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From the desk of the Clergy

Gun violence is sin; prayers are not enough



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As a nation if Americans are willing to allow mass causality gun crimes to go unanswered with legislation, what words are left to share with those killed in San Bernardino, CA and Colorado Springs, CO? That fact that people are still able to purchase weapons of war is a moral and ethical failure on the part of the nation. Over 40 million Americans suffer from mental illness; some can access health care, but all can access guns. We witnessed the involvement of both Islamic and Christian extremists in mass massacre in the past seven days (We are not sure of the criteria, when to call mass massacre 'terrorism' and how to label it as Islamic or Christian terrorism!). People cannot win this fight until they stand up and say that offering prayers are not enough; we need action. Of course, prayers are always welcome but ring empty when followed by promises to defend gun rights in a nation where guns are worshiped as idols.

For people of Christian faith, we are to follow Jesus by imitating Him, by seeking to acquire and practice the moral and intellectual virtues we see in His life and teaching. Moreover, the ethics of

the kingdom of God affirm the value of each individual human as a being made in the image of God; and because of this, Christian ethics essentially include a strong resistance to violence and killing. Jesus is clearly and consistently an advocate of antiviolence, and we the people of faith are indeed the peacemakers of this world.

Being a peace maker of this world means we need to stand up against the dark forces that directly or indirectly promote violence, and the politicians that maintain an unholy relationship with those dark forces and following their leads.

As a child of God belonging to the faith community, you need to help inspire the nation to action. Speak up to your friends in your school, college, church, and neighborhood, and to your neighbors, teachers and parents that too many have already needlessly died. *How many will die tomorrow? Will our prayers matter if we are not prepared to help build the Kingdom of God in this world? Let us take actions that bring meaning to our prayers and faith.*

**V. Rev John Varghese Corepiscopa,
Rev Fr. Dr. Renjan Achen,
& Dn Abin Chemmachen**

A note from your HM

Christmas season is in the air; Yule-tide carols being sung by our church members visiting the house; Christmas cards arriving in the mail are all signs of this wonderful season when we remember the birth of our savior, our best friend Jesus Christ.

If you reviewed materials that challenged you in school one year back, you will be amazed at how much you have grasped and grown intellectually in one year. The natural question that will come to mind is how much have I truly grown spiritually in one year. Asking ourselves the question, "do I truly fear my Lord, do I truly love him from the depth of our heart, am I really grateful for all the grace and blessings that I have been showered upon me" is vital at this point.

This is indeed a very personal question which only you can answer. One of the challenges that we struggle daily is the reality of living in our world and balancing the priorities which we set for ourselves. And this is where a very common verse comes to mind. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction" - Proverbs 1:7.

In order to truly connect with God, we need to put that effort to connect with him daily. Ideally starting off the morning with your morning prayers which includes the Bible reading you have committed to complete in Sunday School. Those who have a daily spiritual routine (especially one that starts off in the morning) will be the ones who have a fruitful day. Preparing yourself before taking confession, coming to mass on time, participating from your heart in mass, and living daily lives where others see Christ in you and in your actions are all basic steps we should be taking. There will be a grace in us which others will see and admire, which will resonate and strengthen us all, especially those who are struggling to preserve their faith in this day and age.

As we continue to enjoy the festivities and celebrations for Christmas, it is very easy to get lost in the materialistic world and loose the true meaning of Christmas. Correcting areas that you know are weak would be the greatest gift which you can give yourself and your savior during this Christmas Season. Let there be Christ in the midst of your Christmas. Merry Christmas to you all from the Sunday School Staff!

Jeeth Thomas

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Regional/Local Competition 2015 - Individual Champions



Serah Mathew
Regional Champion KG



Nathan Mathew
Local Champion KG



Noel Aramath
Local Champion Primary



Jeanette Thomas
Local Champion Sub-Junior



Hannah Mathew
Local Champion Junior



Joshua Thomas
Local Champion Intermediate

Regional Competition 2015 - Individual Champions Continued



Anjali Philipose
Local Champion
Intermediate



Mathew Paul
Local Champion
Intermediate



Mariam Kurien
Local Champion
Senior

Volunteers and Participants

Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication for making the Local and Regional Competitions a success! Also, Congratulations to all the winners!

2015 Church Anniversary Pictures



Prek and Kindergarten



1st 2nd and 3rd Graders

2015 Church Anniversary Pictures Continued



7th and 8th Graders



9th and 10th Graders

2015 Church Anniversary Pictures Continued



4th 5th and 6th Graders



12th Graders

Christmas Word Search Puzzles

Instructions: Look for all the Christmas words on the bottom of the page within this puzzle. Highlight or circle the words you find. Words can be horizontally placed, vertically placed, or diagonally placed. Most importantly, have fun and Merry Christmas!

Christmas



Christ	Child	Baby	Born	Wisemen
Shepherds	Angels	Sing	Hallelujah	Savior
King	Prince	Peace	Love	Joy
Manger	Hay	Swaddling	Mary	Joseph

VBS 2015



Volunteers

I See You!



Praise and Worship



Balloon Fight!

Unscramble Puzzle

Instructions: Unscramble the letters in the first column to spell out the books of the Old Testament in the second column.

Books of the Old Testament

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. NSEIEGS | ----- |
| 2. DOXSEU | ----- |
| 3. ITSVEILCU | ----- |
| 4. BURNMES | ----- |
| 5. EEDURYONMOT | ----- |
| 6. AHJUOS | ----- |
| 7. GEDJSU | ----- |
| 8. UHTR | ----- |
| 9. AMSULE | ----- |
| 10. IKNSG | ----- |
| 11. NLCCOESHRI | ----- |
| 12. ARZE | ----- |
| 13. HEIMEANH | ----- |
| 14. RSEETH | ----- |
| 15. OJB | ----- |
| 16. ALMSPS | ----- |
| 17. ERVBOPRS | ----- |
| 18. ECSCSTELISEA | ----- |
| 19. SGON FO NLOSOMO | ----- |
| 20. AIAHSI | ----- |
| 21. HMIREEAJ | ----- |
| 22. NSATNTIALMEO | ----- |
| 23. EZILEKE | ----- |
| 24. IALDNE | ----- |
| 25. HOASE | ----- |
| 26. LJOE | ----- |
| 27. OSAM | ----- |
| 28. IAAHBDO | ----- |
| 29. HNJAO | ----- |
| 30. MIAHC | ----- |
| 31. NMUAH | ----- |
| 32. KAAHKBUK | ----- |
| 33. HZNHPIAEA | ----- |
| 34. AIGHAG | ----- |
| 35. AAHRIZCHE | ----- |
| 36. LIACAMH | ----- |

Know Your Teachers...



Anu Abraham



Hi, I am Anu Abraham and I am the 6th grade secondary teacher. This is my second year teaching 6th grade. I live in Plano with my husband Abraham and daughter Angela. We Lived in Colorado for 16yrs and moved to Dallas in 2014. I am so blessed to be a part of St.Ignatious Cathedral.

Babitha Markose



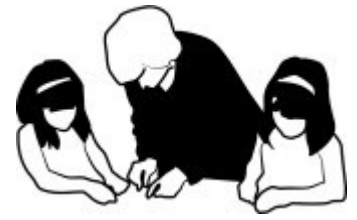
My name is Babitha. I am from Trivandrum. My husband, Sony and I came to Dallas in 2010 and currently live in Frisco. We are the parents of two beautiful daughters Irene and Emily. I work as an office manager at Advanced Family Dentistry. I enjoy music, gardening and spending the time with my family. I have been a part of the Sunday School at St.Ignatious Cathedral as a preschool teacher since 2011. I noticed how important Sunday School is keeping the children connected to the Church. I considered its a privilege and blessing to be part of the spiritual growth in our children.

Deepthy Zachariah



My name is Deepthy Zachariah. I'm the Kindergarten teacher. This is my second year teaching in Sunday school .I am married to Roy Zachariah and We have twins, kishone and chrisha. I am from kottayam, currently lives in Las Colinas, Irving. I work as a Nurse Practitioner. My hobbies include singing, dancing and listening to music .I love spending time with my family. I am really blessed to be a part of Sunday school in St.Ignatious church. I thoroughly enjoy teaching God's words to little kids.

Know Your Teachers...



Josh Mammen



My name is Josh Mammen, I am 19 years old and I've been blessed to have been born and raised in this Cathedral. I graduated Sunday school in 2014 and since then I've been a substitute teacher, with two different age groups. Some of my hobbies are playing football, working-out and hanging out with my friends. Currently I am a freshman in college pursuing a bachelors in Kinesiology at Texas Woman's University. In the future I hope to be more active in Sunday school and in church overall.

Sunday School Staff

<u>President</u>	<u>Headmaster</u>	<u>Assnt. Headmistress</u>	<u>Adviser</u>	<u>Secretary</u>
V. Rev John Varghese Corepiscopa	Jeeth Thomas	Shiji Jacob	Rev Fr. Dr. Renjan Mathew	Ashley Mathew
<u>Pre-K - A</u>	<u>Pre-K B</u>	<u>Kindergarten</u>	<u>1st</u>	<u>2nd</u>
Asha Reji Babitha Markose	Dr. Sherly Ara- Mini Korah	Nina Abraham Deepthy Zachariah	Sini Paul Jamie Thomas	Ciney Skariah Josh Mammen
<u>3rd</u>	<u>4th</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>6th</u>	<u>7th</u>
Seena Abraham Ruby Kurian	Priya Varghese Priya Varghese	Simi George Angela Abraham	Shiji Jacob Anu Abraham	Ashley Mathew Nimmy Abraham
<u>8th</u>	<u>9th</u>	<u>10th</u>	<u>12th</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
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SUNDAY SCHOOL UPCOMING EVENTS

2015-2016

December 2015:

- ◆ December 27: Winter Break - No Sunday School provided no makeup classes needed

January 2016:

- ◆ January 3: Review for Midterm
- ◆ January 10: Midterm Exam (all students will take exam together in hall so most teachers can attend the church's Annual General Body)

March 2016:

- ◆ March 19: Sunday School Retreat and preparation for confession.
- ◆ March 20: Palm Sunday—No Sunday School
- ◆ March 27:
- ◆ Easter—No Sunday School

May 2016:

- ◆ May 1: Review for Final Exam
- ◆ May 8: Final Exam
- ◆ May 15: Dessert Day and Last Day for Sunday School (Could be moved based on High School graduation and other events)



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