

PARISH NEWS

PASTORATE COMMITTEE: On the 12th of July 2020 we had our Annual General Body Meeting in our Church. There were 3 posts vacant (3 Male). One post was for Youth under 30 years.

The Following members were elected for the Pastorate Committee:

1. Mr. Nitin Bagh
2. Mr. R. C. Joseph
3. Mr. Andrew Lazarus

BISHOP'S NOMINEE:

The Following members were elected for the Pastorate Committee as a Bishop's Nominee for one year duration.

1. Mr. David Masih
2. Mr. Sanjay Martin
3. Mrs. Ruth Tiwari

INDEPENDENCE DAY: On 15th of August, 2020 being our Independence Day we shall be having a special Service from 7:30 am onwards as we will be praying for our Nation and hosting our National flag.

DOCESE 50 YEARS CELEBRATION: The Diocese of Jabalpur is celebrating 50 Years of glorious existence. On this occasion the Diocese of Jabalpur is publishing a Souvenir. There is a section for family greetings. The cost of family greetings is Rs/- 10000/- if anybody is interested they can contact us.

SUBSCRIPTION: Dear Parishioners, all those who wish to pay their Subscription / Thanksgiving / Church offerings can pay through online. The detail of our Church account is as follows.

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(Est. 1844)

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CHURCH CALENDER FOR AUGUST - 2020

2 ND	AUGUST	2020	NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
9 TH	AUGUST	2020	TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
15 TH	AUGUST	2020	THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
16 TH	AUGUST	2020	ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
23 RD	AUGUST	2020	TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
30 TH	AUGUST	2020	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presbyter's Message

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

When God called Jeremiah to become a "prophet to the nations," Jeremiah cried: "Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth" (Jeremiah 1:6). God replied: "For to all to whom I send you shall go, and whatever I command you shall speak. Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:7-8). God showed Jeremiah two visions, giving him authority as a prophet and transferring to him the power to do the job: "Brace yourself, Jeremiah; stand up and speak to them" (Jeremiah 1:17).

In most all experiences, four stages can be recognized: God's call to a person, the person's objection to being called, reassurance that God will provide what is necessary for the person to carry out the action, and a sign or a vision that acts as God's signature on the contract. The biblical call narratives help us understand the relationship of ancient peoples to their God. But they also speak to us today, helping us to hear the summons of Spirit in our own lives and to answer that call of our own potential.

A biblical call is generally a dialogue between God (or an agent of God) and a human.

Moses sees the burning bush and hears the voice of God calling him to deliver the Israelites (Exodus 3:1-10).

Sarah's call to be "mother of nations" (Genesis 17:16) comes through Abraham as she overhears a stranger telling her husband that she shall bear a son in her old age (Genesis 18:10).

Ezekiel's long, detailed call narrative covers Chapters 1 through 3 with visions and dialogues. The dialogue begins in Chapter 2 as a voice speaks from out of the throne vision: "Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak with you" (Ezekiel 2:1).

An angel appears to Mary and begins with "Hail, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28)

The directness of these calls is more likely the ancient author's way of heightening the drama of an experience that is more common than we

know: Spirit is always speaking to us in inner dialogue. This "call" can come to us in a whisper, a nudge, or a barely perceptible thought. **To answer the call effectively, we must learn to hear the Inner Voice that guides us, discerning the direction of a call through meditation and prayer.**

And just as God transfers responsibility to Moses ("you may bring forth my people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt" in Exodus 3:10), we are grasped by the responsibility for hearing and following the call of Spirit to a greater life.

"God's call to spiritual growth does not always imply a complete change in our lives. The Spirit moves in us always, nudging us, a 'still, small voice' within that calls us to small, daily duties."

God Offers Reassurance, and Signs

God's response to Moses was "I will be with you" (Exodus 3:12). That wasn't quite enough for Moses, and he argued his inadequacy over and over until he was convinced that God would be there for him.

The angel's words to Mary should leave us no doubt: "For with God nothing will be impossible" (Luke 1:37). But we need lots of reassurance. As we face new responsibility, what we have is the faith that God is, indeed, with us and that in moments of terror, we can turn within to the Spirit that called us and is always there to guide us.

For Sarah and Mary, pregnancy served as an indisputable sign of the veracity of the call. Moses received his first sign when his staff turned into a serpent. Gideon's offering went up in a burst of flame ignited by the angel.

BIRTHDAYS - AUGUST

In these and other instances, God's sign leaves the human convinced that the call is irrefutable and irreversible. Signs and visions are rather problematical in our modern, technological world. We tend to be doubtful when we hear someone say, "God sent me a sign" or "This came to me in a vision." Although we might not be comfortable asking God for a sign or a vision to confirm the call, confirmation comes in the realization that we have done what was expected. It comes in meditation as we gain new insights into the call. It comes with a "thank you" from someone whom we touch in carrying out our call. It comes from an Inner Voice that says, "This is right; this is exactly what I need to be doing."

The way of a call is not always easy; it may require frequent recommitment. A daily quiet time of return to the Source recenters us so that the Source may well up in us to be expressed in the world. With each answered call, we grow in Spirit.

As we brace ourselves by drawing on God's infinite energy, we are changed at all levels of our being, invigorated by the bracing wind of the Spirit. Like the Child that grew from potential to actualization in Mary's womb, the call of Spirit grows within us until it is manifested in the physical world. And as the Spirit empowered that child of God, the divine spirit entreats all humans as children of God to listen, to discern, to answer, to accept the strength of God's energy, the empowerment of God's loving embrace. Jeremiah served God for forty years.

God was with him because when God asks people to do something, he gives them the strength for the job. If God asks you to serve Him, he will give you the right words to say. You can stand up and get ready to serve God. May God bless us so that we can hear His call and love and serve him all the days of our life.

1. Supriya Washington
4. Clement Peter
7. Kemaya Ruth Sathe
8. Amit Bernard
9. Sanjana Daniel, Shalini Oliver Raijive Martin
11. Ashnah Paullin Eva Ellis
12. Ened Sonya Martin, Enoch Thangadurai, Ronica Lazarus
13. Ramsay Melville
14. Cecilia Russell, Zaina Charles
15. Nancy Rushton
16. Crystal Samantha Jones
18. Llewellyn Clements, Collin Samuel, Simeon Thangadurai
20. Vidya Rathod, Royston Gee
21. Jacqlene Elias, Ronald Moses, Jared Rodgers
22. Dr. Christopher Chien Liao, Alicia Dhakrey, Anshika Cak
24. Ruba Bernard, Priyanka Job
25. Kevin Cliffton Gee
26. John Samuel, Jesse Joseph, Aahaan Aashish Bernard
27. Jonathan Thangadurai
28. Samantha Cathlene Rushton
29. Sheraz Thomas, Dr. Ekta Matthew
31. John Jacob

We wish you all a very Happy Birthday with God's Blessings