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

NEWSLETTER

DIVINE VISION CAUGHT IN A DIGITAL CAMERA! UNBELIEVABLE!

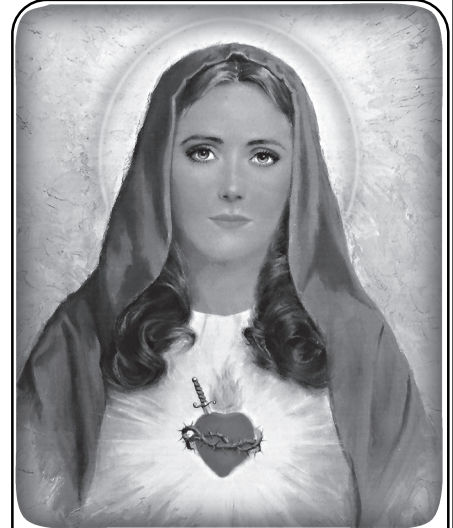


The Aux. Bishop of Delhi Archdiocese Rev. Anil Couto offering the Holy Mass at JEEVAN DHAM on May 21, 2004 during which the red beams streamed on the Host and around the Bishop during consecration.

Friday May 21, 2004 morning 10:00a.m. at JEEVAN DHAM (Sec-22, Faridabad). Crowd gathered to attend the prayer service and participate in the Holy Eucharistic

celebration like any other Friday. This Friday was special as the Auxiliary Bishop of Delhi Archdiocese, **Rev. Anil Couto** was the main celebrant. His Lordship was welcomed with a garland. The concelebrants were Rev. Fr. Albert Francis, Rev. Fr. Anthony Francis, Rev. Fr. Thomas Chambakatt, Rev. Fr. Jose Pulickakunnel (SSP) and Rev. Fr. John Katuparambil (CMI). On this occasion His Lordship delivered a meaningful and thought-provoking homily based on the day's readings and the Gospel. At the Communion rite, a memorable vision caught me unawares, throwing me into ecstasy. *I saw two beams of red light streaming down from heaven over the Host and the chalice held by the Bishop. He too was enveloped by this light and gradually the whole room was filled with it. Besides, I saw Jesus himself holding the Host in place of the Bishop and several angels dancing and praising around the altar. The host had red blood droplets on its surface. Later, I saw our Lord blessing the Bishop and the concelebrants.*

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ACT OF CONSECRATION TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

by St. LOUIS DE MONTFORT

I, (Name), a faithless sinner renew and ratify today in your hands, O Immaculate Mother, the vows of my Baptism. I renounce forever satan, his pomps and works; and give myself entirely to Jesus Christ, the Incarnate wisdom, to carry my cross after Him all the days of my life, and to be more faithful to Him than I have been ever before.

In the presence of all the heavenly court, I choose this day, for my mother and mistress. I deliver and consecrate to you, as your slave, my body and soul, my goods, both interior and exterior, and even the value of my good actions, past, present and future; leaving to you the entire and full right of disposing of me, and all that belongs to me, without exception according to thy good pleasure, for the greater glory of God, in time and eternity. Amen.

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PERSONALITY PROFILE :

-THE APOSTLE THOMAS-

*T*homas, so often remembered as "Doubting Thomas", deserves to be respected for his faith. He was a doubter, but his doubts had a purpose-he wanted to know the truth. He was the Apostle who came to South India and performed several miracles for the superstitious gentiles to convert them to strong believers. The church celebrates his feast on

July 3. Thomas did not idolize his doubts; he gladly believed when given reasons to do so. He expressed his doubts fully and had them answered completely. Doubting was only his way of responding, not his way of life.

Although our glimpses of Thomas are brief, his character comes through with consistency. He struggled to be faithful to what he knew, despite what he felt. At one point, when it was plain to everyone that Jesus' life was

Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me." (St. John 6:44)

DIVINE VISION CAUGHT IN A CAMERA!*Contd... from Page 1 Col. 2*

After the Mass, I narrated this vision to all present there. So many of them experienced peace and heavenly blessings and healings that special Friday morning. When I asked whether anyone had seen anything in vision as I had seen, few raised their hands. *Three of them saw the red light filling the room. One saw the host turning red with blood and the angels praising around the altar. Another saw a dove (sign of the Holy Spirit) hovering around the room and above the altar.* The coherence of all these visions was clearly a sign of the presence of the one Holy Spirit that revealed the truth of such visions to different persons.

But God had blessed this day and made it very special with a miracle never heard or seen before. One of the photographers, standing on the left side of the altar had taken a close-up shot with his digital camera at the moment when His Lordship was lifting the host and the chalice for all to see, (the same moment when I had seen the red light beaming down from heaven) declaring that "this was **the Lamb of God, who shed His**

blood and sacrificed His life, who takes away the sins of the world."

The miracle is that this snap has the same aura of the red light that enveloped the surroundings and the host. All the other snaps taken by him have the normal appearance, except this one, which made him eager and curious. What an unbelievable miracle! All those who had never had any visions could see now this vision with open eyes in this exceptional snap taken by a digital camera.

It was truly through the Holy Spirit that Jesus wanted to reveal to everyone with this miracle the sanctity and truth of His Body and Blood being offered in every Holy Mass, the real food and the real drink (**John 6:55**) that came from Heaven for our souls (**John 6:51**), offered in His true love for our sanctification, salvation and Eternal life in Heaven (**John 6:53-54**).

I recall the promise given by Jesus to us about the gift of the Holy Spirit from heaven to all who pray to Him, love Him and believe in His holy name. Jesus has promised, "**If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of**

truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." (**John 14:15-17**) Describing about the work of the Holy Spirit He said, "**When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you."**

(John 16:13-14)

Yes, Jesus is truly revealing the mysteries of Heaven through these visions to us sinners because He is loving and merciful and lives among us. Let us pray to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart and ask Him for the Heavenly gift of the Holy Spirit, which He has promised, so that He may guide us always and lead us to the truth. Let us also ask earnestly for the gift of vision to understand the truth, love and mystery behind the Body and Blood of Christ, mystery behind all the Sacraments, to obtain guidance and wisdom.

—Mrs. Manji**-THE APOSTLE THOMAS-***Contd... from Page 1*

in danger, only Thomas put into words what most were feeling, "Let's go, too-and die with Jesus." (**John 11:16**). He didn't hesitate to follow Jesus.

We don't know why Thomas was absent the first time Jesus appeared to His disciples after the Resurrection, but he was reluctant to believe their witness to Christ's resurrection. Not even 10 friends could change his mind! But Jesus wasn't hard on Thomas for his doubts. Despite his skepticism, Thomas was still loyal to the believers and to Jesus himself.

We can doubt without having to live a doubting way of life. Doubt encourages rethinking. Its purpose is more to sharpen the mind than to change it. Doubt can be used to pose the question, get an answer, and

push for a decision. But doubt was never meant to be a permanent condition. Doubt is one foot lifted, poised to step forward or backward. There is no motion until the foot comes down.

When you experience doubt, take encouragement from Thomas. He didn't stay in his doubt but allowed Jesus to bring him to belief. Take encouragement also from the fact that countless other followers of Christ have struggled with doubts. The answers God gave them may help you, too. Don't settle into doubts, but move on from them to decision and belief. Find another believer with whom you can share your doubts. silent doubts rarely find answers.

Strengths and Accomplishments:

☆ One of Jesus' twelve disciples..
☆ Intense both in doubt and belief.

Weaknesses and mistakes:

* Along with the others, abandoned

Jesus at His arrest.

* Refused to believe the others' claims to have seen Christ and demanded proof.
* Struggled with a pessimistic outlook.

Lessons from his life:

✿ Jesus does not reject doubts that are honest and directed toward belief..
✿ Better to doubt out loud than to disbelieve in silence.

Key verses:

—"Then He said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don't be faithless any longer, Believe!' 'My Lord and my God!' Thomas exclaimed!" (**John 20:27-28**)

Mentioned in :

The Gospels and in Acts 1:13.

Vital Statistics:

❖ *Where* : Galilee, Judaea, Samaria
❖ *Occupations*: Disciple of Jesus
❖ *Contemporaries*: Jesus, other disciples, Herod, Pilate.

Jesus said, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (St. John 20:29)

BIBLE QUIZ!

V. KNOW THE APOSTLES

After a night of prayer, Jesus chose 12 men from among His followers to be apostles (Luke 6:13). The names of The Twelve are listed in 4 places in the Bible (Matthew 10:2-4, Mark 3:16-19, Luke 6:12-19, Acts 1:13) with some minor differences. How wonderful it must have been to be chosen as one of the Apostles! But with the knowledge and understanding came responsibilities and duties too. Nearly all of them died as martyrs for their faith, except John who escaped martyrdom and Judas Iscariot, the betrayer, who hanged himself. Test your knowledge of these unique individuals. You have to match the Apostles in Set A with their father's name given in Set B, and the place where they lived in Set C as given in the Bible. In your answer sheet, you have to write them in this order : (SetA)- Son of (SetB), lived in (SetC) for all the twelve apostles. The answer can be 'Unknown' too.

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

Set B
Son of- Alphaeus; Tolmai; John; Zebedee; Simon; James; Unknown.

Set C
Lived in- Bethsaida; Galilee; Kerieth; Capernaum; Bethsaida/Capernaum/ Jerusalem.

ANSWERS TO Last Month's Quiz

IV. THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

1. Troas (Acts 20:6-12)
2. Rome (Acts 27, 28)
3. Athens (Acts 17:16-34)
4. Jerusalem (Acts 6:3-5; 7:54-60)
5. Gaza (Acts 8:26-27)
6. Caesarea (Acts 10)
7. Philippi (Acts 16:11-40)

Send Your Answers to:
JEEVAN DHAM, H.No. 696/ Sec-22, Faridabad-121005, Haryana.

Jesus said, "The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." (St.John 6:63)

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!**

REFLECTION Of the WORD

A GODLY Person Set Apart

"But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for himself; the Lord hears when I call to him." (Psalm 4:3)

No one is more precious in the Lord's sight than a godly person. God is pleased whenever He finds someone who strives to live a righteous life and bring glory to Him. God sets people apart in a special place in His heart. They are always kept before Him, and He stands ready to respond to their faintest cries for help.

Sin separates us from God, causing Him to close His ears to our praying. It is futile for us to pray when we are knowingly practising sin. But the opposite is also true. God chooses to honour us by listening to our every cry when we are living a godly life. An abiding security comes with a blameless life. The righteous person never has to wonder whether God has listened to his prayer (1John 5:14-15). The godly person has confidence that God has indeed heard his prayer and will immediately respond in all of His power.

It is exhilarating to be set apart by God, knowing that God observes your consecrated life and is pleased with what He sees. What a tremendous privilege to know that your life holds a special place in God's heart! The world may not accord any special status to you, but you will know that you are cherished by god. The world continues to find new ways to honour people, but even the world's most extravagant accolades are pitiful compared to the unfathomable blessing of holding a special place in the heart of God!

'LIVING WITNESSES' OF GOD IN JEEVAN DHAM



10-YEAR OLD LEPROSY HEALED!

Praise be to Jesus!

Thanks be to Jesus!

10 years ago, some allergic skin infection on my leg caused continuous itch. Then it started on my hands. At that time, I, Sitarey (age- 30 years), was living in my village in Bhagalpur (Distt.), Bihar. I went to a nearby village doctor for treatment. My legs and hands started becoming stiff. The doctor told me that this was the beginning of leprosy. I came to New Delhi for treatment along with my husband Vijay. I took medication from a Government Hospital. Instead of healing, my skin became covered with wounds filled with pus. I stopped taking medicine and the sores spread all over my hands and legs. I was totally helpless and irritated, struggled in pain.

Three months back, few of my villagers who had been to this place several times, told me about the miracles and healings taking place during the Sunday prayer service. Thus, I came here along with my husband the next Sunday.

On hearing the testimonies given by the believers and observing all that was happening there, our faith strengthened in God from that day onwards. We came again and again to attend the Sunday prayer service here. We also started praying fervently everyday at home. At last, God answered our prayers. With His Divine Word, He has healed me of my infirmities. Now my stiffened fingers have become flexible. My legs too have loosened. I can walk easily without any strain or difficulty. Moreover, all the sores on my hands and legs have dried up leaving only few minute patches. I thank God for His infinite favour and mercy. I am filled with joy and gratitude to him.

Sitarey, New Delhi

“In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears.” (Psalms. 18:6-7)

MERCIFUL LORD GIFTED ME A CHILD!

Praise be to Jesus!

I, Tara (age- 36 years), came to 'JEEVAN DHAM' for the first time last year around the month of July. I came to ask for a child, for even after 18 long years of my marriage I could not conceive a child. During these years, I have been to several doctors for treatment and consultation. But it was like chasing the wind. I was totally depressed and felt vulnerable.



TODAY (16 MAY) GOD LIFTED THEIR WEAK HANDS. NOW THEY COULD RAISE THEIR HANDS COMPLETELY TO PRAISE GOD!

Last year, my sister came home on a visit and had pity on my miserable condition. She told me about this prayer service assured me that God would surely hear my prayers and give me a beautiful child if I attended the prayer service on Sundays with firm faith, totally surrendering everything to His wish. With this hope, I started coming here along with my husband and listened carefully to the Word of God. The merciful and loving God heard our ardent prayers. I got pregnant after the third Sunday and could not come here any further. Yet I used to pray to God and praise Jesus. I used to read the prayer book 'Naya Jeevan' everyday. I gave birth to a baby boy last month through the grace of God. Today, I am standing here holding my son Naresh in my arms to give thanks and praise to God. He has filled me with joy. Praise the Lord!

Tara, Faridabad.

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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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