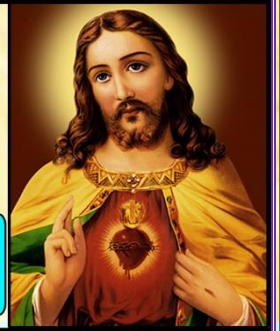




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Dear Fathers and Brothers,

“Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.”

The month of June is consecrated to sacred heart. It is an age-old tradition in catholic church to make special devotion to Sacred Heart of Jesus. The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a celebration that falls 19 days after Pentecost, on a Friday.

Through the celebration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus the Church presents us “this mystery for our contemplation: the mystery of the heart of a God who feels compassion and who bestows all his love upon humanity. A mysterious love, which in the texts of the New Testament is revealed to us as God’s boundless and passionate love for mankind” (Pope Benedict XVI).

The heart of Jesus symbolises the person of Jesus. The Sacred Heart stands as a powerful symbol of the whole human body of Jesus Christ. The heart is at its core, representing the very real life of Jesus our Saviour; a heart which was formed in Mary’s womb; a heart which beat as he preached the Good News and healed the sick; a heart that stopped on the cross and was then pierced by the soldiers lance. It is also the heart that beat once more at the Resurrection and continues to do so for us today.

This aspect of devotion to the Sacred Heart is evident in the common prayer or invocation which is mentioned above. Through this prayer we long to be transformed like Jesus. To be gentle and meek. We tend to imitate him in our behaviour and character. We imitate Jesus in his personality.

We aim at a complete transformation of our own individuality. We believe in the promise of God, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.” (Ezekiel 36:26)

The Apparition of La Salette has relics of its own – the Miraculous Fountain whose healing waters have been begotten of Mary’s tears and the stone upon which Our Weeping Mother, that same Blessed Virgin, sat revealed in grief. That stone that the “Beautiful Lady” was seated upon at the beginning of the celestial vision is a true relic, left behind as a definite and tangible reminder of the great event.

The stone on which blessed mother sat symbolises the “hearts of humanity”, which is hardened through repeated acts of sins, in which the “divinity” of God is not dwelt.

There is a beautiful prayer in our Novena to Our Lady of La Salette, “dear mother it is to remind us of the hardness of our hearts, you sat weeping on a rough piece of rock.” Mary appeared to “reconcile us back to God”. Mary wanted that we be transformed into the person of Christ. The conversion of heart indicates the change of our behaviour and orienting ourselves back to God.

She threatens; she promises; she begs us to reconsider our unhappy course in life, to return once more in humble submission to our God and to the faith founded by her Son, leading to God’s Kingdom. We had strayed from the true road. We were lost on our journey back to the Father, and were heading for darkness, ruin, and death.

The broad road we have taken so lightly and merrily would soon lead to our eternal loss. We must return. God’s only salvation lay in submission to God and God’s will, obedience to the Church, our divinely appointed guide showing us Jesus as “the Way and the Truth and the Life” (John 14:6). Mary wept for her sinful people.

It is the great mystery of this total and reckless love of Christ for us, and the invitation to share in it and love in return, which marks devotion to the Sacred Heart. We are called to love as totally and recklessly as Him who gave His life for us.

Yours in our Blessed Mother,
Fr. Sajive Maliakal MS
Provincial Superior





LA SALETTE SADHAN, BENGALURU

Feast of St. Joseph: Sadhan community celebrated the feast of St. Joseph the worker with solemn Eucharistic celebration.

Monthly Recollection: The philosophy brothers had their monthly recollection on 14th, guided by Fr. Robin Vallattu, the rector.

Novena to the Holy Spirit: Community faithfully organised nine days of Novena devotion to Holy Spirit and concluded it on Pentecost Sunday.

Ascension of Christ: The community solemnly celebrated the feast of Ascension of Christ.

Birthday Celebration: The community celebrated the Birthdays of brothers Abhishek, Robin, Rimal, Ajin with a beautiful cultural program.





Rosary Procession: The community organised a Rosary procession on the apparition day of our Lady of La Salette with a special intention for those affected with Corona Virus in world.

Visitation of Our Lady: Community celebrated the feast of the visitation of our Lady with solemn Rosary procession and after a delicious meal.





JUNE 2021	
01	1960 Birthday Vettathu Jacob
07	1987 Birthday Alappattu Saneesh
12	1990 Birthday Arugolanu Benjamin
16	1988 Ordination Cheerakathil Augustine
22	1984 Birthday Manchira Anoop
24	1988 Birthday Gompa Manibushana Rao
30	1989 Birthday F. Thooyanathan
JULY 2021	
03	1971 Birthday Kalliath James
03	1988 Birthday Kizhikandayil George

LA SALETTE BHAVAN, PARAKKADAU

Birthday Greetings: Bhavan community joyfully celebrated the birthdays of Rev. Fr. Johndson G Alappat, our Vicar, and of Schol. Joyal Narimattathil MS.





LA SALETTE NIKETHAN, HUNSUR

Farewell to Mr. Johnson and Family: The cook of Niketan Community, Mr. Johnson and family, after serving 8 years went back to his native place. He was helpful for the community and we are grateful to him for all his services. Wish him all the best.

Fencing Work: The fencing work around the property of Niketan campus is going on. Though we have restrictions and compulsions due to Covid-19, trying our best to finish the work. This gives more safety and privacy for the campus.

Pentecost and Other Solemnities: The Niketan community celebrated all the major solemnities with sufficient preparations and devotions. These devotions help the members to grow in religious vocations and community spirit.

New Comers: The Niketan campus is blessed with five new piglets. This effort of the community helps us to increase domestic income for the community.



LA SALETTE MARIAN CENTRE, ANAPPARA

COVID Relief: Marian Centre community initiated to distribute more than 200 food kits to families of St. Jude's Church Panachamoodu and to Fathima Matha Church Paravila. It was a generous concern to the people during this pandemic through a special financial aid from the province.

