## Bible Oriar Nov - Dec. 2013 No. 4

 1 Kings - Chapters 15-221. Who predicted to Ahab about the drought in Israel?
2. Where did the people seize and kill the prophets of Baal?
3. Whose vineyard was taken by Ahab to make a vegetable garden?
4. How many kings were there with Benhadad to battle against the Israelites?
5. Why Samaria was called so?
6. Who was the mother of Jehoshaphat?
7. How long did Baasha reign over Israel?
8. Whom did Elijah anoint as prophet after him?
9. Who fed Elijah when he lived by the Wadi Cherith?
10. How was Naboth killed?

## CAPTION CONTEST



## REMEMBER !

Write your answer for the Bible Quiz, Funny Question and Caption contest in a separate sheet of paper with clarity and drop it in Viva Teresa Box on or before Nov. 30. Winners will be awarded. In case, there are more winners, it will be decided by lot. Don't forget to write your name phone number and the name of your family unit on your answer sheet.
For Bible Quiz use only NRSV Bible.


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silver Jubilee celebration of our diocese and our Parisb is fast approaching. Also we will be starting our preparations for cbristmas very soon. Coming two montts we all will be busy for these preparations. Our jubilee celebration is the time to thank God and to thank all who bave been instrumental in building up Little Flower cburch as it is today. Years of bard work and prayers of our parisb priests, sisters, Trustees, Parisb Committee members, all office bearers of Units, various departments and parisbners need to be remembered thankfully during our celebrations. This is a special occasion to tell our younger generation the pain and effort put forward to bave such a beautiful church as it is today with all facilities and vibrant activities.
Even though we live far away from our bome town, we bave never felt alone as our cburch bas given us a sense of togetherness. We bave received abundance of blessings and protection through the intercession of st. Little Flower during these years. So it is our responsibility to make our Jubilee celebrations a grand one. We will be publisbing a Special edition of VIVA Teresa as part of our jubilee celebration. We welcome your valuable articles, advertisements and support.
This time Cbristmas preparation is clubbed with Jubilee celebration. Let us make it an enjovable one with prayers and charitable activities. The support we provide to the poor and needy under the leadership of our Vicar and Asst. Vicar is commendable. Let us thank God for bis blessings and enabling us to do our bit to the society. May God Bless us all during this season.

## LeTTER TO MY LITTLE FRIENDS

When we go through the Ten Commandments we have a clear picture of what God wants us to do and what fie expects from fis children. More concretely if you look at the first commandment, it says "Love your God and Lord More than everytfing". To love someone with whole of your fieart and mind is not that simple even though it spells so. But when it is your Master and Savior the Ultimate being, we fave no other option but to love fim with a pure and conscious fieart. Because He is the source of all and everytfing proceeds and ends in fim.

To Love God more than everything in this world...... Yes of course for which you may frave to sacrifice sometfing of this day today life. It calls for a drastic change; to make a change in your way of approach, choices that you make, people you love to meet and etc. My dear friends, if God is your priority and you love fim wholeheartedfy, and then it demands for a sacrifice of your own. It is quite easy to say; sacrifice your life for something, but when it appears in reality it furts us a lot. There are people wfo straight away say yes to it and others seek for a better time and some others blindly object it for no reasons. My dear friends, Let us think, to wfich category I belong to? Do I fave the required conviction and faitf?

We fave so many examples in the Bible where God calls fis chosen ones and they respond to it in their own ways. My dear friends we all are called by Jesus for a better mission and vision. Let us try to find out in what way should I respond to this love of my savior? Jesus wants fis Disciples to go through trials and tribulations, sufferings and pain all throughout their life. Because fie wishes that they become a glittering Gold. We do not frave a second chance so let us learn to live the life the way Jesus wanted us to live. As we remember and pray for all the departed Souls, it reminds us of the same fate and destiny that we all need to share at the end-The Death. So, this is the moment and Let us starts Living.....

Your Sajiachan good friend is always a challenge.

Friends are like the leaves of a tree, the seed of a fruit, the petals of a flower and the wings of a butterfly. In short, they are the soul of our body. There are no words which can describe the beauty of friendship. From the first day of school, our parents and seniors have taught us a lot about selecting friends but no one has trained us to be good friends.

We, as human beings have many shortcomings. An ideal friend is also a human being with imperfections, because god created each one of us with good qualities at something or the other, but not at everything. Being a good friend is also one of those thousands of qualities gifted to us by our creator.

However, here are some salient features of a good friend. First and foremost, you should be sincere, because sincerity is the cornerstone of friendship as you may be the best person in most of the matters of life but if that is not supported by sincerity, your goodness is not worth the value of the paper on which the word is written.

Secondly, you should be considerate or understanding. You must not dominate in friendship; you must not blame your friend emotionally in front of others but correct her in private. You should understand your friend's problems and consider her sorrows as your own. You must not point out her minor mistakes all the time. You should avoid bad talks and not support her immoral or bad acts. Also, you should encourage your friend even for her little achievements.

The third quality is not being jealous. You must not feel jealous about your friend's progress and create troubles for her / him.

The fourth quality of a true friend is to be selfless. Selfishness is the worst enemy in life. You must expect nothing in return for the help you have done for your friend. If your friend is feeling inferior, then help her to begin to love herself and thank god for what she is.

Fifthly, trust. The foundation of any friendship is trust and you must not disclose or reveal your friend's personal matters/ secrets. You should be capable enough to be trusted and loved by your friend. The most important quality of a good friend is that you should not say bad things or spread rumours about your friend in his or her absence and not even flatter, because gossiping and flattering are cheating.

With all these virtues one will be able to be a good friend till one's last breath.
All the very best, dear my friends, to being good friends, because having good friends is the best insurance for a content and happy life on one hand and on the other, by being good friends we will be becoming good children of God.

Chiara Maria Benn,
(St. Dominic Savio Unit)

## BL. MARIAM THRESIA

Mariam Thresia was born on 26th April, 1876 as the daughter of Thoma and Thanda Chiramel Mankidiyan in the village of Puthenchira, Trichur Kerala. Though once a rich and noble family, it became poorer and poorer as Theresa's grand father married away seven daughters one after the other selling the property to pay for each a costly dowry. To forget the poor straits to which the family was reduced. Thresia's father and brother took to drinking. Even then, Thresia grew up in piety and holiness under the loving guidance of her saintly mother Thanda. From early childhood Thresia was moved by an intense desire to love God. For this purpose she fasted four times a week and prayed the rosary several times a day. She also consecrated her virginity when she was about ten years old.

When Thresia was only twelve years old, her mother was died, this was the end of her school education. She was set on a long search to discern her own vocation in life. She continued to frequent the church with three of her companions, clean and decorate the altar. In her love for Jesus she wanted to be like him in his toil and apostolate. Hence she helped the poor, nursed the sick, visited and comforted the lonely people of her parish. Thresia and her three companions formed a group of prayer and apostolate.

In 1903 Mariam Thresia requested her bishop's permission to build a prayer house of solitude, but Mar John Menacherry, the Vicar Apostolic of Trichur, first wanted to test her vocation. He suggested to her to consider joining the Congregation of the Franciscan Clarists or to live in a convent of the Carmelite nuns at Ollur, but she felt the Lord was calling her elsewhere. In 1904 she added "Mariam'to her baptismal name claiming she was doing so in response to a direct command from Mary. Finally in 1913 she was permitted to build a prayer house, and she soon moved in followed by her three companions. They led a life of prayer and austere penance like hermits but continued to visit the sick and help the poor and the needy irrespective of religion or caste. The Bishop saw this as a new form of religious life and on 14 May 1914 gave it canonical status with the name Congregation of the Holy Family.

Mother Mariam Thresia suffered from diabetes, which prevented a wound on her leg from curing and led her to death on 8th June1926. The fame Mariam Thresia's holiness grew rapidly. The process of the canonization started in 1974 and was declared a servant of God on May 14,1983. On June 28,1999 she was declared Venerable Mariam Thresia blessed in Rome on April 9, 2000.

## FEAST OF BL. MOTHER THERESA UNIT










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## Letting the Inside Match the Outside Is everyone a hypocrite?

"Your father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you" Mathew 6:4.

Almost all of us live two lives. What people see outside and what is really going on inside. In school we learn what outward signs of attention will please the teacher. At a job we learn to "Put up a good front". Whenever the boss happens to stroll by or just for praises by colleagues or by others etc. As if donning masks, overtime we learn to excel at hiding truly serious problems

People tend to judge by outward appearances and so can easily be fooled.

Mathew chapters 5-7 announce that the time has come for us to change not just the outside, but the inside

In his famous sermon on the Mount, Jesus blasts the hypocrisy behind such seemingly harmless practices. God is not fooled by appearances. We cannot fake behaviour to impress him. He knows that inside the best of us lurk dark thoughts. of hatred, pride and lost, internal problems only be can deal with. Jesus goes on to present a truly radical way of life, free of pretense.

The sermon on the mount introduces the possibility of living solely for God and not for appearances.

At last we can bring our inner and outer lives together.
Mathew chapters 5-7 gives the real insight.
Questions: Do other people see what you're really inside?
How do your friends try to impress each other?

## AmAZING FACTS

1. The longfish can live without water for 4 years
2. Australian earth worms can grow upto 10 ft in length
3. The longest time spend on standing on one foot is 76 hours, 40 minutes.
4. The record for holding one's breath under water is 7.5 minutes.
5. Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets in our solar system combined.
6. Aday on Mercury, is about six Earth months.
7. A bee flaps it's wings 250 times in a second.
8. Fourty seven bible are sold every minute.
9. The blue whale weighs as much as 23 elephants.
10. The first living creature to orbit the earth was a dog.

By : Glenn Tony
St. Martin Unit

## "THIUEHT5"

No matter how many times the teeth bite the tongue, they still strong together in one mouth - That's the spirit of Forgiveness!!!

The Tongue has no Bones, but is strong enough to break a Heart. So very careful with your words !!!

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## By ：Roydas Mannar

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## Happy Birthday Mother

Dressed in blue and white, With a crown absolutely right.
Without original sin, delivered a son.

That is the -
Ever virgin Mother Mary.
Every mother bow down tried to pray,
They are blessed with every day.
I sinned against the Lord,
couldn't concieve was ablock.
Started mother's Novena prayer,
My cried were heard
While I recited daily thrice.
Started every bit in September,
As everybody said "Its miracle time"
Eight days of fast and prayer,
feels like the top of the world with our Mother.
On the eighth day, its celebration around her elaborated decoration.

Fine details of birthday mass
With lots of love and care shows.
So beautiful, adorable and pious
She projects with no words to explain.

A real angle holy and pure,
dressed in blue and white that ever
Celebrates Mother 'D' Day
Glorifies here name and praises.
Make a way and wish
you'll receive glory with lavish.
Light a candle
and you'll be blessed with ample.
Your every wish is granted
But don't forget to wish our mother
Happy Birthday

By : Rose Mary Jerry
St. Martin Unit

## What a Mistery

A COCKROACH IS AFRAID OF RAT,
RAT IS AFRAID OF CAT
CAT IS AFRAID OF DOG
DOG IS AFRAID OF MAN,
MAN IS AFRAID OF WOMAN, AND
WOMAN IS AFRAID OF COCKROACH !!!


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## CHERUPUSHPAM FAMILY UNIT <br> annual day celebrations








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By ：K．J．Joseph，Unit President

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By : John Antony Holy Cross Unit

## Bible Quiz Correct Answers

1. In the city of his father David (11:43)

Ahijah (14:5-20)
Land of Cabul (Good for nothing) (9:13)
At the festival in the month Ethanim (8:2)
5. In Bethel and Dan (12:29)
6. 120 Talents of gold, a great quantity of spices and precious stones (10:10)
7. By alion (13:24)
8. King Shishak of Egypt (14:25)
9. Twenty cities in the land of Galilee (9:11)

## Caption Contest Correct Answer


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## : WINNERS:

## Bible Quiz

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