

Anne's Messenger

HAPPY

Feast



Message from the Superior

I am extremely happy to be part of St Anne's Parish. It is a joy to see that our parishioners are so active in the Parish. Lots of activities are held in the Parish for the spiritual growth of the parishioners. There is a team work in our Parish where everyone's suggestions are respected which is very admirable. There are many senior citizens in our Parish and I am happy to see that they are really taken good care of in their families, this I have experienced when I go to give them the Holy communion every first Friday. Our home-bounds eagerly wait to receive Jesus in their hearts which expresses their deep faith and longing for Jesus. I am also deeply touched by our Eucharistic ministers who joyfully accompany me to their home.

On the Feast of St Anne's I wish all our Parishioners a very happy feast. May the example and the intercession of the parents of our Blessed Mother inspire us and guide us. May they help us all to bear Good fruit as they did and enjoy its reward as they do.

Fr. Yohan Francis Alphonso SJ

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Blessed Anna

St. Anne, also known as Saint Anne or Anna, is traditionally recognized as the mother of the Virgin Mary and the grandmother of Jesus Christ. She holds a special place in Christian hagiography and is venerated as a model of faith and devotion.

Here is a creative narrative that captures her essence:

In the quiet village of Nazareth, where the golden sun bathed the fields in a gentle glow, lived a woman named Anne.

She was known far and wide not for her riches or power, but for the kindness that seemed to flow effortlessly from her heart, much like the clear waters of a spring. Anne had always felt a deep connection to the Divine, a sense that her life was part of a larger, sacred tapestry. She and her husband, Joachim, were devoted to their faith, but despite their prayers and hopes, they had remained childless into their later years. In a time when having children was seen as a blessing from God, this was a heavy burden for them to bear. One evening, as the stars began to shimmer in the night sky, Anne walked to a secluded spot where she often went to pray. Underneath a grand olive tree, she knelt and poured out her heart to God



Her prayer was not of desperation, but of deep, abiding faith. "Lord," she whispered, "if it is Your will, grant us a child. But if not, let us serve You in all the ways we can." As she finished her prayer, a sense of peace enveloped her, and she returned home with a lighter heart. Not long after, Anne experienced a miracle. She found herself with child, and the joy that filled her and Joachim's home was beyond words. The child born to Anne and Joachim was Mary, who would grow up to be known as the Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus. Anne's gentle guidance and nurturing spirit played a pivotal role in shaping Mary's own deep faith and strength. St. Anne's legacy is not only that of a loving mother and grandmother but also as a symbol of unwavering faith and divine grace. She teaches us that sometimes, the greatest miracles come from the simplest prayers and the most steadfast hearts. Today, St. Anne is venerated by millions around the world. Churches, schools, and hospitals bear her name, and her feast day on July 26th is celebrated with joy and devotion. People seek her intercession for many needs, especially for family matters and the blessing of children.

Sr. Nivetha ICM

Missionary sisters of
the Immaculate heart
of Mary



Annals

“Talk about St. Anne’s feast and the mind goes back in time as an altar server in the parish, leading the entrance procession as a cross-bearer/thurifer for the mass. But, more than that, are two majestic hymns: ‘Blessed Anna Juda’s glory’ and ‘Sant Ann tuje’. Even after moving from Mazagaon some 35 years ago, I made sure that the choir I was in sang them. And, like always, the celebration continues with lunch at the Palace, Rukalbai!”

Tuan Crasto



Although I moved to Pune, we just couldn't miss the feast day and we came back for it last year. The joy in the air is infectious around that time. My favourite part is being able to meet and greet everyone after the feast Mass over some cake and coffee. I really believe that the loving, nurturing spirit of St. Anne is moving through the parish and the people during the novena days leading up to the feast.

Pearl Mathias



Annals



I remember 30 years ago as children during the Novenas we had no place to sit on the benches the church was packed. A lot of entertainment programs more skits and a social. The Brass band luckily still continues. We used to receive grams on the feast day. A lot of ex-parishioners used to come for the feast. The choir used to be excellent. There were a lot of foreign Jesuits who were very helpful like Fr Juan. Just miss those years

Trene Fernandes



Annals

"I'm missing the celebrations and funfair at the parish. Reflecting on memories with my late father, Mr. Arthur Jacobs, brings warmth. He was the organist at St. Anne's Church from childhood until his passing on January 25, 1995. Under Fr. Valles' guidance, I took up the organ while still in school. On February 16, 1993, I suffered a severe stroke affecting my right side, losing memory, coordination, speech, and thought.

On St. Anne's Feast, July 26, 1993, Fr. Abreo invited my father to play for the 7:30 am Mass. My father insisted, "Sandra will play, not me." His encouragement and coaching helped me relearn the piano using both hands. Music became my solace, restoring confidence even as I struggled with speech. The support of friends and a speech therapist aided my miraculous recovery. I continued playing at St. Anne's until moving to Amboli in February 2002. I am grateful to the Lord, Our Blessed Mother, and St. Anne for the strength to play on that memorable feast day in 1993 and for the journey since.

Sandra Jacobs



PPC Seminar

Learning and growing together



Sunday School Picnic

Summer Fun with our Children

Annes Olympics



Karaoke Night

Retro Vibes with a dash of youth Spirit





Summer Club

Fun in the Sun



**Farewell Br. Joel
Fr. Swamy & Fr. Sylvester**



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Laity Sunday

We are the Church

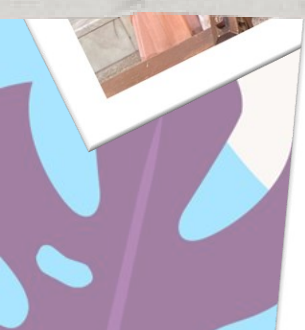


Eucharistic Ministers

Called to Minister



Farewell Sr. Lucy



St. Anthony's Feast



Rosary at the Grotto

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Teach me to do thy will for thou art my god.

Psalm 143:10

"I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;

I will tell of all your wonderful words.

I will be glad and rejoice in you;

I will sing the praises to your name, O Most High God"

Psalm 9

Bible passages in the book held by Virgin Mary



Know your Church

The Statue of the St Anne was originally installed as a side alter . The side alter was similar to the existing main high Alter. On either side of the St . Anne was the statues of St. Ignatius and St. Francis .

The side alter was remodeled and the dismantled leaving only the statue of St. Anne.

Mrs. Rose Nesbit the patroness of the church who was initially interred in the main aisle of the church was reinterred in front of the statue . The worn out gravestone was discarded when the church flooring was redone.



Journey with Jesuits

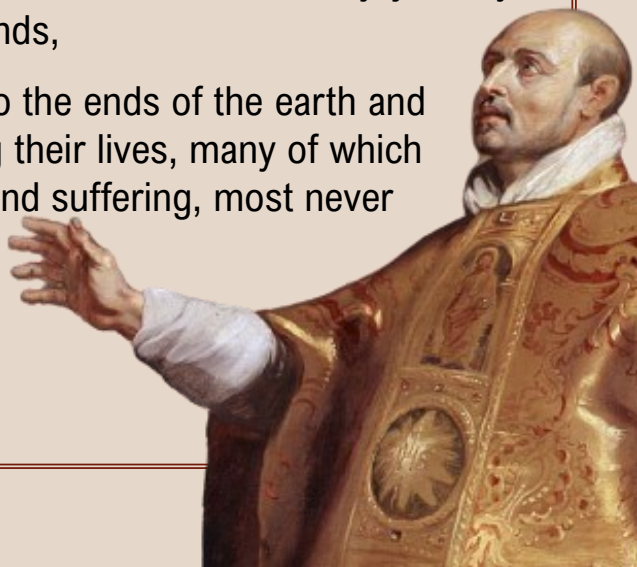
I fondly recall venturing on a journey that began with Uncertainty and Curiosity. Back then, I guess I was too young, and I had no idea of what lay ahead of me, of the adventures that lie await, of what a life with Jesuits would create.

Fortunately, on this journey, there has never been just one kind of Jesuit that I have encountered and never seen or met an ideal or the typically so-called "Jesuit". Not that I've not heard of such Jesuits, of course, I have, however, in my spiritual readings, of the lives of saints and Jesuit stories.

This is the first kind of Jesuits that I encountered on my journey, through the readings. Ideal, Pious, elevated and **spiritual Jesuits**, such as St. Ignatius, Peter Faber, Jerome Nadal and Simon Rodregues. These men had the perfect charism and spirit of the Society of Jesus and were in my sight the Perfect Jesuits.

The second kind of Jesuits I encountered were the Fools - "**the Fools for Christ** " these were those Jesuits that were the followers of Ignatius and his Society. I am talking about those Hundreds of missionaries and martyrs, Saints and Blesseds, that fearlessly journeyed to unknown strange lands,

making Christ known to the ends of the earth and sometimes even losing their lives, many of which underwent hardships and suffering, most never returned home



Rationally, these acts of selfless service would seem foolish. Yet they were astonishing enough to draw me to dare to be a fool for Christ in the eyes of the world.

The last kind of Jesuits are those that I've seen and lived with, on this journey to be one. And to be honest, they don't seem to resemble anything like the Jesuits that I perceived. These Jesuits are imperfect, moody, impulsive and Human. Yes, Human, they have no aura of divinity, no supernatural grace, they have no extraordinary Visions or miraculous powers.

Yet it's these Jesuits who have helped me nurture and preserve my Vocation. From them I know what it means to be human, imperfect and yet striving for MAGIS, always looking for the Greater Glory of God. They taught me to pray and care, laugh and sympathize.

Though Ignatius and company are praying for me, I know these Jesuits are there with me, in my faults, my failures, my imperfections and my sins. From them I know what it means, when they say; A Jesuit is a sinner yet Called to be a Companion of Jesus”.

Bro Glen Braganza

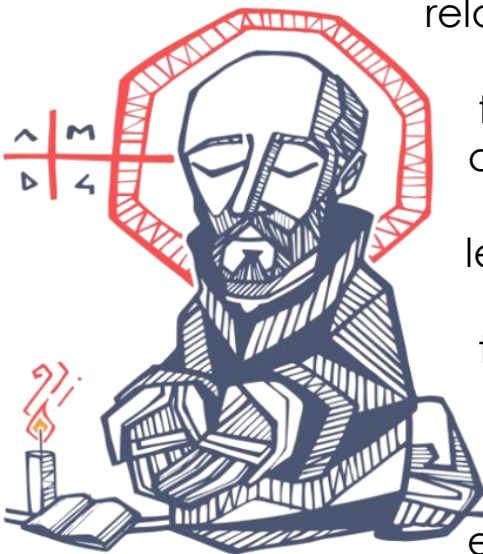
Regent to the Vocation Promoter of Bombay Province promoting vocations to the society while residing in St. Anne's Parish.



What more can we say of Ignatius Loyola

Clare Booth Luce, the American feminist writer, used to say: “A *great man is a single sentence*” and for St. Ignatius of Loyola, this sentence would be: ***Ignatius taught the modern Church to pray.***

The chief characteristic of modernity is the experience of subjectivity. The modern world views experiences from the perspective of the individual, as opposed to that of society, thus laying emphasis on one’s own experiences. By letting the individual experience become the launching-pad of his relationship with God and emphasizing ‘subjectivity in prayer’, Ignatius changed the way in which we look at God.



He brought into his relationship with God, his own experiences of failure and depression and his desire of doing great things. As he learned to ‘discern the spirits’, he discovered that in the seeds of his own despair lay his future vocation, and that prayer, our encounter with God, is rooted in our encounter with life.

Some of Ignatius's insights were:

- To **ask for what you desire** (at the start of prayer) and so bring your feelings into focus;
- To end every period of prayer **with a personal conversation** ('colloquy') with God, or the saints;
- To **stimulate the imagination** when we pray the Gospels by looking, hearing, touching and feeling...what goes on in each scene ('application of the senses').
- **To test the feelings... the beginning, the middle and the end.** To 'discern the spirits' in our feelings. *Why feelings?* Because emotions are better indicators of who and what we are than thoughts. Ignatius called feelings "movements of the soul".

The *Exercises* prepare someone for this encounter with the Divine very methodically: through control of the memory and the affections, regular reflection on what has taken place, continuous petitions and intercessory prayers, 'staying with the feeling' to decipher its meaning, to ultimate openness to God's grace, grace acknowledged and welcomed.





In all this the praying subject rooted in his/her own personal experience, acts consciously to prepare himself/herself for God's initiative, confident that it will come.

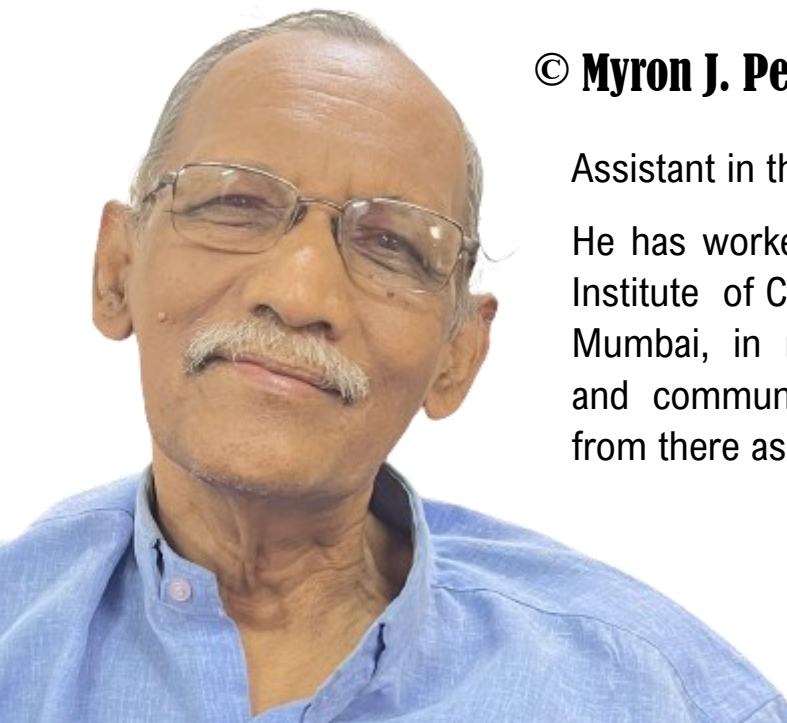
When we recall how millions of Catholics around the world have learned these methods of prayer through the Jesuit fathers in their parishes or educational institutes, we realize how much Ignatius helped the Church become aware of God's presence in the here and now, in the all too human experiences of us all.

For that is how Ignatius and the Society of Jesus taught the modern Church to pray.

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St. Ignatius of Loyola

Baptisms:

14/7/24

Neil Rego

Nathan Rego



Marriage

8/6/24

Samantha Agiara & Sebastian Dsouza

Resting in Peace



24/5/24

Alba Martin



30/5/24

Elda Monteiro



30/6/24

Pascal Fernandes



16/4/24

Mary Shukla



21/7/24

George Mendonca

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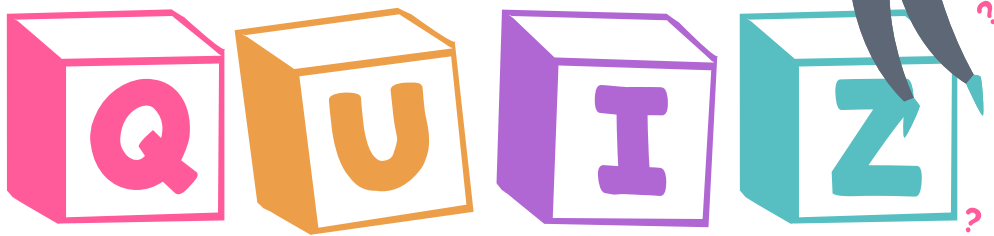
Tickle your brains and solve our Annes Quiz

This quiz is on St Ignatius of Loyola.

Prizes for the first 3 correct entries.

Age group 8-15 years

Last date for submission is 15 August 2024



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