

Announcements - First Sunday of Lent (A) 01/03/2020

01. Today's liturgy is animated by Roshan Park, Next Sunday's liturgy will be animated by DP Nagar Zone 2.
02. Today's free meal for the poor will be served by an anonymous person. Next Sunday's food will be served by another anonymous person.
03. All the confirmation students along with their parents will have a meeting on Sunday 01st March after 9.30am mass in the Church Hall.
04. Prayer group will be having a healing prayer service on Tuesday 03rd March on Dias and Pereira Church ground from 07pm to 09pm. All are invited.
05. Members of Parish Council will meet on Wednesday evening after Mass in the Church.
06. During the season of Lent we will have The Way of the Cross on Fridays after 7am Mass and at 7pm and on Sundays at 4.30pm, and Mass at 5pm in DP Nagar followed by Sunday School.
07. Dear Brothers and Sisters, Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving are the Three Pillars of Lent.
 - Pray daily. Start every morning with a prayer. Pray before you fall asleep.
 - Pray the Rosary daily, it takes only 22 minutes.
 - Pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy.
 - Read a chapter of the Bible every day. What better way to get to know the heart and mind of God.
 - Attend daily Mass. "The world could survive more easily without the sun than without the Mass" – St Augustine
 - Pray for priests, especially priests in missions, all priests around the world.
 - Pray for the Pope. I can't even imagine the amount of pressure he is under, that's why his first statement, after being elected, he asked us to pray for him.
 - Pray the stations of the Cross. This beautiful prayer can be prayed all year.
 - Almsgiving is really just another name for charitable giving. Alms comes from a word that means pity, while charity comes from the Latin word "caritas", that means love. Giving to charity is showing caritas, love, for

our neighbour just as Jesus told us to. St Francis of Assisi said, "in giving we receive."

- We have placed Lenten alms boxes in the church, drop your alms in it. We have given alms boxes to children and youth. Also, every Sunday School child is given two booklets 1. What is Lent & 2. Stations of the Cross.
- I know it may sound like a lot, especially for this busy world we live in, but give a couple of those a try. Treat it like a workout regiment, try doing one for a week and then adding a new one in. Do what you can, but just keep working towards more prayer. As Saint Thomas Aquinas said, "if a Christian is not growing, he is dead. There is no stagnation in Christ."
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08. A Marathi play will be stage on Saturday 7th March at 8pm in our Church based on Vocations. You are invited. Entry Fee rupees 50/-.
09. On the occasion of International Women's day, Vasai Diocesan Commission for Women has organised Women's Day on Monday, 9th March at St. James Church, Agashi. We, in our parish have arranged transport, those women want to attend this programme contact Fr. Raymond.
10. In collaboration with Cardinal Gracias Memorial Hospital Society of St. Vincent de Paul has organised a medical camp (blood sugar, lipid profile, creatine, ECG) on Saturday 14th March. Kindly register your name rupees 100/- with them.
11. Last Sunday's Collection was Rs 53,619/-
12. Ash Wednesday's Collection was Rs. 50,507 /-
13. Bethel prayer group was Rs. 1200 /-
14. Velankanni center, Kiravali was Rs. 1698/-
15. We thank you for your generosity and wish you a prayerful week ahead.