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## Inner Voice



*I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.*

*John 15:5-7*

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# Message from the Vicar



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord. This year's summer is over and we are at the threshold of another fall and winter. Seasons come and season goes; however our unchanging Lord is always with us. He is there always watching, listening and moving with us.

King David, thinking of the all knowing, omnipresent God, declared "O Lord, you have searched me and you know me". You discern my going out and my lying down: you are familiar with all my ways. Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O Lord. Where can I go from your spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? "(Psalm 139:1-7). The knowledge that the Lord is everywhere should have an impact on what we say and do. When Scottish theologian John Baillie taught at Edinburgh University, he made it a practice to open his course on the doctrine of God with these words, "we must remember, in discussing God that we cannot talk about Him without His hearing every word we say. We may be able talk about others behind their back, but God is everywhere, even in this class room. Therefore, in all our discussions we must be aware of His infinite presence, and talk about Him, as it were, before His face."

Lies, gossip, unkind remarks, off-colour jokes, angry words, vulgar comments, disrespectful use of the Lord's name should never come from our lips. Rather, we should speak only those things that please our God. Our desire should

be the same as David's passionate prayer in Psalm 19:4, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O Lord my rock and my Redeemer." Remember God is watching and listening.

From others we can hide some thing

We've thought and said and done:

We cannot hide them from the Lord,

He knows them, every one. - Cooper

Every word we say on earth is heard in Heaven

Every action we do on earth is seen by our Lord

Our Picnic and Mar Thoma fest was a big success. Every one enjoyed it and it was a time of fun and fellowship. The involvement and participation of people must be appreciated. I congratulate the conveners and leaders of those programs. Our "Karshakasree award" winners are Mr. Cavi. J. Varghese, Mr. Joseph Chacko, Mr. George Thomas, and Mr. Mathew Abraham. There were ten participants this year. This award was arranged to promote vegetable gardening in our homes.

We had our parish retreat on 3rd September, at our church. About 75 people attended and it was a blessing. Prof. David Abraham (Chengannur), who led the sessions, gave inspiring and enlightening messages, which touched many lives.

September 4th was observed as education Sunday. Education is for the total development of a person. Mahatma Gandhi said, "By education I mean, the total development of a person in body, mind and spirit". As our kids and youth begin their academic year this month, let us uphold them in our prayers and extend our support and encouragement for better leaning.

September 18th is observed as Sevikasamgham day. On that day, our sevikasamgham members lead the service and take the offertory for the diocesan mission work. Rev. Dr. T. J.

Thomas is our special guest and he will be delivering message related to Christian family, in connection with the regional convention. From September 29th - October 2nd, the national sevikasamgham conference will be held at St. Thomas MarThoma church, Chicago.

October 2nd, we observe it as voluntary evangelistic day. October 16th is the youth Sunday and October 23rd is family Sunday. We will be taking tithes offertory on that day. We will be distributing special covers for this purpose. Your whole hearted cooperation is solicited. We are also taking a special offertory of thirteen special days of our church on September 25th. This will be distributed for various mission works in India. Please make sure that your prayerful involvement is there.

Dearly beloved, as a parish and as a worshipping community, let us stand together and witness our lord. Let our parish be a missionary parish and be a model to other parishes in our dioceses, in unity, cooperation and in witness. May God strengthen all of us for that purpose in the coming days.

With Prayerful regards

Rev. Abraham Thomas  
(Vicar, Detroit MTC)

Sept 4 2011– Education-for Self Formation

**First Lesson:** Prov.8:1-14  
**Second Lesson:** Jam.3:13-18  
**Epistle:** Col.2:1-7  
**Gospel:** St.Mark.1:21-28

Sept 11, 2011– Evangelization - Co-responsibility of Women

**First Lesson:** Prov.31:10-31  
**Second Lesson:** Acts. 16:6-15  
**Epistle:** 2 Tim:1:1-5  
**Gospel:** St.John.20:11-18

Sept 18, 2011–Care the Aged

**First Lesson:** Isa.40:21-31  
**Second Lesson:** 1Tim. 5:1-10  
**Epistle:** 1John.3:1-10  
**Gospel:** St.Luke.2:25-38

Sept 25, 2011–Baptism: Incorporation into the Body of Christ

**First Lesson:** Exo.14:15-31  
**Second Lesson:** Tit.3:3-8  
**Epistle:** Rom. 6:1-11  
**Gospel:** St.John.3:1-8

Oct 2, 2011– Christian witness in a Secular World

**First Lesson:** Dan.3:16-30  
**Second Lesson:** Acts. 18:24-28  
**Epistle:** 1Thess.1:1-9  
**Gospel:** St.Mat.5:10-16

Oct 9, 2011- Solidarity with the differently abled

**First Lesson:** 2Sam.9:1-13  
**Second Lesson:** 1 Thes. 5: 12-22  
**Epistle:** 2Cor. 12:1-10  
**Gospel:** St. Mat. 11:1-6

Oct 16, 2011– True Spirituality in the Age of Information Technology

**First Lesson:** Gen. 39:1-10  
**Second Lesson:** Phil.3:1-11  
**Epistle:** 1Tim. 4:6-16  
**Gospel:** St.Mark.10:17-22

Oct 23, 2011– Reformation in the Family

**First Lesson:** Deu.4:25-32  
**Second Lesson:** 1John. 3:1-12  
**Epistle:** Eph.3:14-21  
**Gospel:** St.Mat.12:46-50

Oct 30, 2011– Koodash Eetho - Sanctification of the Church

**First Lesson** Exo.40:1-14  
**Second Lesson** Rev.2:12-17  
**Epistle** 1Cor.3:10-17  
**Gospel** St.Luke.19:45-48

Church Calendar– Sept/Oct 2011

Sunday, Sept 4	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Sept 11	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Sept 18	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Sept 25	Holy Communion Service– (English)
Sunday, Oct 2	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Oct 9	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Oct 16	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sunday, Oct 23	Holy Communion Service- (English)
Sunday, Oct 30	Holy Communion Service– (Malayalam)
Sept 18th & Sept 19th 6:30pm	Regional convention at church. Rev. Dr. T.J. Thomas
Sept 19th 10:00am	Senior Citizens Counselling at church. Rev. Dr. T.J. Thomas
Sept 18th Sunday	Sevikasangham Day
Sept 29th-Oct 2nd	National Sevikasangham confer- ence - St. Thomas Marthoma church, Chicago
Oct 7-9	Yuvajanasakhyam National Conference - St. Paul’s Mar Thoma Church Dallas
Oct 23rd	Family Sunday

Meetings		
Day	Time	Meeting Details
Every Tuesday	5:30 PM	Intercessory Prayer
Every Friday	10 AM	Fasting Prayer
Every Friday	6:30 pm	Youth Meeting
Every Saturday	1:30 pm	
1st Saturday and 2nd Sunday		Sevikasangham
3rd Saturday		Edavaka Mission
Oct 30(Sun)		Senior Citizen

# Birthday

## Sept 2011

Abraham, Santhosh	Sept 1
Cherian, Kunjumol	Sept 1
John, Ethan S.	Sept 3
Vengal, Meenu Jacob	Sept 3
George, Priya Allie	Sept 4
Reji, Jaden Oommen	Sept 4
Abraham, Mariamma	Sept 5
Alexander, Reji	Sept 5
Chacko, Plackal Abraham	Sept 5
Abraham, Varghese	Sept 6
George, Sunil	Sept 6
Mathews, Joanna Mary	Sept 6
Mathews, Joseph Oommen	Sept 6
Sam, Isabel Maria	Sept 6
Varghese, Christina M.	Sept 6
Joseph, Ciji M.	Sept 7
Thomas, Shaji	Sept 7
Abraham, Adithya K.	Sept 8
Cherian, Susan John	Sept 8
Mammen, Sunitha	Sept 9
Mathews, Sony	Sept 9
Philip, Jyothy	Sept 10
John, Alice P.	Sept 12
Mathew, Jennifer Lynn	Sept 12
Chacko, Jonathan J.	Sept 13
Chacko, Anuja	Sept 14
Samuel, Tenny	Sept 14
Thomas, Jason	Sept 14
George, Philip K.	Sept 15
Thomas, Daisy	Sept 15
Chacko, Susan	Sept 16
Cherian, Elijah	Sept 16
John, Alison	Sept 16
Koshy, Noel	Sept 16
Mannoorethu, Shaji Mathew	Sept 16
Thomas, Priya	Sept 16
Eapen, Manaloor E.	Sept 18
Mathew, Priya Elizabeth	Sept 18
Reji, Malini	Sept 18
George, Shirley J.	Sept 19
Abraham, Sony	Sept 20
David, Thomson	Sept 20
Koshy, Sujit George	Sept 20
Thomas, Sonya	Sept 20
Eappen, Renni	Sept 21

Mathai, Sansu	Sept 22
Kurian, Alex	Sept 23
Thomas, Mariamma	Sept 23
Varghese, Jonathan Issac	Sept 24
Abraham, Eapen	Sept 25
John, Jacob	Sept 25
Joseph, Christina Susan	Sept 25
Eapen, Saramma	Sept 26
Samuel, Pradeep	Sept 26
Thomas, Vinod P.	Sept 26
Jacob, Annie Isabel	Sept 27
Issac, Naomi Liza	Sept 28
Mathew, Jacob John	Sept 28
Ottathengil, Soosan J.	Sept 28
Thomas, Shawn	Sept 28
Alexander, Nicholas J.	Sept 29
Chacko, George	Sept 29
George, Shibu K.	Sept 29
Philipose, Alanna Mercy	Sept 29
Thomas, Josiah	Sept 29
Chacko, Sible Mariam	Sept 30
Mathai, Daniel A.	Sept 30
Varghese, Rebecca Sara	Sept 30

## Oct 2011

Abraham, Justin	Oct 1
Alexander, Krista Marie	Oct 1
Kurian, Soumya Mary	Oct 1
Mathew, Nebu	Oct 1
Mathew, Rachel	Oct 1
John, Anju	Oct 2
George, Johan Thomas	Oct 3
Mathews, Sophiya	Oct 3
Cherian, Gina	Oct 4
Jacob, Susamma	Oct 4
Samji, Sarah	Oct 4
Abraham, Saramma	Oct 5
John, Joel Jibu	Oct 5
Jacob, Ashley	Oct 6
Jacob, Sherine	Oct 6
Philip, Johnson	Oct 6
Wilson, Nikhil	Oct 7
John, Jerry Alex	Oct 8
Pothen, Kurian	Oct 8
Santosh, Steven Thomas	Oct 8
Joseph, Noah George	Oct 9
Scaria, Gladson	Oct 9
Varghese, Stephen Kattunikathu	Oct 9
Cherian, Dr. Kuruvilla	Oct 10
John, Jasmine Alex	Oct 10
Yarlagadda, Rahul Thomas	Oct 10
Yarlagadda, Sharon	Oct 10

Jacob, Abigail Elize	Oct 10
George, Liby A.	Oct 11
John, Anjali Mary	Oct 12
Abraham, Jonathan	Oct 13
George, Jyothi	Oct 13
Mathew, Daisy	Oct 13
Abraham, C. V.	Oct 14
Abraham, Kevin	Oct 14
Abraham, Susan	Oct 14
Cherian, Nancy Joyce	Oct 14
Jones, Justin	Oct 15
Thimotheose, Alayna Sophie	Oct 15
Varghese, Cavil J.	Oct 15
Palathanam, Jibu Cherian	Oct 16
George, Jocelyn	Oct 17
George, Kaduvinkal K.	Oct 17
Jacob, Annie	Oct 17
John, P. C.	Oct 18
Mathew, Merene	Oct 18
Abraham, Abraham	Oct 19
Mathew, Marykutty	Oct 19
Mathews, Priya	Oct 19
Samuel, Anu	Oct 19
Thomas, Annamma	Oct 19
Chacko, Daizen	Oct 20
Chacko, Lynn	Oct 21
George, Liju	Oct 23
Eapen, Shaiju	Oct 24
Jacob, Noah N.	Oct 24
Thomas, Lincy C.	Oct 24
Abraham, Cibi	Oct 25
George, Abigail Marie	Oct 25
Mathews, Aby	Oct 25
George, Suny	Oct 27
George, Susan	Oct 27
Thomas, Thomas	Oct 27
Grace, Tini	Oct 28
Kurian, Aliya Sarah	Oct 28
Samuel, Annamma	Oct 28
George, Tedy	Oct 29
Mathews, Biju	Oct 30
Thomas, Praveen K.	Oct 30
Eappen, Joshua	Oct 31
Koshy, Susan	Oct 31
Thomas, Sindhu	Oct 31
Verghese, Luke Alexander	Oct 31

## Sunday School Memory Verses:

### **Age below 8 years**

John 3:16 (Sept:11th)  
 Romans 3:23 (Sept:18th)  
 John 1:1(Sept:25th)  
 Romans 6:23(Oct:2nd)  
 Galatians 5:22(Oct:9th)  
 Proverbs 3:5(Oct:16th)  
 Matthew 11:28(Oct:23rd)  
 2 Corinthians 5:17(Oct:30th)

### **Age above 8 yrs.**

Matthew 28:19,20 (Sept:11th)  
 Ephesians 2:8 (Sept:18th)  
 Acts 1:8(Sept:25th)  
 Romans 10:9 (Oct:2nd)  
 John 1:12 (Oct:9th)  
 Acts 4:12 (Oct:16th)  
 I John 1:9 (Oct:23rd)  
 Hebrews 11:1 (Oct:30th)

# Wedding Anniversaries

## Sept 2011

George, Kaduvinkal K. & George, Sosamma	Sept 1
George, George A. & George, Ally	Sept 4
Cherian, Sajeev & Cherian, Gina	Sept 8
Philipose, Shibu Mathew & Philipose, Sheela	Sept 8
Reji, Tom & Reji, Malini	Sept 9
Abraham, Anil & Mitchell, Megan Lynn	Sept 12
Cherian, K. M. & Cherian, Lily	Sept 12
Abraham, Thomas & Abraham, Ani	Sept 15
George, Tedy & George, Sarah	Sept 15
Thomas, George & Thomas, Daisy	Sept 15
Cherian, George & Cherian, Dr. Jasmine	Sept 18
John, Jacob & John, Ramdai Mariam	Sept 19
Mathew, Rajan & Mathew, Ejie Annie	Sept 22
Mathai, Mathew C. & Mathai, Sosamma	Sept 24
Paul, Jaisen & Paul, Betsy	Sept 30

## Oct 2011

John, Jacob & Jacob, Shyla Susan	Oct 8
Chacko, M. Eapen & Chacko, Susan	Oct 9
Mathews, Jenu & Mathews, Mary	Oct 9
Mathew, Manoj & Mathew, Sibi	Oct 13
Easow, Mathew & Mathew, Aleyamma	Oct 15
Uthup, Kurian C. & Uthup, Susan	Oct 16
Issac, Issac & Issac, Lucy	Oct 18
Chacko, Dr. Soman P. & Chacko, Nancy P.	Oct 20
Thomas, Philip & Thomas, Susha	Oct 20
Varghese, Rev. Philip & Varghese, Elsy	Oct 22
Abraham, C. V. & Abraham, Saramma	Oct 23
Philip, Liju & Philip, Beena	Oct 24
Thomas, Shawn & George, Susan	Oct 24

# Prayer Meetings

**Prayer Group 2:** Sept 25th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Vinod P. Thomas  
41631 Steinbeck Gln, Novi, MI Ph: 248-669-2516

**Prayer Group 2:** Oct 2nd Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Lal P. Thomas  
7462 Anne Court, West Bloomfield, MI Ph: 734-934-3155

**Prayer Group 3:** Oct 15th Saturday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Philipose John  
184 CrestField Ave, Troy, MI Ph:248-740-1385

**Prayer Group 4:** Sept 24th Saturday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Varghese  
565 Buckingham, Canton, MI Ph: 734-397-6571

**Prayer Group 4:** Oct 1st Saturday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Abraham  
1126 Heatherlea Ct, Canton, MI Ph:734-394-2643

**Prayer Group 4:** Oct 8th Saturday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Alex John  
16565 Sherwood Ln, Northville, MI Ph:248-374-6121

**Prayer Group 5:** Sept 11th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. M.E.Abraham  
2942 Locust Ct, Sterling Heights, MI Ph: 586-739-3816

**Prayer Group 5:** Oct 9th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Manaloor E. Eapen  
47609 Milonas Dr. Shelby Township, MI Ph: 586-580-3071

**Prayer Group 6:** Oct 16th Sunday 5:30 pm

Mr. & Mrs. Cavil J. Varghese  
4185 Chris Drive, Sterling Heights, MI Ph: 586-979-9033