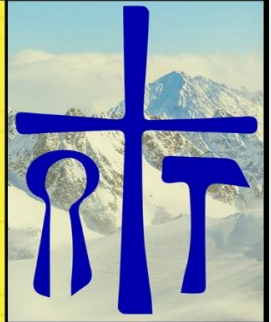




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“The Lord is my light and my salvation-whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

“Do not be afraid” was Mary’s first message after the warm invitation, at La Salette. Obviously, the children were frightened at the backdrop of apparition, ‘the globe of fire’, the appearance at the very site where they met a weeping lady. It was beyond the grasp of children who were just 11 and 15-years-old. Mary sensed the shadow of “fear of humanity” in the children that followed a warm invitation to get closer to God.

In the Biblical narratives, it is a surprise that there are 365 occasions where God is asking us to cast away our fears that is equivalent to one for a day. Timid persons are selected and appointed and elevated as kings, prophets and judges to rule and guide Israel. The coward apostles are anointed and strengthened to lead the Church. In a nutshell, one of the most frequent assurances in scripture is, ‘do not be afraid’, that safeguards our integrity and reinforces our potential.

Saint Josemaría, the founder of Opus Dei, would refer these words, often in Latin form: “Ne timeas!” He used these words to address both his fears and those of the people with whom he came into contact. On one occasion, after a profound experience at Mass, he recounts in his ‘Intimate Notes’ the following: “Normally, in the presence of supernatural events, I am afraid. Afterwards comes the Ne timeas! (Luke 1:30) ‘Do not be afraid: It is I.’”

Fear dampens our fondest hopes; weakens our finest determination, and makes the joys of the present hour seem so empty and unsatisfactory. If we would only pause then and analyze our evil forebodings, how often we would discover of what unsubstantial stuff our fears are made. Mother Mary invited the children to this understanding, by which fear gives way to faith and trust in God.

Do not be afraid? What does it mean for a religious?

How can we overcome this emotion of fear and make it fruitful in our approach as religious? Its launching pad is the response to our vocation; our call determines the fullness of life letting values flourish to its maximum with the help of the One who called us. What is the outcome here? The end result is the bold proclamation of the word of God and life in the gospel values.

An unknown poet expresses the following poetic verse,

“If the path I walk seems steep and rugged,
And I must labor long to reach the goal,
There’s always One close by my side to help me;
He brings sweet rest and comfort to my soul.
And from the pages of God’s Book before me,
He speaks the words that all my fears dispel,
And though I do not know the why nor wherefore,
I can be sure that He does all things well.”

St. Pope John Paul II said in his famous quote, “I plead with you, never ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid”. Is this feasible in our lives? Yes indeed. This is possible only with the supernatural grace of God knowing deep in our hearts and souls; no matter what we face, no matter what happens our God loves us without measure and wants the best for us. Be not afraid to live knowing that you are always in the arms of God. Be not afraid to live Christ everywhere we go: at home, at work, at school, in the market place and even at church. Be not afraid to show Christ to the world.

As the beautiful catholic Christian song says, “be not afraid, I go before you always, come follow me and I will give your rest”. Christ is in us, Christ is beside us, before us, behind us and above us.

Yours in our Blessed Mother,
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

Hours of Adoration: We had our day of adoration for the intentions of the province and for the whole world.

Rosary Devotion and Novena Days: Community solemnly organised Special devotion to Blessed Mother of La Salette through Holy Rosary and Novena prayers in the October. The culmination of the Holy Rosary and Novena was with a day of recollection and confession.



Celebrations: Fr. Johny Vadakkan MS and Fr. Joby Muttathil MS represented the community in officiating the wedding of Christeena Roy and George Bejoy, niece of Fr. Roy Parayil, MS and also for the wedding of sister of Bro. Bins Muttathil (Betty Mathew and Joshua Ponnachan)



Birthday: The community shared the happy moments with Fr. Rijo Muttathil MS on his Birthday. It was a great surprise for him and a joyful occasion for us.

LA SALETTE, PUNALLOOR

Rosary Devotion: The Rosary is an invitation to experience the grace of Mary's spiritual motherhood as She leads us to her son, Jesus. The La Salette Mission Center Punaloor joyfully celebrated the month of holy rosary. Rev. Fr. Jude Thadeus Ambatt, the Monsignor of Punallur Diocese was the main celebrant for the concluding mass.



LA SALETTE NIKETAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

A Leap Towards Self-Sufficiency: The Niketan community dedicated one whole week as Sevanavaram (week dedicated for work). We are committed to make Niketan community as self-sufficient. It was the dream of our senior fathers when they purchased this land. We are leaping towards fulfilling the dream of our senior fathers. All the community members spent quality time in the agricultural land to plant saplings and to give manure. Thanks to all the members for their tireless work.



Two New Members in Niketan Campus: The Niketan community purchased two buffaloes and two goats this month. It was the dream of the community to purchase, delayed due to corona issue. We are grateful to Fr. Jacob MS for his financial support.

Retreat for Sisters of Chambery: Fr. Benjamin led five-day annual retreat for our sisters who are collaborating with us in the school. It was new experience for him as a retreat preacher. It was highly appreciated by the sisters. Talks were very much touching and theologically constructed, said the sisters.

Visit of Fr. Provincial and Fr. Jesbin: The Niketan community was blessed with the visit of Fr. Provincial and Fr. Jesbin. They stayed with us two days, seeing all the developments in the campus and given us valuable instructions. After two days of stay at Niketan campus, proceeded to Kerala to visit few places.



Special Rosary Devotion: The Niketan community organized 10-days of special rosary devotion. We are committed to keep the precious tradition that our ancestors given to us for the spiritual growth. First 10 days of this month, we had very meaningful and creative way of organizing special rosary devotion.

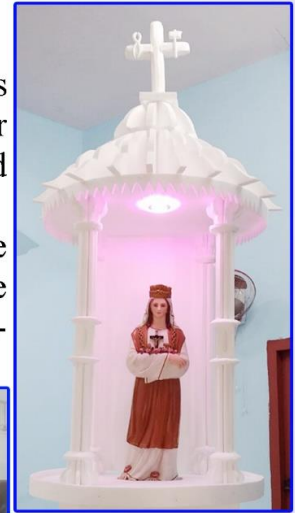
B'thday of Bro. Georgekutty: The Niketan community celebrated the b'thday of Bro. Georgekutty on 9th of this month. The fathers had a special 'b'thday meal' in the novitiate house as part of the celebration.



LA SALETTE NILAYAM, THORREDU, A.P

Month of Rosary Devotion: The community together with the parishioners spend this whole month in honouring the Blessed Virgin Mary and seeking her intercession. All were actively participated in every day adoration, Rosary and the Holy Eucharistic celebration.

Perpetual Adoration: On 23rd of October, the community together with the parishioners spent the time in prayer before the Eucharistic Jesus. The adoration began at 7.30 am after the Holy Eucharistic celebration and concluded with the Eucharistic procession at 7.30 pm in the evening.



MONTHLY INTENTIONS

1. For our Regent Brothers.
2. For all those affected by Covid19 Pandemic.
3. For the intentions of Province of Brasil.

LA SALETTE VIDYANIKETHAN, HUNSUR, MYSORE

Exams: The first formative assessment exams for the academic year of 2020 - 2021 was conducted both for college and school students in La Salette Vidya Nikethan from 21st to 23rd of October 2020. The management is so happy that even in the middle of various limitations and inconveniences due to pandemic covid 19 all students appeared for the exams.

COVID Test Camp: As per the requirements for the smooth functioning of the school, from the part of management we conducted a Covid test camp in our campus for all teachers and staff on 21st of October 2020. The result was negative for all the participants.

Visit: We were so happy to have the presence of Very Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal, MS, the Provincial Superior in La Salette Vidya Nikethan campus. He evaluated the daily running of the school during this pandemic situation and met the teachers and staff. Thank you dear father for your short visit.



Holidays: Dasara holidays for students have begun from 24th October to 1st of November. The regular Online classes for the students will be started after the holidays that is on 2nd of November 2020.

Celebration: The Valmiki Jayanti was celebrated in our La Salette Vidya Nikthen on 31st of October 2020 and a prayer service was conducted in his honour.

Works: The construction of the main stage in front of the School is progressing. Hope that we will be able to finish the work very soon.

Gandhi Jayanti: This year though with the absence of students on October 2nd, we celebrated Gandhi Jayanti in La Salette Vidya Nikethan, which marked the 151th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. We had special prayer service ceremony conducted in honour of our father of nation.



LA SALETTE ASHRAM, WAYANAD

“Maathavin Chare”: As part of the Rosary Devotion the community decided to upload 10 days of short Marian reflections of Most. Rev. Dr. Christudas Rajappan (Auxiliary Bishop of Trivandrum) and of other fathers around globe through our YouTube channel called La Salette Ashram Wayanad. The program was well presented and well appreciated by the people.



Monthly Recollection: As part of the Spiritual growth of the community, we had our monthly recollection on 22nd of October which was guided by Fr. Anit Mavathara MS based on the resources provided from the Provincialate on the theme ‘The Face of God.’ We also had our confessions on that day.



Visit: The Provincial Superior Rev. Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS along with the secretary Fr. Jesbin visited our community for the first time after Covid 19 lockdown.

The presence of Fr. Anoop, Fr. Robin Vallattu, Fr. Kuriakose, Fr. Jobins and Fr. Jobit made our days more joyous.



Shalom Visit: Fr. Kuriakose, Fr. Jobins and Fr. Anit had an opportunity to offer the Holy Mass for the Shalom TV which will be broadcasted in the month of November 2020.

Birthday Celebration: The Ashram community joyfully celebrated the Birthday of Fr. Jobit by cutting the cake along with Provincial and all our fathers wished him all the very best for his ministries and researches.

Marriage: Bro. Bins joined his Family members to attend the marriage functions of his one and only Sister Betty Mathew. Due to the restrictions of Covid 19 the community could not attend and wished all the best for their family life. Fr. Jenson participated the Marriage function of our former Musician Mr. Akhil.

LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Birthday: We celebrated the birthday of Bro Joshua on the 14th and Bro. Abin on the 15th of this month.

Monthly Recollection: Brothers had their monthly recollection on the 18th of October led by Fr Rojan. The recollection was conducted with the 6 hours of adoration for the intention of the Province. Fathers had their monthly recollection on the 30th of this month led by Fr Jose Punnakunnel.

Rosary Days: We had solemn Rosary days from 22nd to 31st of this month.



LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Praise the Lord: As part of our spiritual growth, priests and brothers had their recollection and occasions and confessions. It helped the community reflect more deeply on our spiritual life.

Eternal Rest: On October 10th, Father of Bro. Alan Jose passed away from this world to eternal rest and our Frs. Saneesh, Jesbin and Scho. Joyal visited his family and shared condolences, also we remembered and prayed for the repose of his soul.

Navanal Days: We started our 9 days of Novena to our lady of La Salette on 11th of this month with different reflections points such as The beautiful lady, The tears, The light, The clothing, The cross, The chain, The roses, The crown, The stone. These all themes made the community to ponder and reflect upon the values and necessity of Our Lady and Her messages. Fr. Sajive Malikal, the Provincial presided for the Eucharistic celebration on the last day of Navanal and concluded with the Solemn Novena.



Happy Birthday Dears: Birthdays are a trendy occasion when the whole community gathers together. This month we celebrated the birthdays of Fr. Jobit Thottumkara MS, Bros. Alan and Robin. V M. We, the community members with immense joy wished them all the very best and handed over the gifts.



Hearty Welcome: I am the Lord who heals you (Exodus 15:26). Our community was so happy to welcome back our Rector Fr. Robin Vallattu MS after his treatment in Wayanad. We are glad to have his presence here expecting care and concern towards everyone.

Great Visit: Friends of Fr. Saneesh Alapattu made a short visit to our community along with Fr. Aloysius, with whom some of our fathers and deacons did their ministry in Kozhikode.

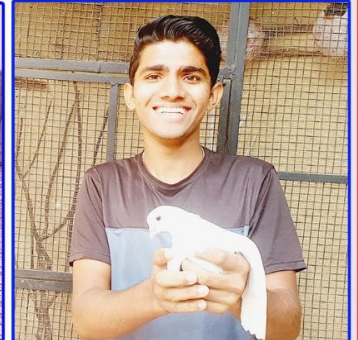


Half Day Adoration: On October 30 our community had hours of adoration from afternoon to till evening and prayed for the various intentions of our province and in order to deepen our spiritual and community life.



Online Classes: All the philosophy and theology brothers are in full swing with their studies in their respective online class rooms. And they are preparing for the coming exams with lots of expectations.

Farm News: We have started our cultivation with different seeds and plants like tomato, cabbage, chilly, spinach, pea, tapioca. We are also so privileged to see new bunny rabbits & newly bought pigeons in our small farm and it has made our community to increase the number of birds and animals.



NOVEMBER 2020

01	1986	Birthday	Koothodiyil Jince MS
	1988	Birthday	Chennelil Kuriakose MS
	1989	Birthday	Edakkala Jomon MS
07	1979	Birthday	Kattookaran Elson MS
07	1983	Birthday	Porianvelil Dileesh MS
10	1976	Birthday	Payyapilly Jobi MS
11	2006	Ordination	Poovannikunnel Bino MS
15	1983	Birthday	Chirayath Prince MS
18	1977	Birthday	Thekkekunnel Sijo MS
25	2006	Ordination	Muttathil Joby MS
28	1974	Birthday	Cheriyadan Rojan MS
29	1979	Birthday	Vazheeparambil Alex MS

