: Rs. 3,90,900/

Fr. S. Inna Reddy, Director-LODI MSSS

11. NEWS from WADES:

On 14.11.2024, the children's day celebration in St. Mother Teresa ICSE International School was organized very meaningfully with a most valuable message to be carried home by everyone. The theme of the day was "Believe in SELF". Self-belief means that you should have enough self-confidence to change the situation. One should be willing to grow strength to strength. Good to better, better to best and Best to Excellence.

Self-belief makes us understand our own set of unique talents and abilities that make us who we are. It is accepting our strengths and our weaknesses. Self-belief allows you to feel good about yourself and encourages you to proceed towards achieving the desired end.

It can be possible by teaching some specific skills like:

1. Improving self-awareness Primarily we need to improve self awareness i.e building self awareness attitude. We begin by closely examining how your child perceives themselves. This offers them the opportunity to explore their inner self and gain insight into their true identity. Our school assists children in recognizing their distinct set of qualities, talents, strengths, and weaknesses. We encourage them to acknowledge areas in which they may not excel and accept them as opportunities for growth, should they choose to pursue them.

2. Recognizing thoughts and challenging them:

The second specific skill we need to teach is – we believe –we can do. This promotes positive self-belief in children. It helps them identify negative thought patterns they may have developed and how these patterns affect their feelings, behaviors, and experiences.

We teach them two strategies to manage unhelpful thoughts that may pop up in their minds. Through our collaboration with parents, we encourage children to seek new opportunities and explore various activities, providing them with the necessary support and resources to overcome their discomfort in challenging situations.

3. Learning perseverance: It is to do with the mind.

In our school we nurture a growth mindset in children, instilling in them the belief that they can improve through effort. By developing this mindset, children are more inclined to take on challenges and persist in the face of difficulties. We encourage them to focus on their effort and personal incremental achievements, helping them understand that success is not just about achieving a certain outcome, but also about the journey of personal growth. We teach them how to embrace making mistakes as part of the learning process and understand failures as opportunities for learning and growing.

4. Build self-talk and self-nurturing skills:

To help foster positive self-talk, we help children develop a specific vocabulary to regulate and encourage themselves, allowing them to overcome obstacles. By fostering intrinsic motivation instead of relying on external validation, children learn to access their inner resources to navigate challenges, which build their confidence and develops a sense of self-efficacy. With this foundation, children are better equipped to tackle future obstacles and achieve their goals.

5. Seeking and accepting support from others:

Knowing when help is needed, and becoming confident to ask for help is an essential part of

self-belief. Being open to others' ideas, perspectives and feedback promotes growth. Combining support from others with their own self-awareness and inner strength to make decisions, take action and grow enables children to reach their full potential. As parents, it is our responsibility to nurture their emotional development. We have the power to shape our children's beliefs about themselves.

Developing self-belief in children is an ongoing process that demands concerted and continued effort from parents and caretakers. The benefits of instilling self-belief in children are immeasurable, as it not only shapes their confidence but also fosters a sense of resilience, perseverance and adaptability.

Fr. Jaya Paul-DM-WADES

12. News from Medicare Education Trust

A: Arogya Sri for 135 procedures: The Telangana government provides Arogyasri facilities to support the poor and needy by offering free treatment in many private hospitals. However, under Arogyasri, only certain cases are covered, and for other treatments, patients must bear the cost. Thankfully, there is a special provision for medical college hospitals to perform 135 procedures free of cost for patients with Arogyasri health cards, with payments made by the Arogyasri Healthcare Trust. By God's grace, our Medicare General Hospital has been granted permission to perform these procedures. Common surgeries like appendectomy (removal of appendix), laminectomy (spinal decompression), hysterectomy (removal of uterus), cholecystectomy (removal of gallbladder), and many ENT surgeries, along with deliveries, are now offered free to the poor and needy of Telangana. We urge all priests and sisters to spread this message to their communities and help raise awareness about these free healthcare services, ensuring those in need can benefit.

Rev. Fr. G. Chinnappa Reddy, Director, M. G. H

B: Approval 2 New Colleges: Allied Health Sciences and Paramedical Sciences: Under the visionary leadership of our Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Father Colombo Institute of Medical Sciences is committed to making healthcare education accessible to students from all backgrounds, especially the poor. Driven by his dedication, the institute has successfully secured permissions for Allied Health Sciences and Paramedical courses. These programs are recognized by both the State and Central governments, ensuring high-quality education.

The newly established Father Colombo College of Allied Health Sciences offers 8 B.Sc. Allied Health degree courses with 160 seats (4 years) and 10 Paramedical diploma courses with 500 seats (2 years). The eligibility for both programs is Intermediate with BiPC. These courses provide an excellent opportunity for students from middle-class and underprivileged families to build successful careers in the healthcare sector within a short time.

Our diocesan institutions are renowned for their excellence, and we are dedicated to delivering top-quality education, shaping a bright future for all our students. We kindly request all prestigious schools to encourage their students to join us and pursue successful careers in the healthcare sector.

We also appeal to all priests and sisters to share this message and inspire students to join us, paving the way for promising careers in healthcare.”

Rev. Fr. T. Tharun Reddy, Director FCIMS, FCCAHS

C: BSC Nursing College Admissions: We are happy delighted to announce that 12 boys and 28 girls from Kerala, admitted under the management quota, have successfully reported to Father Colombo College of Nursing. A few vacancies remain under the management quota, and interested candidates can contact us at 9866171744 or 9171917883.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal Diocese and Chairman of Medicare Educational Trust, for his invaluable and continuous support. Our thanks also go to the priests, sisters, Catholics, and everyone who helped us reach out to the faithful. Those seeking admission under management quota for B.Sc Nursing are welcome to approach us in case there is any chance we try to reach out to you.

Fr. N. Sampath Kumar, Director, Father Colombo College of Nursing.

13. News from Warangal CRI Unit: Christmas @ 2024

With the spirit of Unity, Christmas gathering is arranged for all the Religious on Saturday, 14th December 2024 at Millennium School, Muchherla. All are requested to participate in it without fail. When you come kindly bring a Christmas gift minimum worth of Rs. 150/- for your Christmas friend whose name shall be revealed during the programme.

Note:

- ❖ Registration fee Rs. 300/-
- ❖ Kindly pay the annual subscription Rs 1500/-.
- ❖ Those who have paid annual subscription kindly ignore.
- ❖ There will be confessions from 10.30 am onwards

PROGRAMME

Date: 14-12-2024(Saturday), Time: 9.00 am to 2.00pm, Venue: Millinnieum School, Mucherla

Holy Mass Preached by: Most .Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal

Fr. Raja Ratnam Madanu, CRI President

14. Banjara Christmas Celebrations-2024

As every Year we Conduct Banjara Christmas and invite all especially Banjaras to participate and give witness to this new Mission.

Venue Yesu Gutta, Divine Mercy Shrine, Shanigapuram

Date 22-12-2024

Time 10.00 am to 1.00 pm

Fr. Paul Raj, Shanigapuram, Mahabubabad



15. News from Youth Centre: Youth Festival 2024 at Jeevadhara Centre-Rampur

1. We conducted the Youth Festival on October 31, 2024 at Jeevadhara Center-Rampur for all the youth in the Diocese. We are very happy that almost Four hundred youth participated in this joyful Celebration. We conducted this programme from 9 am to 5 pm. All the youth participated very actively. We conducted different Motivational programmes.

Fr. Suresh Polimera Youth Director welcomed the youth and the Priests. He gave a talk on the Role of the Youth in the Catholic Church. Fr. T. Joseph, Pastoral Center Director, gave a talk on The Qualities of Catholic Youth and Celebrated mass. Fr M Naveen, Parish priest of Malkapur, Fr M Praveen, Associate priest of St Xavier Seminary, Fr George, Parish Priest of Rampur, Assistant Fr. Anil, Fr Bhaskar, Rector of Mill Hil Seminary, participated and con-celebrated the Holy Mass. They gave different talks and motivated and encouraged the youth. Mr. Srujan segev, You Tube preacher gave talk on Protestant questions and Catholic answers. Mr. Kalpala Praveen, Raju organized the youth very well. We thank Fr George for inviting us to conduct the Youth Festival programme at Jeevadhara Center at Rampur.

2. We are celebrating the youth Christmas Celebration on December 17th, 2024 at Youth centre, Fatimanagar from 9am to 2pm. Most Rev. Dr. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Warangal will celebrate Mass for the youth. I request all the parish priests to announce in your respective parishes.

Fr Suresh Polimera, Youth Director

16. United Mega Christmas Celebration

Date: 15th of December 2024; **Time:** 6.30 pm

Venue: St. Anthony's Cultural Shrine, Fatimanagar, Kazipet, Hanumakonda Dt.

Chairmen: Bishop Udumala Bala & Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu

General Convenor: Rev. Fr. T. Joseph-Director- Pastoral Centre

Co-Convenor: Rev. Christopher Bojja, TCF

Christian Music Festival: On 21st November 2024 a Group Singing concert with Singers for about 600 members from all the denominations sang hymns of praise together echoing with one voice with a Title of the program as Christian Divine Melodies(CDM)-2024 captioned as “One shepherd One flock”. His Lordship Dr. Udumala Bala, Chairman of SCMA, Bishop of our Warangal Diocese was the chief guest along with Special Guests of Honour Bishop Daniel Kalyanapu, Ecclesia Full Gospel Ministries, along with them we also had Rev Pastor Supriya Sarvesh representing from CSI Churches – Karimnagar Diocese, Priests from various Parishes, Pastors from other denominations, Sisters of various congregations, Faithful from all churches, Musicians and Music Lovers also took part in the Musical fest. 30 + hymns along with ONENESS hymn sung by the choir mesmerized the faithful gathered at the venue. Food was served for about 500 members on that festive evening.

Group Singing competitions were conducted in 2 Panels named St.Cecilia & St.Gregory Blocks.Marks scored by the choir groups was based on Judgment criteria for the Catholics, Non-Catholics & Institution categories. 3 First Prizes, 3 Second Prizes, 4 Third Prizes & 15 Consolation prizes were given by the guests along with Mementos and Cash rewards. Participation Mementos also was given to the Participatory Choir groups by guests on that day.

Rev. Fr. N. Surender, Director SCMA & Core Committee Members

Best wishes for Birthday Babies in December

Fr. G. Chinnappa	12-12-1985
Fr. G. Balaswamy	19-12-1965
Fr. Y. Bala	19-12-1967
Fr. G. Thomas (Sr)	30-12-1978

Congratulations on Priestly Ordination Anniversary

Fr. I. Abraham	21-12-1967
Fr. B. Mathias	18-12-1970
Fr. A. Prakash	29-12-1970

MASSES REMITTED IN BISHOP'S HOUSE: 01-04-2024 TO 29-11-2024

Date	Parish	No. Masses	Amount
6/5/2024	Karunapuram Parish	250	Rs: 25,000
7/5/2024	Fatima Cathedral	162	Rs: 16,200
23/5/2024	Subedari Parish	500	Rs: 50,000
4/6/2024	Sagaram Parish	250	Rs: 25,000
18/6/2024	Eakashilanagar Parish	62	Rs: 6,200
30/6/2024	Singaram Parish	1,100	Rs: 1,10,000
1/8/2024	Fatima Cathedral	142	Rs: 14,200
1/8/2024	Narmetta Parish	100	Rs: 10,000
7/8/2024	Mariapuram Ookal Parish	1,000	Rs: 1,00,000
12/8/2024	Mariapuram Ookal Parish	500	Rs: 50,000
20/8/2024	Kazipet Parish	300	Rs: 30,000
30/8/2024	Singaram Parish	1,272	Rs: 1,27,200
3/9/2024	Narmetta Parish	100	Rs: 10,000
9/9/2024	Reddipalem Parish	42	Rs: 4,200
1/10/2024	Kazipet Parish	240	Rs: 24,000
19/10/2024	Diesel Colony Parish	700	Rs: 70,000
25/10/2024	Mariapuram Ookal Parish	721	Rs: 72,100
6/11/2024	Sagaram Parish	350	Rs: 35,000
6/11/2024	Kazipet Parish	250	Rs: 25,000
9/11/2024	Reddipalem Parish	102	Rs: 10,200
12/11/2024	Jangaon Parish	300	Rs: 30,000
18/11/2024	Kanchanapally Parish	179	Rs: 17,900
20/11/2024	Subedari Parish	500	Rs: 50,000
20/11/2024	Narmetta Parish	100	Rs: 10,000
29/11/2024	Reddipuram Parish	284	Rs: 28,400

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGDAL DIOCESE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

	September	October	November
Appannapet Parish	1300-00		1500-0
Assisinagar Parish			
Atmakur Parish	600-00	575-00	
Bachannapet			
Balapala Parish	60-00	60-00	100-00
Cherial Parish			
Dacharam Parish	580-00	550-00	
Devagiripatnam Parish	170-00		
Dharmasagar Parish	1500-00		
Diesel Colony Parish	2300-00	2200-00	
Dornakal Parish	1031-00		
Ekasilanagar Parish	1860-00	1800-00	1655-00
Elkathurthy Parish	1607-00	1445-00	
Eppagudem Mission	600-00		
Fatimanagar Parish	14000-00	13000-00	
Ghanpur Parish	2078-00	1498-00	2013-00
Godavarikhani Parish			
Hasanparthy Parish	550-00	550-00	500-00
Husnabad Parish		140-00	140-00
Jagitial Parish	400-00		
Jangaon Parish	5157-00	5030-00	4070-00
Jammikunta Parish			
Kadavendi Parish	800-00	600-00	
Kamalapuram Parish			

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGDAL DIOCESE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

Kanchanapally Parish	2118-00	1125-00	1640-00
Karimnagar Parish	3500-00		
Karunapuram Parish	1500-00	1500-00	2000-00
Kazipet Parish		1300-00	3246-00
Kesamudram Parish			
Kothi Rampur	550-00		
Korutla Parish			
Kumarpally Parish	880-00		
Madhapuram Parish	100-00	100-00	
Mahabubabad Parish	320-00	355-00	315-00
Malkapur Parish			
Mallakapally Parish			
Manugonda Parish	770-00	910-00	715-00
Manthani Parish			
Maripeda Parish			
Mariapuram -Don Bosco Parish			
Narmetta Parish	760-00	1050-00	1200-00
Narsampet Parish	200-00	300-00	300-00
Nellikuduru Parish			
Mariapuram-Ookal Parish	1100-00		
Palakurthy Parish	300-00	300-00	300-00
Palavelpula Parish			
Pallagutta Parish	710-00	310-00	
Parkal Parish	300-00	300-00	

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

WARANGDAL DIOCESE
BISHOP'S HOUSE, FATIMANAGAR, WARANGAL – 506 004

Pasara Parish	220-00		
Pulukurthy Parish	250-00	200-00	200-00
Rampur Parish	500-00	500-00	500-00
Ranipuram Parish	791-00		
Reddypalem Parish	1716-00	1212-00	1316-00
Reddypuram Parish	1000-00	1000-00	900-00
Sagaram Parish	1100-00	1100-00	1200-00
St. Peter's Colony Parish	3000-00	1500-00	1500-00
Shanthinagar Parish, Vemulawada			
Shanthinagar Parish			
Singaram Parish	3040-00	3010-00	2950-00
Subedari Parish	7120-00	4200-00	5820-00
Thigarajupally Parish	1600-00	170-00	520-00
Thimmarapet Parish	2200-00	2300-00	2000-00
Thorrur Parish			
Unikicherla Parish	907-00	1038-00	1002-00
Veleru Parish	855-00	535-00	580-00
Venkatapuram Parish	210-00		
Waddepally Parish			
Wardhannapet Parish			

THE ABC'S OF CHRISTMAS

- A**: Angels from the realme of glory, Telling of the Christmas story
B: Bethlehem beckons with joyful accord; Come hither, come see, worship the Lord.
C: Christ was bom in Christmas Day. Asleep in a manger, a bed made of hay
D: Divine and holy is Thy birth, Wing Your flight o'er all the earth
E: Everlasting Father, and Father of all, Look with mercy and love on us all
F: "Fear not," said the angel, one night long ago. "I bring you good udings, for this I know"
G: "Glory to the Son," we sing. "Christ, our Prophet, Priest and King."
H: Heavenly hosts, their watch are keeping. Precious child so sweetly sleeping.
I: Immanuel, we sing Thy praise, Thou Prince of Life, Thou Fount of Grace.
J: Joy to the world, the Lord is come, Bom in a manger, God's only son
K: King of Kings, prophets foretold, Now all men His love behold
L: Love is a gift He gives to all, To each of us, both great and small
M: Messiah and Savior for this He came Live in our hearts and there remain
N: Night so holy silent and still, Proclaiming joy, peace and good will
O: Odor of Edom and offerings divine, Myth from the forest and gold from the mine
P: Peace on earth, good will from heaven, Souls redeemed and sins forgiven
Q: Quietly He came to earth To give us all a second birth
R: Rejoice, give thanks and loudly sing Glory to new born King
S: Shepherds watched their flocks by night While Wise Men followed the heavenly light.
T: Tidings of great joy I bring, Good news from heaven the angels sing
U: Unto us a child is born On this happy Christmas Morn
V: Virgin-born, Immanuel Let every tongue Thy praises tell
W: Wise Men from the East, they came To worship and praise His holy name.
X: X is for Christ when in Greek, it is read. A Savior, the Lord, so the angel said.
Y: Yonder shines brightly the heavenly star Showing the way to those from afar
Z: Zeal was bestowed on God's only Son From His childhood years till His work was done



Jubilee 2025

GENERAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2024

24 December
Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica



Photo: Vatican Media

JANUARY 2025

24-26 January
Jubilee of the World of Communications

FEBRUARY 2025

8-9 February
Jubilee of Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel

16-18 February
Jubilee of Artists

21-23 February
Jubilee of Deacons

MARCH 2025

8-9 March
Jubilee of the World of Volunteering

28 March
24 Hours for the Lord

28-30 March
Jubilee of the Missionaries of Mercy

APRIL 2025

5-6 April
Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers

25-27 April
Jubilee of Teenagers

28-30 April
Jubilee of People with Disabilities

MAY 2025

1-4 May
Jubilee of Workers

4-5 May
Jubilee of Entrepreneurs

10-11 May
Jubilee of Musical Bands

16-18 May
Jubilee of Confraternities

24-25 May
Jubilee of Children

30 May - 1 June
Jubilee of Families, Grandparents and the Elderly



JUNE 2025

7-8 June
Jubilee of Ecclesial Movements, Associations and New Communities

9 June
Jubilee of the Holy See

14-15 June
Jubilee of Sport

20-22 June
Jubilee of Governments

23-24 June
Jubilee of Seminarians

25 June
Jubilee of Bishops

25-27 June
Jubilee of Priests

28 June
Jubilee of the Eastern Churches

JULY 2025

28 July - 3 August
Jubilee of Youth

SEPTEMBER 2025

15 September
Jubilee of Consolation

20 September
Jubilee of Justice

26-28 September
Jubilee of Catechists

OCTOBER 2025

5 October
Jubilee of Migrants

8-9 October
Jubilee of Consecrated Life

11-12 October
Jubilee of Marian Spirituality

18-19 October
Jubilee of the Missions

30 October - 2 November
Jubilee of the World of Education



NOVEMBER 2025

16 November
Jubilee of the Poor

22-23 November
Jubilee of Choirs

DECEMBER 2025

14 December
Jubilee of Prisoners

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Priests' Senate, Consultors, Deans & CRI Office Bearers' Jubilee 2025 Preparatory Meeting at Bishop's House



Meeting with Sri Naini Rajender Reddy, MLA - Warangal West



St. Mary's Chapel 20 Years of Feast Celebrations, Confirmations & First Holy Communion at Rapakapally Village, Unikicherla Parish



Blessings of New Arch, First Holy Communion and Confirmations and Thanksgiving Mass at Mariapuram Village, Narmetta Parish



Christian Divine Melodies-Cecilia Music Academy





Meeting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy garu



Don Bosco Philosphate College Day Celebrations, Karunapuram



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Thomas Church & Blessing of Renovated Church, Pasara Parish



Holy Matrimony at Gudur Village



Silver Jubilee Celebrations of St. Theresa High School, Atmakur Parish



Platinum Jubilee of Bellar Diocese



Felicitating the New Provincial Team of JMJ Congregation, Guntur Province