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"I am the **LIGHT** of the **World**."

NEWSLETTER

13TH ANNIVERSARY OF JEEVAN DHAM CELEBRATED ZESTFULLY



The Archbishop of Delhi Archdiocese Most Rev. Vincent M. Concessao offering the Holy Mass along with nine other concelebrants at JEEVAN DHAM on July 6, 2004 (13th Anniv.)

On July 6, 2004 Jeevan Dham completed its 13 precious years in the service of the poor, the needy, the sick and the dejected.

To celebrate this joyous occasion, the Archbishop of the Delhi Archdiocese Most Rev. Vincent M. Concessao was invited to offer a *Thanksgiving Mass* for **JEEVAN DHAM**. By 10:00 a.m., a large crowd from far and near gathered to share in our happiness. The Archbishop arrived at 10:30 a.m. and was welcomed with flowers and dance by small children. Other priests from different parishes in Delhi and Faridabad joined His Grace in this celebration. The nine concelebrants – Rev. Fr. Christopher (our Asstt. Parish Priest), Rev. Fr. Anthony Francis, Rev. Fr. Albert Francis, Rev. Fr. Arnold David, Rev. Fr. Benedict

Francis, Rev. Fr. Matthew Koyickal, Rev. Fr. Maxim Pinto, Rev. Fr. Thomas Chambakatt and Rev. Fr. Thomas (O.F.M. cap) gathered around the altar along with the Archbishop for the Holy Mass.

His Grace gave a thought-provoking and enriching homily stressing on the role of men to help and love their fellow beings and exhorted to all believers in Christ to proclaim the message of truth, peace and joy to all in this hostile, insensible world. On the basis of the Gospel taken from St. Matthew 9:32-38 His Grace threw light on the plans of God, our Heavenly Father, who is all loving and merciful. He clearly pointed out the faith that made people to follow Jesus and admire His work on one side and the stubbornness and hard-heartedness of the Pharisees on the

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O MOTHER OF THE CHURCH, IMMACULATE ROSE, PRAY FOR US!

Prayers to ROSA MYSTICA:

Rosa Mystica, Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Grace, in honour of your Divine Son, we prostrate ourselves at your feet to implore God's mercy. We beg for help and grace, not relying on any merit of ours, but on the Kindness of your motherly heart, and confident that you will grant our urgent requests.

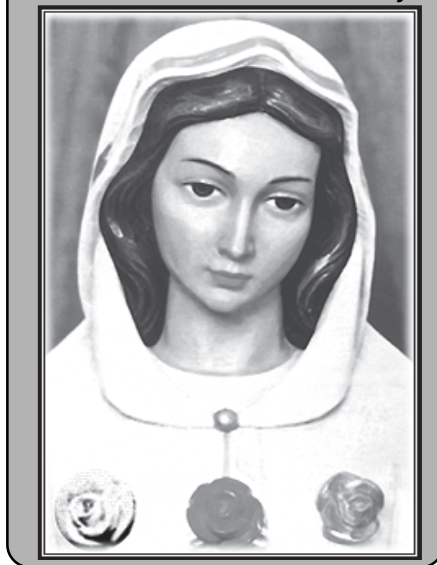
Hail Mary...

Rosa Mystica, Mother of Jesus, Queen of the Holy Rosary and Mother of the Church, of the mystical body of Christ, we implore the gifts of unity and peace for the anxious world, and those graces so able to convert the souls of your erring children.

Hail Mary...

Rosa Mystica, Queen of the Apostles, pray that many men and women may hear Christ's call to priestly and religious vocations, and help them to spread the Kingdom of Jesus Christ throughout the world by the holiness of their lives and their burning zeal for the salvation of souls. Pour out your heavenly grace upon us!

Hail Mary...



"No one can receive anything except what has been given from heaven." (St. John 3:27)

REFLECTION *Of the WORD*

RETURN to GOD

"Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you." (Zechariah 1:3)

God places much of the burden of

what we will become on our response to Him. If we have drifted from God, His call is to return to Him. God promises that if we will return, He will immediately renew His relationship with us. James 4:8 promises that if we draw near to God, He will draw near to us. Matthew 7:7 guarantees that if we seek Christ, we will find Him. Much of

the Christian life rests upon our response and our desire to experience God to the fullest.

Why is it that some Christians seem to go so much deeper in their walk with God than others? Why have some had such powerful intercessory prayer ministries

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other, who baselessly accused Jesus and always questioned His authority. The Pharisees thought that just by following the law and the rituals, they would earn salvation. But actually, due to their pride, prejudice and hypocrisy, they were far away from the promised salvation. Their eyes were so blinded by their own ideas that they could not see the truth and power of God in Jesus Christ. The more they exalted themselves before men, the more they became an abomination to God. As Jesus became famous among the people due to His striking teaching and outstanding miracles, these Pharisees became jealousy of Him and tried to trap Him in His own words, yet they never succeeded in outwitting Jesus. He encouraged everyone to become strong believers in Christ who can always put complete trust in God in all situations of life keeping in mind the fact that whatever God does for us will be for our benefit. His Grace added that we should be always thankful to God for whatever we are and all the graces we have obtained. We should work according to the plan of God because His plans are always for our good and are well above our plans. Our loving God can turn what we think as evil or destructive into a graceful and holy thing, a difficulty or sickness or pain into a thing for His glory. He gives generously to all who ask in faith and wants everyone to inherit His heavenly Kingdom, to become His loving children. Jesus cured everyone during His ministry, listened to their prayers and preached the Good news of salvation to all without prejudice in order to fulfil His Father's plan for them. Jesus looked beyond a disease or an illness or affliction, an opportunity to glorify His

Father's name and made others understand and experience the love and mercy that God has for His children. Similarly, we too should look beyond all our ailments and afflictions and use them as opportunity to understand and experience the love, mercy and generosity of God, an opportunity to preach the message of truth and salvation in Jesus Christ to all. If we always keep such an optimistic thinking and remain grateful to God for all His blessings and favours, we will always remain joyful and contented. This attitude will further lead us to give ourselves in brotherly love and service, in obedience to God's commands thus making us His beloved children. There are still thousands of people who have yet to experience the love and mercy of God. They are struggling, ailing and weeping, lying crushed under their work waiting for someone to help and guide them to the true path to God, to His eternal life. And that is why Jesus said to His disciples, "**The harvest is great, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest.**" (Mt. 9:37-38) Jesus wants all men to hear the Good News, but they will never hear unless there are those of us who are prepared to cross the seas and the mountains and bring the Good News to them. If the harvest of men is ever to be reaped, then every one of us must be a reaper, ever ready to gather the harvest.

His Grace concluded his homily with a small prayer for the family of JEEVAN DHAM. He prayed that the good works and service may increase manifold and that many more people may come to know the true God, experience His true joy, peace and love through this family and all the volunteers involved. May all receive a new life in Christ through them, may they succeed in their service to God and men.

His Grace then read the prayer of blessing before the Communion Rite for anointing the **Tabernacle**, the **Monstrance** and the beautiful statue of **MARIA, ROSA MYSTICA ('Mystical Rose')**. The recessional hymn, a new hymn written exclusively for JEEVAN DHAM, sung with a fresh and lively music brought vigour and zeal to all. The last and the important part of the programme left out was the release of the **new audio cassette** by JEEVAN DHAM. The Archbishop cut the packet of cassettes and opened it to show the new **JEEVAN DHAM KE PHOOL Vol.3 cassette** to all and later gave a copy to all the concelebrants present. Written with the inspiration from the Holy Spirit, orchestrated by professional musicians, recorded digitally with the latest hi- technology and sung in a beautiful in-depth voice of the prayer group leader, the 8 meaningful songs (*bhajans*) of this cassette were really appreciated by all with a big applause and relished by the crowd when the new cassette was played for them. The Archbishop happily gave his blessings to all the believers present. Later, the concelebrants, along with the Archbishop and few sisters joined for table fellowship.

We are thankful to Almighty God for all these favours we received on that day. We pray that more and more people may join us in prayer as 24hr. adoration is going on everyday for the past 10 months, that they may praise and glorify the name of Jesus through their words and deeds, and adoring Him in spirit and truth may they obtain heavenly graces and blessings, remain faithful and obedient to God, and moving towards perfection in love, joy, faith and wisdom become His beloved children to inherit eternal life in Heaven. PRAISE THE LORD!

Jesus said, "But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him." (St. John 4:23)

BIBLE QUIZ!

VI. MORE ON THE APOSTLES

Jesus' faithful disciples were ordinary men who became extraordinary because of Jesus Christ. Despite their confusion and lack of understanding during their lifetime, they became powerful witnesses to his resurrection. After the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, the apostles have a powerful experience of Pentecost which completely transforms them. The coming of the Holy Spirit makes them **witnesses and prophets** (cf. **Acts 1:8; 2:17-18**). Test your knowledge of these unique individuals. As you did in the last quiz, you have to match the Apostles in Set A with the etymological meanings of their names given in Set B and one of the selected references taken from the Gospels concerning them in Set C. You have to write the answer in this order: (Set A) – **meaning** (Set B) **found in** (Set C) for all the twelve Apostles.

Set A

Apostle – Peter, James, John, Andrew, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, James (the less), Thaddaeus (Judas), Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot.

Set B

Meaning – Praise; Supplanter/heel; Gift of God; son of Tolmai; Twin; God is gracious; stone/rock; God has heard; manly/conqueror; lover of horses

Set C

Related reference – **Mark 1:19; John 1:49-51; Matthew 10:4; John 20:24-29; Luke 9:52-56; John 12:4-8; Mark 8:29-33; John 14:8-11; Mark 2:14; John 14:22; Luke 6:15; John 1:41.**

ANSWERS TO Last Month's Quiz

V. KNOW THE APOSTLES

Order : (Set A), **Son of** (Set B), **lived in** (Set C)

1. Simon Peter, **Son of John**, **lived in** Bethsaida

2. James, **Son of Zebedee**, **lived in** Bethsaida/ Capernaum
3. John, **Son of Zebedee**, **lived in** Bethsaida/ Capernaum
4. Andrew, **Son of John**, **lived in** Bethsaida
5. Philip, **Unknown**, **lived in** Bethsaida
6. Bartholomew, **Son of Tolmai**, **lived in** Cana in Galilee
7. Matthew, **Son of Alphaeus**, **lived in** Capernaum
8. Thomas, **Unknown**, **lived in** Galilee
9. James (the less), **Son of Alphaeus**, **lived in** Galilee
10. Thaddaeus, **Son of James**, **lived in** Galilee
11. Simon the Zealot, **Unknown**, **lived in** Galilee
12. Judas Iscariot, **Son of Simon**, **lived in** Kerioth

Send Your Answers to:

JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/ Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Rules to be followed:

- ① Answers may be sent by post or e-mail latest by the 20th of the month. Answers received after the 20th will not be considered.
- ② You should clearly specify your name and postal address. Mention the quiz number and title before the answers written in order.
- ③ Prizes will be awarded to the winners of three consecutive quizzes.
- ④ Answers and winners of each quiz will be published in the subsequent issue of the newsletter.

Thanks for taking the Quiz! Good Luck!

RETURN TO GOD

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that have changed the course of nations? Why has God chosen to anoint the words of some so that, when they speak or pray or preach, it is obvious that their words are consecrated by God? It is because these individuals have committed themselves to pursue God until His presence is powerfully real in their lives. They have decided to settle for nothing less than a vibrant relationship with God, and He has honoured their desire.

Have you become complacent in your relationship with God, or are you hungering for more? Don't become satisfied with a relationship with God that is broken by sin and void of the power of the Holy Spirit. You have just as much of God's powerful presence available to you as the greatest saint in Christian history. Return to God. There is so much more in store for you if you return to Him. He awaits your response.

LIVING WITNESSES OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM

LORD JESUS HEALED ME AND MY FAMILY!

Praise be to Jesus! Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Chandravati (age-40 years), have been attending the prayer service here regularly every Sunday for the past 18 months. I had severe and consistent pain in my stomach and head for the past 20-22 years. The severe migraine attacks rendered me helpless and bedridden. Even the doctors couldn't find the cause of this pain. I tried different treatments from AIIMS and Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi, from various private Hospitals in Noida and Alwar (Rajasthan). But nothing gave me any relief. I quit all medicines.

A lady living in my neighbourhood told me about the healing prayer service being held here and the miracles happening here during the prayer session. I came here the next Sunday and surprisingly got a little relief within few minutes. This raised my hopes of getting healed through prayers in faith. I kept on coming every Sunday. Gradually, the pain started dwindling each Sunday and after 3 months I felt totally free from all body weaknesses and pains. Without spending anything, I experienced complete healing through God's mercy.

ii) 3 months back, my younger son Hansraj (age 19 years), living in Rajasthan, suddenly lost his mental balance and left home. As soon as I got this news, I started praying for him. The merciful God brought my son back home. But he had lost his memory, lost his hearing power and had become very irritated and restless. I called him to Delhi and took him to AIIMS for treatment. The doctor said that nervousness and tension are the cause behind his memory and hearing loss as well as the loss of his mental power. He added that my son is now mentally very unstable and can take harmful steps in his anxiety. I prayed

Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

to God and asked for mercy and forgiveness for my son. I brought him here in JEEVAN DHAM the next Sunday. Slowly and slowly his mental condition started improving. Now, after 4 weeks, his behaviour has returned to normal. He has regained his memory and also the hearing power. I praise God a million times for all these precious blessings. Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

“Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” (Acts 16:31)

PAINFUL TUMOUR IN MY STOMACH VANISHES AWAY!

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus!

I, Mohendra Singh Yadav (age- 42 years), am attending the prayer service in *Jeevan Dham* for the third time. The reason for my coming here is a growing tumourous growth in my stomach. This tumour started about five years ago with a pain in my stomach. When this pain became excruciating, I went to a nearby doctor. He examined me and took a few tests from which he concluded that there is a stone in my stomach surrounded by cancerous cells growing and developing around it. But his treatment instead of giving me any sort of relief, made my condition still worse. My stomach started swelling more and more. He referred me to another doctor in Vasoidhara hospital, Delhi. After taking few tests, they also prescribed some medicines. For about two years, I was admitted there and took the treatment as they recommended. But they couldn't help my worsening condition even after keeping me for two years there. Then they referred me to AIIMS. At AIIMS, Delhi, they took blood and urine tests, X-Rays, Ultrasound et al. The doctor there told me that if the prescribed medicine did not work effectively on me within few days, I would not be able to survive any more. Few days later, when the doctor realized the ineffectiveness of the medicines, he too gave up. He could not help me any more. I was left in utter despair and hopelessness. In this situation, an old lady had pity on



“MY GOD IS MY STRENGTH AND MY DELIVERER”-ALL LEFT THEIR WALKING STICKS THE SAME DAY! AMAZING!

me and told me about the healing prayer service held here in *Jeevan Dham*. She strongly suggested that I must come here and attend the prayer service at least one Sunday to get respite from my pain through prayers. Looking at her faith, I believed that God would surely have mercy on me if I come here and ask for his blessings with fervent faith. The next Sunday I came here and, lo, I got a considerable amount of relief during the service on the first day itself. I felt as if I've lost some body weight and I could move with more comfort. This way I could listen to the Word of God peacefully and surrender all my pain and disease to him. The next Sunday when I came here, the pain and swelling in my stomach had vanished completely. I could go for work the next day onwards. I left taking medicines and started praying to God every evening. Now, I can walk comfortably without any pain and I can bend my legs to sit down or even squat easily. I'd spent over Rs.25, 000 on my treatment but I have now realized that it was not medicine but the life-giving Word of God that has healed me. I thank God a thousand times for all His favours and heavenly blessings. Glory and praise be to Him forever. Alleluia!

Mohendra Singh Yadav
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“ For He did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; He did not hide His face from me, but heard when I cried to Him.” (Psalms 22:24)

JEEVAN DHAM ON WEB

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www.jeevandham.org

E-mail us your petitions to:
justcallanthony@yahoo.com

IMPORTANT TIMINGS

DAILY MORNING PRAYER :

On Weekdays from **9:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. 24hr. Adoration** is going on everyday for the last 9 months. You too can join us in prayer anytime.

HOLY MASS :

On Fridays: morning 10:00 a.m.
On Sundays: evening 6:30 p.m.

**Are you ... worried & burdened?
Are you ... depressed?
Are you ... sick or weak?
Do you ... feel the absence of peace & love in your life?
Are you ... grappling with a lot of problems in your life?**

Then visit this place chosen by God & see for yourselves all the incredible miracles happening here. This place is '**JEEVAN DHAM**'. Believe in God and attend the prayer session held every Sunday at St. Anthony's School (ground), Sec-9, Faridabad from morning 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. organized with the grace of Almighty God by 'Jeevan Dham'- H.no.696/ Sec-22, Faridabad. Obtain invaluable graces & heavenly blessings & witness the miraculous healings performed by Him.

WELCOME TO JEEVAN DHAM!

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