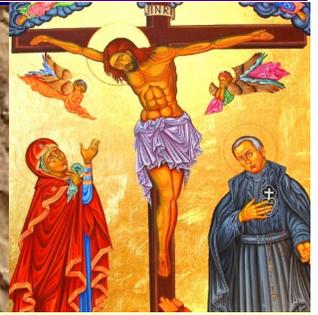




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Story to Live by



Dear Friends,

Greetings! Trust this will find you all doing fine.

The story is told of a very lazy man who would always look for an easier way to feed himself. One day while he was looking for something to eat, he saw a fruit farm. He looked around, and as he did not see anyone around, decided to steal some fruits. As he started climbing a fruit tree, the farmer saw him and came towards him with a stick. Afraid, the lazy man came down from the tree and ran towards the forest nearby and went inside to hide himself.

After some time when he felt it was safe to venture out, he decided to move on from there. Passing through the forest, his eyes fell on a strange sight. He saw a fox that had only two legs. But it was still crawling on happily. The lazy man thought to himself: How can this fox stay alive in such condition?! It can't run and so it won't be able to hunt and feed himself and it can't run away from other dangerous animals. He thought the fox was doomed to die a miserable death.

Suddenly, he saw a lion coming towards the fox with a piece of meat in his mouth. Upon seeing the lion, all the animals ran away, and the lazy man too ran for his life and climbed up a tree. But the fox stayed where he was because he didn't have the capacity to run. However, what transpired next surprised the lazy man. The lion left the piece of meat in his mouth for the fox!

The lazy man felt happy to see how God took care of the fox. He thought that God, who is creator of all, always took care of everything he created. He felt that God must have something planned for him also. So, he left that place and went to another area waiting for someone to feed him too. As time passed, he kept looking at the road, waiting for his food. He waited for two days without any food! Finally, he could not bear it any longer and started to leave.

He met an old sage on the way and recounted to him everything. The sage first gave him some food and water. Having finished eating the lazy man asked the sage: "O wise one, God showed mercy on the cripple fox and provided him with food, but why was God cruel to me"?

The old sage with a smile on his face said: "*True, God the creator has a plan for everyone, and you are obviously a part of that plan. But son, you took his sign in a wrong way. He didn't want you to be like the fox. He wanted you to be like the lion.*"

God has a plan for all of us. He has given us the strength and ability to do our part. May you all continue to do your bit to bring comfort and consolation to the less fortunate and the needy in your places of ministry.

Wish you all a fruitful month ahead.

Faternally,

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UPDATES

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

Jiffin	4
Sugun	14
Devaraj	30
Don	30

Feast days

Nativity of BVM	8
Exaltation of the Cross	14
OL of Sorrows	15
St. Vincent Mary Strambi	24



Fr. Paul visited Randham Community as the two candidates get ready to move to Minor Seminary, Kochi .



Fr. Paul blessed the renovated Church at Sennatur, a sub station of Randham mission (Above) On his visit to Ladapadi, Fr. Shaji presided over the Eucharistic Celebration.(Below)





Kochi Community celebrated Onam Festival. The Minor Seminary students participated in some traditional games on the festive occasion.



Covid-19 Monthly Relief: Food articles distributed to the Sick and elderly in Randham mission. Thanks to the members of MFC Bangalore for their generous help to realise this. (Below)





Fr. Shaji took charge as assistant Parish priest of St. Antony's Parish, Kaval Byrasandra, Bangalore as Fr. Sunny Richard, Parish Priest welcomed him. Fr. Paul and Bro. Jerson reached him to the new assigned parish. All the best dear Fr. Shaji. (Left Above) Onam celebrated at St. Gemma Novitiate, Nilambur (Right Above)



Special prayers were offered and the Sea was Blessed at Pallipport Parish on the occasion of the new Fishing season. (Left) Dn. Devaraj CP rejoined St. Antony's Shrine, Uvari in the Diocese of Tuticorin (Below)

Dn. Binod CP began his ministry at St. Mary's Church at Pendarnia in the Diocese of Khandwa. (Below)



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